

(c) *Y.M.C.A. War Services Committee.*—This organization operates in New Zealand and overseas as an expending agent of the Board, and during the year expended patriotic moneys amounting to £191,956 14s. 8d. The number of patriotic recreational huts or centres serviced by the Y.M.C.A. on behalf of the Board were 29, plus 12 mobile units, overseas, and 149, plus 6 mobile units, in New Zealand. The number of employees, apart from voluntary workers, was 48 overseas and 215 in New Zealand.

The capital value of patriotic huts and furniture in New Zealand amounted to £137,470 0s. 9d. Buffets were operated in 153 centres, and surplus amounted to £32,510. This includes recreation hut post-office commissions, which, together with buffet surplus, were paid to the Board.

The Board desires to express its appreciation of the services rendered by the Y.M.C.A. War Services Committee, and particularly by Mr. R. M. Brasted, the National Secretary.

(d) *Church of England Military Affairs Committee.*—The Church of England Military Affairs Committee also operates on behalf of the Board overseas and in New Zealand. The Board paid to this organization £46,000 during the year. The Church Army operates 20 patriotic huts and 7 chapel huts in New Zealand. Overseas the Church Army staffs 1 recreation hut at Base, Middle East, and 5 marquees. Officers employed by this organization were 47 recreational workers in New Zealand and 4 overseas. The capital value of the patriotic huts staffed by the Church Army was £24,713, and the value of the furniture £6,612. The surplus in the Church Army buffets during the year amounted to £2,517, and this was paid to the Board.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation of the work performed by the Church of England Military Affairs Committee, and particularly by Mr. A. S. Kempthorne, Secretary.

(e) *Catholic War Services Fund Board.*—Another major expending agent of the Board in New Zealand is the Catholic War Services Fund Board. During the year £23,205 was paid to that organization. The Catholic War Services Fund Board operates 15 recreational huts in New Zealand, which have been built, furnished, and are staffed on behalf of the National Patriotic Fund Board. The capital value of these huts and furnishings amounted to £24,771 5s. 3d. The number of employees, apart from voluntary workers, was 22. The surplus in respect of the buffet activities amounted to £832 18s. 9d., which was paid to the Board.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation of the services rendered by the Catholic War Services Fund Board, and particularly by Mr. P. F. Foote, Secretary.

(f) *Salvation Army War Services Board.*—The Salvation Army War Services Board, which operates in New Zealand, expended £48,465 11s. 6d. on behalf of the Board during the year. The work of this expending agent has grown in consonance with the expanded military establishments in New Zealand. The patriotic recreation huts under the charge of the Salvation Army at the close of the year numbered 34 fully staffed and 16 supervised.

The number of Salvation Army patriotic employees in New Zealand was 57. The capital value of the huts was £18,692, and equipment in such huts £14,522. The Salvation Army has rendered valuable work in assisting the Board in its welfare activities in camps and stations throughout New Zealand. In addition to the employees mentioned above, bands of voluntary workers have assisted the Salvation Army in its work. The Board wishes to pay a tribute to the work performed by Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. Burton, who was in charge of the Salvation Army War Services Department during the year under review.

(g) *N.Z. Navy League War Council.*—This Council, which is the co-ordinating body for all branches of the Navy League in New Zealand, works in close co-operation with the National Patriotic Fund Board and the Navy Office in providing woollen and other comforts to men in the Navy and Merchant Navy in New Zealand and overseas. Assistance has also been given by this organization in knitting khaki woollen garments and making hussifs to meet urgent requests on behalf of Army personnel.

After supplying quotas of knitted garments for Navy and Merchant Navy men in New Zealand, this Council sends all surplus Navy comforts from the four principal ports to England for issue either through the Navy League Seafarers' Comforts Supply, London, and related organizations, or through the High Commissioner for New Zealand, London, for issues and replacements for New-Zealanders there.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation of the services rendered by the executives and members of the various branches of the Navy League, and to Mr. R. Darroch, Hon. Secretary, N.Z. Navy League War Council.

(h) *Overseas Seamen's Gift Committee, Wellington, and Missions to Seamen.*—The work done by the Merchant Navy is not overlooked in the provision of comforts from patriotic funds. Overseas ships are periodically provided, at their last port of call, with a gift parcel for officers and crews, and, in addition, woollen comforts are liberally supplied. This work is carried out by the Overseas Seamen's Gift Committee, Wellington, under the chairmanship of Captain F. A. McIndoe, and by the Naval and Merchant Navy Patriotic Sub-committee of the Auckland Metropolitan Patriotic Committee in respect of parcels, and by branches of the Navy League, Missions to Seamen, and related organizations, and by Provincial Councils, in respect of woollens and other amenities. Missions to Seamen organizations are subsidized from Provincial Patriotic Funds to assist them in their work, which has been expanded because of war conditions.

(i) *New Zealand Lady Galway Patriotic Guild.*—During the year this organization continued its good work of collecting and reconditioning used garments for despatch to the United Kingdom and elsewhere. For the period under review 648 cases of clothing were sent overseas.

(j) *Air Force Relations.*—Branches of the Air Force Relations have been established throughout New Zealand for the purpose of knitting Air Force blue woollen comforts, and generally to assist in providing comforts for New-Zealanders in the Air Force in various parts of the world. At the close of the year approximately 1 ton of knitting-wool was provided each month from patriotic moneys to Air Force Relations for comforts.

The amount paid by the Board to Air Force Relations during the year was £6,432. All moneys collected by Air Force Relations are paid into patriotic funds, disbursements on behalf of Air Force Relations being made from the general funds.

The Board desires to express its appreciation of the services of Mrs. M. Goddard and Miss Constance Morice, Chairwoman and Hon. Secretary of Air Force Relations, and to their numerous voluntary workers.

(k) *Sick, Wounded, and Prisoners of War.*—The Joint Council of the Order of St. John and New Zealand Red Cross Society is the expending agent of patriotic funds for the provision of extra comforts