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NEW ZEALAND

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD

(REPORT OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1942

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Emergency Regulations 1939*

The Hon. MINISTER of INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

THE New Zealand National Patriotic Fund Board has the honour to present its third annual report and balance-sheet, for the year ended 30th September, 1942.

I. INTRODUCTORY

The work of the National Patriotic Fund Board for the year ended 30th September, 1942, has been the heaviest yet recorded. This was due to the entry of Japan into the war, bringing war clouds almost to the shores of New Zealand, and necessitating the calling-up of a large number of men and women for home and overseas service.

II. SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

At the commencement of the year there were approximately 80,000 men and women in the Armed Forces. This number was rapidly increased, and at the close of the Board's year approximated 164,000. This expansion is reflected in the increased expenditure of patriotic funds by the Board and by Provincial Patriotic Councils. The following tables show the state of funds as at 1st October, 1941, receipts and expenditure during the year, and the funds held as at 30th September, 1942 : —

*Provincial Patriotic Councils*

|                     | Balances at<br>1st October,<br>1941. | Total<br>Receipts. | Payment by Councils.                |                    | Balances at<br>30th<br>September,<br>1942. |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                     |                                      |                    | Account<br>National Fund<br>Budget. | Other<br>Payments. |                                            |
|                     | £                                    | £                  | £                                   | £                  | £                                          |
| Auckland .. .. .    | 188,509                              | 191,289            | 145,688                             | 65,699             | 168,411                                    |
| East Coast .. .. .  | 25,362                               | 27,210             | 15,840                              | 3,654              | 33,078                                     |
| Hawke's Bay .. .. . | 38,343                               | 68,563             | 53,258                              | 12,416             | 41,232                                     |
| Taranaki .. .. .    | 62,035                               | 50,447             | 42,464                              | 8,943              | 61,075                                     |
| Wellington .. .. .  | 187,141                              | 181,413            | 174,229                             | 53,173             | 141,152                                    |
| Marlborough .. .. . | 18,135                               | 14,121             | 13,697                              | 3,800              | 14,759                                     |
| Nelson .. .. .      | 45,297                               | 36,624             | 21,874                              | 3,450              | 56,597                                     |
| Westland .. .. .    | 26,424                               | 13,053             | 13,123                              | 1,850              | 24,504                                     |
| Canterbury .. .. .  | 79,029                               | 132,373            | 81,698                              | 46,617             | 83,087                                     |
| Otago .. .. .       | 110,443                              | 145,760            | 62,132                              | 15,166             | 178,905                                    |
| Southland .. .. .   | 64,546                               | 58,671             | 33,851                              | 7,585              | 81,781                                     |
| Totals .. .. .      | 845,264                              | 919,524            | 657,854                             | 222,353            | 884,581                                    |

*National Patriotic Fund Board*

|                                                                       |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                                                       | £         |
| Balance as at 1st October, 1941 .. .. .                               | 457,610   |
| Receipts from Provincial Patriotic Councils and other sources .. .. . | 788,078   |
|                                                                       | 1,245,688 |
| Less payments .. .. .                                                 | 807,795   |
| Balance as at 30th September, 1942 .. .. .                            | £437,893  |

Details of Board's receipts and payments are as follows :—

|                          | Receipts from Provincial<br>Patriotic Councils and<br>other Sources during<br>Year ended 30th<br>September, 1942. | Payments during Year<br>ended 30th September,<br>1942. | Budget (Estimated Ex-<br>penditure for Year<br>ending 30th Septem-<br>ber, 1943). |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                          | £                                                                                                                 | £                                                      | £                                                                                 |
| General .. .. .          | 569,568                                                                                                           | 564,575                                                | 567,000                                                                           |
| Sick and wounded .. .. . | 57,562                                                                                                            | 107,687                                                | 114,000                                                                           |
| Prisoners of war .. .. . | 160,948                                                                                                           | 135,533                                                | 448,500                                                                           |
| Totals .. .. .           | 788,078                                                                                                           | 807,795                                                | 1,129,500                                                                         |

The work of the National Patriotic Fund Board is—

- (1) To co-ordinate the activities of the many societies engaged in patriotic work, in order to avoid duplication and overlapping; and
- (2) To provide comforts and amenities for men and women on active service overseas and in camps in New Zealand.

The work of Provincial Patriotic Councils is to provide sports gear for men in camps in New Zealand, woollen goods for men in New Zealand and overseas, quarterly gift parcels, hospitality services whilst men are on leave, and, lastly, to provide funds for the after-care of our service men and women over and above any Government assistance that may be available. In this latter connection it is interesting to note that the Patriotic Funds of the last war, held at 31st March, 1919, amounted to £1,509,557 for this purpose.

