

The total production from the outbreak of war up to the 30th April, 1941, was as follows :—

Boots	356,473 pairs.
Blankets, grey	185,046 pairs.
Socks	758,482 pairs.
Jerseys	115,955
Vests, under	283,741
Shorts, under	264,619
Shirts, flannel	220,872
Battle-dress blouses	110,084
Battle-dress trousers	110,875
Greatcoats	67,938
Jackets, S.D.	41,116
Trousers, S.D.	90,806
Khaki drill jackets	40,855
Khaki drill trousers	40,091
Denim jackets	74,155
Denim trousers	76,881
Flannel shirting	1,003,034 yards.
Overcoating cloth	350,541 yards
Worsted cloth	472,679 yards.

Shipments overseas from the outbreak of war up to the 30th April, 1941, were as follows :—

To N.Z.E.F.—

Battle-dress trousers	25,183
Blouses, battle-dress	22,574
Boots, R.F.	121,491
Buttons, N.Z.F.—	
Large	28,800
Small	28,800
Cap	11,520
Caps, F.S.	15,700
Greatcoats, D.S.	7,319
Housewives	4,100
Jerseys	13,160
Laces	4,000 pairs.
Shorts, woollen, under	52,216
Shirts, flannel	66,425
Socks, woollen	299,435 pairs.
Blankets	13,500
Vests, woollen, under	58,373
Hats	600
Towels	300
Armlets	980
Hat-bands	4,000
Jackets, S.D.	1,648
Trousers, S.D.	1,648

To the Government of India—

Trousers, battle-dress	29,000
Blouses, battle-dress	29,000
Socks	30,000 pairs.
Greatcoating	10,000 yards.
Blankets	20,000
Grey flannel	15,000 yards.

To Greece—

Socks	10,000 pairs.
Blankets	10,000
Jerseys	2,000

(i) GENERAL.

The general activities of the Ordnance Branch have been enormously increased during the year largely owing to the expansion of the Territorial Force and its period of training.

In addition to the provision of clothing for the home-defence forces, the Ordnance Services have undertaken the provision of clothing for the maintenance of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force overseas, and has also made available a considerable quantity of clothing and blankets for the Government of India.

The Ordnance Depots generally have been actively engaged on the receipt and inspection of cloth and clothing received from contractors, and receipt, classification, dry-cleaning, and renovation of clothing returned from Territorial and Cadet units and mobilization camps. The inspection of rifles, medium machine guns, and light machine guns on issue to the Territorial units and mobilization camps has also been carried out. The provision of camp equipment and training stores, so far as the resources of the country would permit, has been undertaken, but considerable difficulty in this direction has been experienced owing to the shortage of raw materials.

The provision of adequate and competent staffs has proved a very serious problem. The loss of a number of experienced personnel from both the clerical and the store divisions, by appointment to commissions to fill important positions and to form the nucleus of the Ordnance unit with the Expeditionary Force, and the replacement of these men by others with less qualifications and experience from outside sources, have hampered work generally, and the constant changes of staff have militated against efficiency.