

cheapest and most direct route. Where in exceptional circumstances approval to travel by another route is given at an officer's own request the additional expense thus incurred must be borne by such officer. In every case shipping company's first-class vouchers must be produced for the full sum to be advanced in respect of the passage, and in all applications for passages the applicant is to state the route proposed to be taken, details of fares, names and ages of children, and the number of adults comprised in the party. (*Vide* Article 80 *re* leave.)

4. Should an officer's service in the New Zealand Naval Forces be terminated owing to his misconduct or unsatisfactory service, or should an officer voluntarily withdraw from service in the New Zealand Division prior to the completion of the period for which lent, the Government do not hold themselves responsible for his return passage nor, whether normally eligible or otherwise, for the return passage of his wife and family.

5. Should family reasons necessitate the return to England of the wife and family, the cost of whose passage to New Zealand has been borne by the Government, of an officer prior to the completion of his period of service, passage-money, as a general rule, will not be paid until the completion of the officer's service. A portion, however, may be advanced on a detailed application being made to the Naval Board, who will be guided by the circumstances attaching to each case. Normally, the portion advanced will not be more than an amount proportionate to the period then served by the officer out of his normal period of three year's loan to the New Zealand Naval Forces. In urgent cases of ill health, necessitating the earlier return of a wife or member of an officer's family who have been provided with passages to New Zealand at Government expense, on production to the Naval Board of satisfactory evidence in support of the application for return passages, the Naval Board may authorize the full payment of passage-money at the time the passages are ordered.

6. The term "children" is to be understood to include only such sons as are under sixteen years of age at the date of commencement of the passage, whether outward or homeward, and unmarried daughters dependent on and residing with their fathers. An exception to this rule will be permitted in the case of sons over sixteen who, by reason of physical or mental infirmity, are necessarily dependent on their parents. Passages of adopted children are not allowable, except under special circumstances with the approval of the Naval Board.

7. The Government do not accept any liability for the passage to England, or elsewhere, of the wife and family of an officer who has married during his period of service in the New Zealand Naval Forces.

8. Paragraph 3 of this article is, so far as applicable, to be regarded as governing also passages of wives and families of officers.

9. A report is to be rendered to Navy Office by each officer in respect of whose wife and family a passage to New Zealand is provided by the Government. This report should show—

- (a) The date the wife and family left England and ship by which passage was taken.
- (b) The names of the persons comprising the family party.
- (c) The dates of birth of children.

Article 261. Paragraph 6, 4th line: Amend words "paragraph 2" to read "paragraph 3."

#### APPENDIX I.

##### Rates of Pay : Officers.

Cancel present Appendix I, and substitute :—

Subject to the provisions of Article 100 of these regulations, the following shall be the daily rates of pay for all officers of the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy. These rates shall have effect from date of entry in the case of officers entered into the New Zealand Division on or after 1st October, 1931, and as from 1st January, 1932, in all other cases.

2. Allowances shall be paid as shown in Appendix II of these Regulations.

##### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

					Per Diem.		
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cadet (sea-going)	..	..	..	..	0	4	6
Midshipman	..	..	..	..	0	5	5
Sub-Lieutenant	..	..	..	..	0	9	11
Mate	..	..	..	..	0	14	5