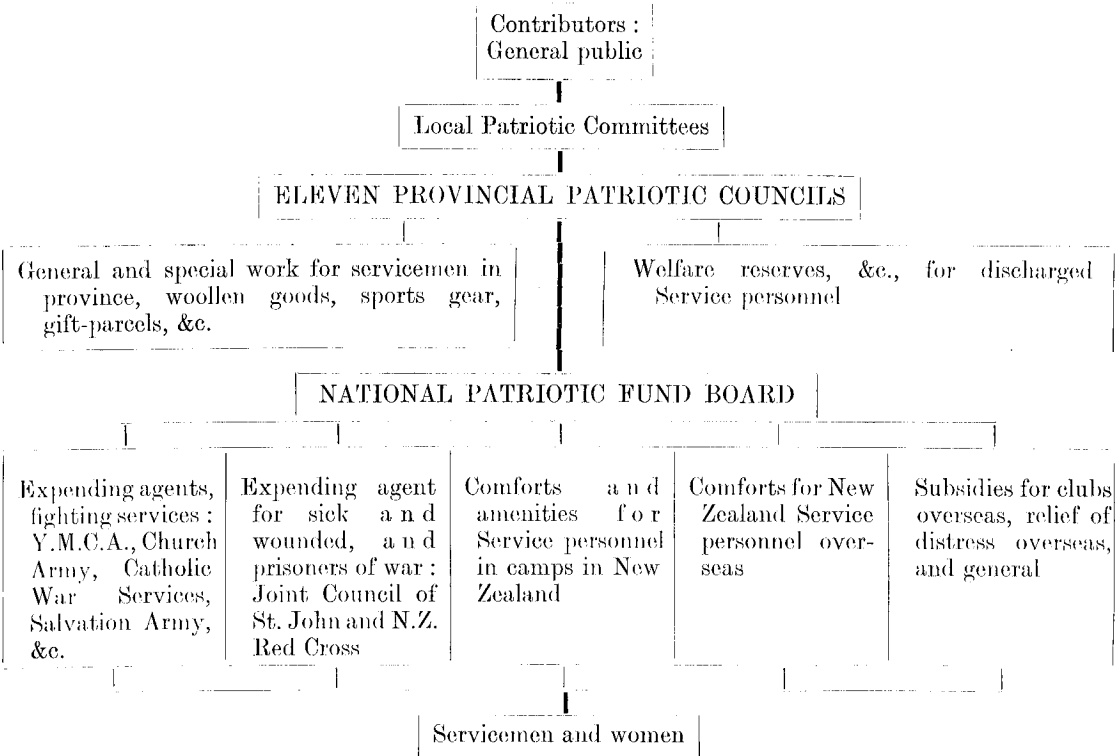
The administration expenses of the Board for the year ended 30th September, 1942, were 2s. 8d. per cent. of receipts. This low figure is due in a large measure to the action of the Government in paying the salaries of the office staff and rent of Board's offices, for which the Board again expresses its grateful thanks.

From the inception of the funds up to 30th September, 1942, approximately £3,500,000 was collected by patriotic organizations.

### III. GENERAL WORK BY EXPENDING AGENTS

(a) *Role of Expending Agents.*—The Board again wishes to stress the fact that the major part of its work in New Zealand and overseas is done through established welfare organizations. This fact is often overlooked by members of the Forces and by contributors to patriotic funds, who imagine that, because the names or badges of the staffing organizations are prominently identified with the war work done by them, that work is financed by the staffing organizations. The Board generously recognizes and appreciates the splendid services given by these organizations, but wishes to point out that every penny spent by its various expending agents on war work comes from patriotic funds. The major expending agents for fighting services overseas are the Y.M.C.A. and the Church Army, and in New Zealand the Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army, Church Army, and Catholic War Services Fund Board. In addition, the Navy League War Council attends to the requirements of naval personnel in respect of woollen comforts, &c., and the Air Force Relations supervises the work of providing woollen comforts, &c., to Air Force personnel. The Joint Council of the Order of St. John and New Zealand Red Cross Society is the sole expending agent of patriotic funds for sick, wounded, and prisoners of war. The other expending agents, together with the spheres of work allotted, have been fully dealt with in previous reports.

(b) *Set up of Patriotic Organizations.*—The following chart briefly shows the patriotic organization established for the collection and expenditure of patriotic funds :—



(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

for sick and wounded and prisoners of war. The cost of parcels and amenities for prisoners of war was £117,615, and for comforts for the sick and wounded £80,458.

