

3. The grant of a free passage for wife and family is subject to the following conditions :—

- (a) The officer must be loaned for a period of not less than three years.
- (b) Officers who are loaned for a period of less than three years will not be granted free passages for their wives and families, nor will this privilege apply if an officer is transferred from sea service to shore service. The right to a free passage for wife and family will be forfeited unless they leave England within three months of the date of departure of the officer. The right will be forfeited, too, if there is an intention that the officer's wife and family shall not remain in New Zealand during the full period on loan of the officer. Special reasons, such as severe illness in the family may be advanced and the Naval Board may authorize the forfeiture to be waived in such exceptional circumstances. The right to a return passage will also be forfeited if the wife and family desire to return to England before the term of the officer's service expires. In no circumstances will free passage be provided where the family remain in New Zealand for six months after the officer has been discharged from the Dominion Service.
- (c) Where an officer's wife and family does not accompany him on passage, no greater amount will be allowed in respect of their passages than would have been incurred had they accompanied the officer at the time of transfer.
- (d) Whether permission to make his own arrangements is granted or not, the wife and family of the officer concerned must travel in the same class of accommodation as the officer himself. His pay account will be debited with a sum equal to the cost of messing his family in accordance with the terms of Article 1676 of King's Regulations, and for the period of his family's passage he will be regarded as having been provided with quarters and so will not be entitled to be credited with marriage allowance, though children's allowance will be payable.
- (e) The term "family" 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.
- (f) Passages will not be provided at public expense for the wife and family of any officer who marries on or subsequent to the commencing date of the period of his loan to the New Zealand Division.
- (g) 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—
  - (i) The date the wife and family left England and ship by which passage was taken :
  - (ii) The names of the persons comprising the family party :
  - (iii) The dates of birth of children.

4. *General.*—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. Provided adequate accommodation is available in ships trading on the Panama route, passages will always be booked by that route, and will be booked in the most convenient vessel with suitable accommodation.

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of the immediately preceding paragraph, officers may be permitted to make their own arrangements. All applications for permission are to be addressed to the Naval Board or to the High Commissioner. This paragraph applies also to those officers who are eligible for the grant of free passages for wives and families.

7. Detailed instructions regarding the grades of passages, conditions under which officers are permitted to make their own arrangements, financial adjustments, and settlement of expenses connected with passage rights are promulgated from time to time in Navy Orders.