

Up to the middle of May, 1940, the following deliveries by manufacturers of materials and garments had been made in New Zealand :

Cloth, worsted, medium (for battle-dress)	..	..	..	173,106 yards.
Cloth, overcoating	..	..	..	101,932 yards.
Tweed, medium	..	..	..	7,767 yards.
Tweed, heavy	..	..	..	6,106 yards.
Shirting	..	..	..	442,176 yards.
Blankets	..	..	..	92,632
Socks	..	..	..	268,266 pairs.
Vests, woollen, under	..	..	..	97,986
Shorts, woollen, under	..	..	..	97,575
Jerseys	..	..	..	36,132
Shirts	..	..	..	120,470
Braces	..	..	..	33,220
Boots, ankle	..	..	..	110,584 pairs.
*Kit-bags	..	..	..	24,200
*Bags, sea-kit	..	..	..	27,980
Jackets, service dress	..	..	..	6,954
Trousers, service dress	..	..	..	15,000
*Jackets, khaki drill	..	..	..	30,501
*Trousers, khaki drill	..	..	..	29,360
*Jackets, denim	..	..	..	24,603
*Trousers, denim	..	..	..	23,458
Battle-dress blouses	..	..	..	14,893
Battle-dress trousers	..	..	..	18,311
Greatcoats	..	..	..	22,640
*Hats, felt	..	..	..	8,051
Caps, field service	..	..	..	17,000
*Shoes, canvas	..	..	..	23,000
*Badges	..	..	..	81,338

All troops already despatched from New Zealand have been supplied with clothing from the quantities shown above.

Under an arrangement with the British Government, New Zealand has undertaken to maintain the Expeditionary Force in certain articles of clothing which can be manufactured in the Dominion. In accordance with this agreement the following have already been despatched overseas to make up wastage :—

Socks	..	..	..	..	..	64,251 pairs.
Vests, woollen, under	..	..	..	..	..	18,128
Shorts, woollen, under	..	..	..	..	..	18,128
Jerseys	..	..	..	..	..	2,016
Shirts	..	..	..	..	..	18,127
Braces	..	..	..	..	..	1,100
Boots	..	..	..	..	..	24,168 pairs.
Jackets, service dress	..	..	..	..	..	3,348
Trousers, service dress	..	..	..	..	..	3,348
Greatcoats	..	..	..	..	..	2,000
Blankets	..	..	..	..	..	2,000

A further consignment of these articles will be made at an early date, and it is also intended to send at the same time 20,000 suits of battle dress for the reclothing of troops who have already proceeded overseas. Arrangements have been made with the clothing manufacturers for the rapid production of this clothing.

CAMP EQUIPMENT.

It has been necessary to make provision for a wide range of articles in very large quantities for the equipping of the mobilization camps. This equipment has been obtained, firstly, from local sources—*i.e.*, either by manufacture or purchase from stocks held—and, secondly, from overseas sources those articles which could not be secured or produced in this country. Included in the list of the articles made in New Zealand are :—

Cookers, 500-man.	Aluminium jugs.
Cookers, 200-man.	Forks.
Cookers, portable.	Spoons.
Boilers, 20-gallon.	Plates, bakelite.
Boilers, 8-gallon.	Plates, tin.
Meat-dishes.	Cooks' knives.
Steamers.	Bed cots.

* Manufactured from materials imported into New Zealand.