The increase in the number of prisoners of war called for greater expenditure not only in the provision of an extra number of patriotic weekly food parcels, but also in the censoring and supplementing of next-of-kin quarterly parcels. The Board defrays the cost of Prisoner of War Inquiry Offices in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

Hospital and hospital ships have been serviced to a greater extent with extra comforts and amenities, and the following list gives an idea of some of the extra comforts supplied: Special food parcels, cigarettes and sweets, tobacco and matches, books and magazines, toothbrushes and tooth-paste, razor blades, occupational and curative equipment, pyjamas, slippers, socks, bathrobes, handkerchiefs, cardigans, pullovers, bed jackets and capes, face-cloths and special soap, hospital accessories, special surgical dressings and pads, and skin suits.

The Board desires to express its appreciation of the services rendered by the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and New Zealand Red Cross Society, by their voluntary helpers, and also by the Joint Secretaries, Captain M. S. Galloway and Mr. K. S. Falconer.

#### IV. WORK OVERSEAS AND IN NEW ZEALAND

(1) *Naval Personnel*.—All New Zealand naval men overseas and on ships going outside the three-mile limit receive quarterly patriotic gift parcels and issues of gift cigarettes or tobacco. This work is carried out on behalf of the Board by the Naval and Merchant Navy Patriotic Sub-committee of the Auckland Metropolitan Patriotic Committee, under the chairmanship of Commander C. H. T. Palmer.

A wide variety of amenities has been supplied to naval vessels and shore stations, the principal items being sports equipment, indoor games, pianos, band instruments, radio sets, electric irons, stationery, and general recreation facilities.

(2) *Air Force*.—The distribution to New Zealand airmen overseas of quarterly gift parcels was organized by the Board, and the provision of sports gear, recreation huts, and other facilities in Air Force camps in New Zealand continued to be a direct responsibility of the Board in consultation with the Air Department.

(3) *Nurses and Servicewomen*.—On transports by which New Zealand nurses and V.A.D.s travel, sweets, cigarettes, games, books, magazines, &c., are provided where possible for their use *en route*. Recreation centres and clubs are provided in localities where a number of servicemen are stationed, and these are available to our servicewomen.

Every three months special patriotic gift parcels, containing toilet requisites and general comforts, are sent to each servicewoman. The work of packing these parcels is undertaken by the New Zealand Union of Townswomen's Guild (Inc.), under the supervision of Miss Viola Kettle, to whom the Board expresses its appreciation.

Four Y.W.C.A. women secretaries who are serving in the Middle East and whose salaries are supplemented by the Board work under the auspices of the British Y.W.C.A. Their duties are primarily to provide for the comfort of uniformed women during their periods of leisure and leave.

In New Zealand, servicewomen are provided with 8 oz. of wool for knitting personal comforts. Extra comforts and amenities are provided from patriotic funds for hostels where servicewomen are stationed.

(4) *Recreational Huts*.—In order to cope with demands occasioned by full mobilization and altered arrangements of camps, the Board adopted the policy of erecting prefabricated bolted huts, usually 60 ft. by 24 ft., which could readily be moved, and which, after the war, would have a higher recovery value than huts wholly erected on the site. In addition, wool-sheds and other buildings near camps were conditioned or altered for recreational purposes. The number of patriotic recreational huts, marquees, chapel huts, or rest centres operated or supervised at the close of the year in New Zealand and overseas was 282, in addition to 23 mobile units.

The capital expenditure on recreational huts and marquees since the inception of the fund to 30th September, 1942, was £209,484, the depreciation reserve to that date was £104,077, and the net value was £105,407.

The capital value of furniture and equipment supplied was £84,513, the depreciation reserve £43,621, leaving a net value of £40,892.

#### V. NEW ZEALAND FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Throughout the year our Forces in the Middle East were regularly supplied with comforts and amenities, the distribution being supervised by the Board's Commissioner there, Lieutenant-Colonel F. Waite, D.S.O., M.L.C., to whom and to his staff the Board expresses its grateful appreciation for the work performed.

The New Zealand Forces Club in Cairo has continued to be a major recreational centre for New Zealanders in the Middle East, and it has earned the reputation of being the best servicemen's club in the Middle East.

This club was considerably enlarged during the year under review, and now includes officers' dining-room, warrant officers' and sergeants' dining-room, other ranks' dining-room, tea-room lounge, sisters' room, reading-room, library, canteen, information bureau, parcels depot, post and telegraph facilities, 205 beds, hot showers, regimental aid post, barber's shop, common-room for all ranks.

During the year the W.A.A.C. staff was sent from New Zealand, and on arrival a very great improvement was apparent at the club.

On the 8th November a hostel was opened at Alexandria, having beds for forty men, and facilities for the supply of all meals. This hostel caters not only for the personnel of the Army, but for New Zealand personnel attached to the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force who are stationed in this district.

During the year the Division was engaged at Bardia, then moved to Syria, and brought back again to Egypt. These changes made the distribution of patriotic comforts extremely arduous, but nevertheless they were carried out.

