

to the Royal Navy on completion of a loan or interchange period, he is to be examined by the Medical Officer of his ship or establishment to determine whether he suffers from any disability either attributable to or aggravated by his service in the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy.

Form N.Z.D. 50 is to be completed at this examination in accordance with the instructions on the form and forwarded by the Commanding Officer to Navy Office.

2. When personnel are found to be suffering from any disability it will be necessary to obtain the services of a second medical officer. When no other ship is in company at ports on the New Zealand Station the local surgeon and agent should be employed. When a ship is paying off in England application should be made for the services of a medical officer to be loaned from the naval barracks at the port where the ship is lying.

3. Medical officers are to exercise the greatest care in completing the form and to ensure that all details are correctly furnished.

The Naval Board should be in a position to know the exact nature and degree of any disability at the time of the examination; answers to questions 6 to 9 should be framed accordingly.

4. When officers and men who have served in the Royal Navy are discharged to the shore direct from H.M. ships of the New Zealand Division the form should be required in duplicate (one copy is required by the Admiralty).

5. Whenever invaliding papers are raised and a person is in fact invalided, form N.Z.D. 50 is not required.

Article 392.—*Cancel, and substitute :—*

392. Dental Treatment.—The provision of dental treatment for the personnel of the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy is to be met by the Squadron Dental Officer, and his services should be requisitioned for on every available opportunity.

2. Officers are not eligible for the supply, replacement, or repair of dentures except when necessitated by a casualty of the service.

3. Dental treatment at the public expense is not to be afforded to Reserve personnel undergoing training unless such treatment is necessitated by a casualty occasioned on duty during the period of training. Where Reserve personnel are permitted to perform prolonged periods of training—*e.g.*, six months—and dental treatment becomes necessary during that period, the facts should be presented to the Naval Board before authority is given for treatment, other than that occasioned by a casualty on duty, to be performed at the public expense.

4. Officers and men employed under mercantile conditions in Royal Fleet auxiliaries, &c., are not entitled to treatment at the expense of Naval funds unless they have had their teeth or jaws injured on duty as the result of an accident attributable to the service. In such cases, provided the injury was reported at the time of its occurrence and there is satisfactory evidence that the accident was attributable to the service, necessary operative treatment may be undertaken, and the cost of treatment necessitated by the injury will be met from the Naval vote. Where, in addition to the treatment actually necessitated by the injury, it is desired to remedy pre-existing dental defects, the patient will be liable for the additional expense involved.

5. The Admiralty Fleet Orders governing dental treatment, as issued from time to time, apply generally to the New Zealand Division.

6. Dental treatment at the public expense does not include the use of precious metals.

7. When the services and advice of the Squadron Dental Officer have been requisitioned for and are not available, limited operative dental treatment by appointed Naval Dental Surgeons and Agents is allowable at the public expense, where dental conditions are present which the ship's Medical Officer considers are urgent, and detrimental to the member's general health. The Medical Officer should certify accordingly on forms N.Z.D. 44 and Ty. 39. Denture work should be limited to repairs, and where supply or replacement is considered necessary the question should be referred to the Dental Officer and advantage taken of the arrangements made in Auckland for denture work in conjunction with this officer.

8. The names and addresses of the Dental Surgeons and Agents to whom ranks and ratings should be sent at the different ports for urgent dental treatment are promulgated in Navy Orders, and details relating to the scale of fees and the procedure to be followed are also notified in Navy Orders.