

other Dominions. During the late war, the ship formed part of the Battle Cruiser Force, and took part in all the principal actions in the North Sea.

Lady Jellicoe, with the consent of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, accompanied Lord Jellicoe for the voyage in H.M.S. "New Zealand."

On being detached from the Grand Fleet in December 1918, H.M.S. "New Zealand" was sent to Devonport Dockyard to refit and have certain structural alterations made. The two 4" guns each side in the forward superstructure were removed, and the space converted into extra apartments for the use of Lord and Lady Jellicoe. Wing spaces, on a level with these apartments were built out as far as the ship's side, thus providing extra deck space and much needed shelters on the Upper Deck underneath.

The ship was also given a general refit, and the damage to the Port side, caused during a collision in 1916, was more thoroughly repaired than had been previously possible.

11th February
1919.
Devonport.

19th February
Portsmouth.

The ship was re-commissioned for special service, under the command of Captain Oliver E. Leggett, on February 11th, 1919, with Commander Thomas F. P. Calvert, D.S.O. as Executive Officer and 2nd in command. Owing to the short time available for effecting the above-mentioned alterations, the work of recommissioning and refitting had to proceed simultaneously under most disadvantageous weather conditions, and when on February 18th, the ship sailed for Devonport, she carried with her a large number of Dockyardmen, employed making the finishing touches. On arrival at Portsmouth early on the morning of February 19th, the "New Zealand" was berthed at the South Railway Jetty, and the work of cleaning and painting ship commenced, and was carried on simultaneously with that of embarking innumerable stores for the long tour ahead. The weather was very wet.

During the time that the "New Zealand" was being prepared at Devonport for the tour, Admiral Viscount Jellicoe and his Staff were busy at the Admiralty. In the middle of January, Commodore F. C. Dreyer, C.B., C.B.E., vacated the post of Director of Naval Artillery and Torpedo on the Naval Staff of the Admiralty, to become the Admiral's Chief of Staff. Paymaster Captain H. H. Share, C.B., left an appointment at Southampton