Whilst the division was in Syria extra Y.M.C.A.s, apart from those attached to the units, were opened at Baalbek and Aleppo. The free distribution issued during the Bardia action may be quoted: Chocolate, £902; cigarettes, £2,549; toilet goods, £350; tinned food, £101; tobacco, £1,493.

The loss to patriotic funds by enemy action in this action alone was: Cash, £445; goods, £742; whilst over £1,000 in cash was, in addition, captured by the Germans when our 6th Brigade Headquarters were taken prisoners.

The Board provided an ice-cream plant for use in the Middle East, and this plant commenced operations on 8th July, 1942, at Maadi Camp, for the provision of ice-cream for patients in New Zealand hospitals in the Cairo area, and for sale at the New Zealand Forces Club, Cairo, the Y.M.C.A., Lowry, and Church Army huts, unit canteens, and officers' and sergeants' messes in that area.

#### VI. NEW ZEALAND FORCES IN FIJI

During the year the New Zealand Forces in Fiji were considerably expanded, and as those Forces were spread over a considerable area the buildings erected during the previous year in two main camps were not at the service of the majority of the troops. To meet this situation the Board arranged for the erection of Native types of huts, known as bures, in forty-six localities, and also provided vehicles to allow the Y.M.C.A. personnel to contact the various units, and to service these bures. The facilities of the club at Lautoka were extended, and an officers' club in the same area was subsidized. A picture unit was also established at two different localities.

These preparations were only just completed when the situation again altered considerably, the majority of our Army personnel being relieved of duty in Fiji, and moved elsewhere.

One of the difficulties experienced during this period was the shipping of comforts overseas. At critical times shipping-space for comforts must, of necessity, give way to shipping-space for more urgent military supplies, and by the time the comforts can be shipped the situation has sometimes changed considerably. This has applied, and will possibly continue to apply, to the whole of the Pacific area, where we are dependent on shipping-space. This difficulty is unfortunately not realized by the servicemen, and complaints are made regarding the non-arrival of comforts which, for security reasons, cannot be replied to at the time of the complaints.

#### VII. NEW ZEALAND FORCES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

The New Zealand Forestry Unit, together with New-Zealanders attached to the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, were supplied with comforts and amenities by the Board through the New Zealand War Services Association, which has rendered valuable service in this connection.

The New Zealand Forces Club in London has continued to give good service to New Zealand personnel serving in that area. Supplies of tinned foodstuffs, such as meats, honey, condensed milk, and oysters, were forwarded by the Board for the club.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation of the work done on its behalf by Mr. T. Jordan, High Commissioner, his capable staff, and by the voluntary workers.

#### VIII. NEW ZEALAND FORCES IN CANADA

The Board has been under extreme difficulty in regard to the type of comforts to send to Canada the majority of our men there being purely transient, under training, and they are stationed at numerous localities. In three cases New-Zealanders stationed at different places, of their own accord, forwarded the gift parcels and gift cigarettes direct to Great Britain for distribution among New Zealand personnel stationed there. Other stations advised that they were so well looked after by the people of Canada that no comforts from New Zealand, other than woollens, were required.

In view of this action, the Board decided to send to the Anzac Club at Halifax gift parcels and cigarettes, together with typical New Zealand foodstuffs, so that all drafts departing to Great Britain could be supplied for the voyage.

The Anzac Club has continued to give good service to New-Zealanders stationed in that Dominion, and to Mr. K. M. Gresham, of the New Zealand Y.M.C.A., the Board expresses its appreciation of the work he has performed.

#### IX. UNADDRESSED GIFT PARCELS

An activity much appreciated by servicemen overseas is the distribution of quarterly gift parcels, of which approximately 247,000 were despatched during the year. The contents of these parcels are varied, but the following shows the contents of an average parcel:—

|                                          |                        |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 cake or 1 tin biscuits.                | 1 tin fruit.           |
| 1 tin condensed milk or coffee and milk. | 1 tin fruit-salts.     |
| 1 tin sweets (barley-sugar, &c.).        | 1 tin tongues.         |
| 3 packets chewing-gum.                   | 1 tin jam.             |
| 1 tin asparagus, or similar.             | 1 writing-pad.         |
| 1 handkerchief.                          | 1 packet razor blades. |

In addition, 12,116 patriotic gift parcels were placed on board merchant ships for distribution to overseas Merchant Navy men.

These parcels are packed by voluntary patriotic workers in all parts of New Zealand, and the work of ordering the goods, assembling, packing, and despatching is considerable. Hundreds of letters of appreciation have been received from recipients in all parts of the world.

The difficulty of supplying the quarterly parcels to the troops may be gathered from the following extract from Lieutenant-Colonel Waite's report:—

"It must be difficult for people in New Zealand to realize what it means to deliver in wartime and through territory subject to enemy action about 80,000 parcels, and the same number of rations of cigarettes and tobacco. Any list of locations made up one week is quite altered by the time the transport arrangements are complete. The isolated units in places as far apart as Cyprus, Trans-Jordania, and the Red Sea must go through the Army Post-office. The Air Force parcels go through the R.A.F. Post-office. Parcels went to most places by motor-truck to others by air and by boat.

