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MILLION AND A QUARTER DEMOBILISED FROM THE SERVICES

NEW DELHI, Feb.5.— From V-J Day to the end of December, 1946, 1,252,765 personnel were released from the Armed Forces.

The Navy figures for December consisted of 24 officers, 50 ratings, and 32 officers and auxiliaries of the W.R.I.N.S. The total decrease in the strength of the Navy since demobilisation began is 1,727 officers, 16,792 ratings and 689 members of the W.R.I.N.S.

From V-J Day to the end of December, 1946, the net reduction in the strength of the Indian Army amounted to 1,215,137 men and women. Of these 21,012 were British and Indian officers, 9,643 were officers and auxiliaries of the W.A.C.(I), 32,063 were British Other Ranks serving with the Indian Army and 1,132,807 were Indian Ranks including 33,896 civilians attached to the Indian Army.

In December, 1946, there was a net reduction of 46,390 Indian Ranks, 10,083 non-combatants enrolled, 1,079 W.A.C.(I) and 3,896 British Other Ranks attached to the Indian Army.

During that month 558 Army units were disbanded and two Indian States Forces units were returned to their States. A total of 6,388 Army units have now been disbanded, 59 I.S.F. units have been returned to the States and 11 Nepalese Contingent units have returned to Nepal. Up to the end of December, a total of 35,409 I.S.F. personnel have returned to their States and 9,178 Nepalese Contingent personnel have returned to Nepal.

In December, 14 officers, 415 airmen, 507 enrolled followers and one technical non-combatant were released from the R.I.A.F. Total R.I.A.F. releases since V-J Day now amount to 234 officers, 9,048 airmen, 9,054 enrolled followers and 84 non-combatant technicians.