"The gift-parcels scheme is probably the best welfare work of its kind done in any of the Armies. The men are very grateful for them. Do not let the people of New Zealand get the impression that the gift-parcel and gift-tobacco schemes are unappreciated."

## X. WOOLLEN COMFORTS

A noteworthy but little-publicized feature of patriotic work is the knitting of woollen comforts by the women of New Zealand. Up to the end of the year, 764,411 sets of woollen garments, comprising 1,051,899 individual items, have been knitted and supplied to our Forces in New Zealand and overseas, and to men of the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy in the North Sea and elsewhere.

Taking into consideration the number of women in the country and the number who cannot knit, the result is even more remarkable, and the Board is pleased to pay a tribute to those who have devoted so much time to this work. The letters of appreciation, frequently published, show that these garments are received in many parts of the world, and that our men on duty in cold climates derive a psychological as well as a practical benefit in such gifts from their home country.

Large stocks of khaki comforts are held in the Middle East for use when required. Navy men and airmen receive liberal issues on leaving New Zealand, and replacements are sent periodically to the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London.

Branches of the Navy League have established spinning centres where hand-spun gift wool is prepared, and the garments made at these centres, together with garments made from wool bought by themselves (in addition to patriotic wool), are also distributed through patriotic channels. The following table shows the cumulative number of woollen goods made and issued:—

|                        | Bala-clavas. | Gloves (Pairs). | Mittens (Pairs). | Pullovers and Jerseys. | Scarves. | Seaboot Stockings (Pairs). | Socks (Pairs). | Miscellaneous. |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Army .. ..             | 62,363       | 337             | 49,840           | 496                    | 59,073   | ..                         | 17,943         | 1,160          |
| Air Force Relations .. | 24,510       | 5,353           | 29,161           | 36,893                 | 27,776   | ..                         | 9,638          | ..             |
| Navy Department ..     | 7,755        | 837             | 3,557            | 2,803                  | 5,607    | 1,515                      | 3,571          | 473            |
| Navy League issues ..  | 18,973       | 1,786           | 11,168           | 10,698                 | 15,807   | 4,946                      | 15,622         | 3,913          |
| Consigned overseas ..  | 86,816       | 235             | 87,150           | 6,420                  | 90,234   | 84                         | 20,873         | 7,765          |
| Miscellaneous .. ..    | 259          | 34              | 294              | 357                    | 227      | ..                         | 89             | ..             |
| Totals .. ..           | 200,676      | 8,582           | 181,170          | 57,667                 | 198,724  | 6,545                      | 97,736         | 13,311         |
| Stocks on hand—        |              |                 |                  |                        |          |                            |                |                |
| Army .. ..             | 1,384        | 110             | 353              | 360                    | 739      | ..                         | 279            | 828            |
| Navy .. ..             | 676          | ..              | 243              | 12                     | 976      | 37                         | 36             | 2              |
| Air .. ..              | 803          | 40              | 1,265            | 1,655                  | 450      | ..                         | 354            | 66             |

## Hussifs—

Made and issued: Army, 88,758; Navy, 4,599; Air Force, 15,396; miscellaneous, 25.

On Hand: Army, 730; Air Force, 733.

## XI. SPECIAL PHASES OF PATRIOTIC WORK

*Postal Tobacco Scheme.*—In January, 1942, the Board inaugurated a duty-free postal tobacco scheme under which parents and friends of servicemen overseas could place orders with local tobacconists for a selection of any of twenty-one different brands of tobacco or cigarettes. These orders, together with the payments, are sent to the Board's office, which sends a receipt to the purchaser, and packs the tobacco in sealed tins under bond, and despatches same to every theatre of war in which New-Zealanders are engaged. The packing is arranged by the Women's War Service Auxiliary, and a band of these voluntary workers, under the charge of Mrs. B. Reid, J.P., carry out the work of packing without cost to the Board. The Board owes a sincere debt of gratitude to these women for their regular attendance and the work they have done.

*U.S.A. Forces in New Zealand.*—During the year large numbers of U.S.A. Marines and troops arrived in New Zealand which then became a base for offensive Allied operations in the south-west Pacific. Comforts for these men are a responsibility of the American Red Cross, which cares for belligerent and non-belligerent personnel.

As a gesture of friendship and co-operation to our Allies, and also to assist in coping with the leisure-time needs of U.S.A. men, in addition to our expanded personnel, the Board offered full co-operation in entertaining the American Forces, and established the Allied Services' Club in Wellington, and assisted a hospitality service and information bureau conducted by the British-American Co-operation Movement. The club was opened on the 14th July, 1942, and has proved popular with the American and New Zealand Forces. In Auckland and elsewhere general facilities of New Zealand Service clubs were extended to U.S.A. servicemen.

## XII. APPEALS FOR FUNDS

As the raising of funds is a responsibility of Provincial Patriotic Councils, the Board did not participate in fund-raising activities, other than to offer assistance in co-ordinating appeals of a national character. Each Council adopts methods to suit its own purpose, having regard to the periods in which the majority of contributors receive their income. The Board, in conjunction with the National and Commercial Broadcasting Services and the Post and Telegraph Department, co-operated with Councils in a national Comforts for Fighting Forces Appeal from the 3rd to 15th August, which culminated in a radio telephone appeal on the last night. The amount raised during that period was £176,000.

## XIII. PERSONNEL OF BOARD

The Board regrets to report the passing of two of its members, Mr. C. Todd and Mr. J. Read, both of whom had given of their best in helping to provide comforts for our service men and women.

## XIV. CONFERENCE OF PATRIOTIC BODIES

On the 20th November, 1941, a conference of representatives of all patriotic organizations was again held in Wellington, and as a result several recommendations were made to the Government regarding the welfare of our service men and women, and, in addition, uniform procedures were adopted to make for the smoother working of the patriotic organization as a whole.

## XV. APPRECIATION

The Board again expresses its appreciation of the action of the Government in paying salaries of staff and rent of Board's offices. The Board also desires to express its grateful appreciation of the services of thousands of voluntary workers throughout New Zealand, and also to members and secretaries of Provincial Patriotic Councils and executives of all expending agents, without whose assistance the work of the Board could not have been carried out. Finally, the Board desires to express its appreciation of the work of the staff during a difficult year.

For and on behalf of the National Patriotic Fund Board.

G. A. HAYDEN, Secretary-Treasurer.

## NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1942

| Receipts                                                              |          |                                              |            | Payments                                                                                          |          |                                              |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------|------------|
|                                                                       | General. | Sick and Wounded<br>and Prisoners<br>of War. | Total.     |                                                                                                   | General. | Sick and Wounded<br>and Prisoners<br>of War. | Total.     |
|                                                                       | £        | £                                            | £          |                                                                                                   | £        | £                                            | £          |
| Donations .. ..                                                       | 14,378   | 64                                           | 14,442     | Comforts for troops and others—                                                                   |          |                                              |            |
| Donations: Blind Soldiers'<br>and Sailors' Fund ..                    | 425      | ..                                           | 425        | Overseas: Comforts, maintenance, &c. ..                                                           | 122,757  | ..                                           | 122,757    |
| Contributions by Provincial<br>Patriotic Councils—                    |          |                                              |            | Reinforcements .. ..                                                                              | 1,262    | ..                                           | 1,262      |
| Budget quotas for general<br>administration ..                        | 460,065  | 200,148                                      | 660,213    | Overseas seamen .. ..                                                                             | 1,258    | ..                                           | 1,258      |
| Wool for knitting ..                                                  | 32,809   | ..                                           | 32,809     | Overseas hospitals, hospitals in New Zealand,<br>hospital ships .. ..                             | ..       | 29,809                                       | 29,809     |
| Expenses 1941 appeal ..                                               | 2,992    | ..                                           | 2,992      | Troops in New Zealand .. ..                                                                       | 7,929    | 115                                          | 8,044      |
| Payment for supplies ..                                               | 4,658    | ..                                           | 4,658      | Purchases for stock (for issue as required)                                                       | 18,623   | 249                                          | 18,872     |
| Proceeds—                                                             |          |                                              |            | Library service for troops .. ..                                                                  | 959      | ..                                           | 959        |
| Reclamation of waste ..                                               | 7,976    | ..                                           | 7,976      | Mercantile marine .. ..                                                                           | 310      | ..                                           | 310        |
| Sundry exhibitions, &c. ..                                            | 1,394    | ..                                           | 1,394      | Military bands: Purchase of instruments,<br>&c. .. ..                                             | 2,168    | ..                                           | 2,168      |
| Sale of hut .. ..                                                     | 1,060    | ..                                           | 1,060      | Grants—                                                                                           |          |                                              |            |
| Interest on investments ..                                            | ..       | 7,806                                        | 7,806      | Regimental funds .. ..                                                                            | 2,300    | ..                                           | 2,300      |
| Investments matured ..                                                | ..       | 645,000                                      | 645,000    | Grants to organizations overseas .. ..                                                            | 9,239    | 9,004                                        | 18,243     |
| Refunds of imprest advances<br>unexpended .. ..                       | 339      | ..                                           | 339        | Grants to organizations in New Zealand ..                                                         | 1,985    | ..                                           | 1,985      |
| Receipts: B.M.A. War<br>Service Fund .. ..                            | 3,574    | ..                                           | 3,574      | New Zealand Forces' Club, Cairo: Goods<br>forwarded for sale .. ..                                | 83,394   | ..                                           | 83,394     |
| Recouped from New Zealand<br>Forces' Club for goods<br>supplied .. .. | 66,082   | ..                                           | 66,082     | Recreational huts, furniture, and equipment<br>in New Zealand .. ..                               | 143,884  | 1,440                                        | 145,324    |
| Receipts from buffets—                                                |          |                                              |            | Authorized expending agents in New Zealand<br>for provision of comforts for troops and<br>others— |          |                                              |            |
| Church of England ..                                                  | 13,007   | ..                                           | 13,007     | Air Force Relations organizations .. ..                                                           | 511      | ..                                           | 511        |
| Catholic War Services ..                                              | 7,652    | ..                                           | 7,652      | Catholic War Services Board .. ..                                                                 | 13,986   | ..                                           | 13,986     |
| Y.M.C.A. .. ..                                                        | 155,788  | ..                                           | 155,788    | Church of England Military Affairs Com-<br>mittee .. ..                                           | 28,914   | ..                                           | 28,914     |
| Salvation Army ..                                                     | 34,190   | ..                                           | 34,190     | Joint Council of the Order of St. John and<br>New Zealand Red Cross Society .. ..                 | ..       | 79,686                                       | 79,686     |
| Allied Services' Club ..                                              | 3,465    | ..                                           | 3,465      | Lady Galway Patriotic Guild .. ..                                                                 | 58       | ..                                           | 58         |
| Tobacco Postal Section:                                               |          |                                              |            | Navy League War Council .. ..                                                                     | 248      | ..                                           | 248        |
| Receipts .. ..                                                        | 11,138   | ..                                           | 11,138     | Salvation Army War Services Committee ..                                                          | 48,466   | ..                                           | 48,466     |
| Amounts received on deposit                                           | 42,145   | ..                                           | 42,145     | Y.M.C.A. War Services Committee ..                                                                | 191,957  | ..                                           | 191,957    |
| Miscellaneous receipts—                                               |          |                                              |            | Purchases of wool for knitting .. ..                                                              | 48,801   | ..                                           | 48,801     |
| New Zealand .. ..                                                     | 832      | 10,242                                       | 11,074     | Prisoners of war: Parcels, supplies, &c. ..                                                       | ..       | 162,034                                      | 162,034    |
| Egypt .. ..                                                           | 16,695   | 486                                          | 17,181     | Expenses in connection with appeals (re-<br>coverable from Provincial Patriotic Councils)         | 729      | ..                                           | 729        |
| England .. ..                                                         | 936      | 3,893                                        | 4,829      | Specific receipts paid over—                                                                      |          |                                              |            |
| Canada .. ..                                                          | 129      | ..                                           | 129        | Proceeds of sales of waste materials .. ..                                                        | 9,440    | ..                                           | 9,440      |
| Refund of Customs duty ..                                             | 5,892    | ..                                           | 5,892      | Picture "Target for To-night" .. ..                                                               | 508      | ..                                           | 508        |
|                                                                       | 887,621  | 867,639                                      | 1,755,260  | Miscellaneous .. ..                                                                               | 920      | ..                                           | 920        |
| Imprest balances, at 1st<br>October, 1941 .. ..                       | 1,549    | 36,061                                       | 37,610     | Purchases on behalf of Patriotic Committees                                                       | 4,547    | ..                                           | 4,547      |
| Cash balances, 1st October,<br>1941 .. ..                             | 8,455    | 10,332                                       | 18,787     | Purchases for buffets—                                                                            |          |                                              |            |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | England .. ..                                                                                     | 1,455    | ..                                           | 1,455      |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Canada .. ..                                                                                      | 106      | ..                                           | 106        |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Fiji .. ..                                                                                        | 922      | ..                                           | 922        |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Ice-cream plant, Egypt—                                                                           |          |                                              |            |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Cost of plant .. ..                                                                               | 2,013    | 2,013                                        | 4,026      |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Purchase of ingredients .. ..                                                                     | 3,307    | 3,307                                        | 6,614      |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Tobacco Postal Scheme: Purchases and<br>expenses .. ..                                            | 7,385    | ..                                           | 7,385      |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Allied Services' Club: Equipment and<br>operating-expenses .. ..                                  | 9,253    | ..                                           | 9,253      |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Welfare payments .. ..                                                                            | 282      | ..                                           | 282        |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Special Fund payments—                                                                            |          |                                              |            |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Blind Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund .. ..                                                           | 425      | ..                                           | 425        |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | B.M.A. War Services Fund .. ..                                                                    | 3,572    | ..                                           | 3,572      |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Kingsford Smith Ambulance Fund: Paid to<br>Air Department .. ..                                   | 314      | ..                                           | 314        |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Purchase of Evelyn Firth Home, Auckland ..                                                        | ..       | 6,915                                        | 6,915      |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Investments—                                                                                      |          |                                              |            |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Treasury bills .. ..                                                                              | ..       | 285,000                                      | 285,000    |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Government stock .. ..                                                                            | 6,578    | 235,000                                      | 241,578    |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Amounts on deposit paid over .. ..                                                                | 27,268   | ..                                           | 27,268     |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Sundry refunds .. ..                                                                              | 100      | ..                                           | 100        |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Furniture and equipment: Office and store                                                         | 337      | ..                                           | 337        |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Administration expenses .. ..                                                                     | 567      | 567                                          | 1,134      |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Miscellaneous payments .. ..                                                                      | 10       | 18                                           | 28         |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Cash lost at Singapore .. ..                                                                      | 318      | ..                                           | 318        |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            |                                                                                                   | 809,365  | 815,157                                      | 1,624,522  |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Imprest balances, 30th September, 1942 ..                                                         | 40,928   | 3,302                                        | 44,230     |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            | Cash balances, 30th September, 1942 ..                                                            | 47,332   | 95,573                                       | 142,905    |
|                                                                       |          |                                              |            |                                                                                                   | £897,625 | £914,032                                     | £1,811,657 |
|                                                                       | £897,625 | £914,032                                     | £1,811,657 |                                                                                                   |          |                                              |            |

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD—continued

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1942

| Expenditure                                                                    |                  |                       |          | Income                                                                       |                  |                       |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------|
|                                                                                | Sick and Wounded |                       |          |                                                                              | Sick and Wounded |                       |          |
|                                                                                | General.         | and Prisoners of War. | Total.   |                                                                              | General.         | and Prisoners of War. | Total.   |
|                                                                                | £                | £                     | £        |                                                                              | £                | £                     | £        |
| Comforts for—                                                                  |                  |                       |          | Donations .. ..                                                              | 14,542           | 1,068                 | 15,610   |
| Troops overseas (less buffet receipts) ..                                      | 100,621          | ..                    | 100,621  | Provincial Patriotic Councils' budget quotas .. ..                           | 538,611          | 303,307               | 841,918  |
| Reinforcements .. ..                                                           | 1,106            | ..                    | 1,106    | Interest .. ..                                                               | ..               | 6,536                 | 6,536    |
| Overseas seamen .. ..                                                          | 1,604            | ..                    | 1,604    | Sundry refunds .. ..                                                         | 5,891            | ..                    | 5,891    |
| Troops in New Zealand .. ..                                                    | 12,845           | ..                    | 12,845   | Allied Services' Club: Receipts                                              | 3,463            | ..                    | 3,463    |
| Mercantile marine .. ..                                                        | 279              | ..                    | 279      | Contribution from Public Account towards cost of huts                        | 30,000           | ..                    | 30,000   |
| Military bands: Purchase of instruments and music .. ..                        | 2,062            | ..                    | 2,062    | Contribution from Public Account towards freight on parcels sent overseas .. | 8,000            | 12,000                | 20,000   |
| Library service for troops .. ..                                               | 1,249            | ..                    | 1,249    | Sales tax recoverable on goods forwarded overseas ..                         | 2,600            | 1,400                 | 4,000    |
| Comforts for hospitals in New Zealand and overseas, and hospital ships .. ..   | ..               | 38,336                | 38,336   | Miscellaneous receipts ..                                                    | 488              | 12,378                | 12,866   |
| Grants for regimental funds .. ..                                              | 2,300            | ..                    | 2,300    |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Grants to—                                                                     |                  |                       |          |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Patriotic organizations in New Zealand ..                                      | 1,985            | ..                    | 1,985    |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Patriotic organizations overseas .. ..                                         | 7,989            | 1,250                 | 9,239    |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Red Cross organizations overseas .. ..                                         | ..               | 7,754                 | 7,754    |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Welfare grants .. ..                                                           | 282              | ..                    | 282      |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Expenses in connection with prisoners of war ..                                | ..               | 177,616               | 177,616  |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Expended by New Zealand agents—                                                |                  |                       |          |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Air Force Relations .. ..                                                      | 6,432            | ..                    | 6,432    |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Lady Galway Guild .. ..                                                        | 58               | ..                    | 58       |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Navy League .. ..                                                              | 257              | ..                    | 257      |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Catholic War Services Fund Board (less buffet receipts) .. ..                  | 5,135            | ..                    | 5,135    |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Church of England Military Affairs Committee (less buffet receipts) .. ..      | 16,849           | ..                    | 16,849   |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Salvation Army (less buffet receipts) .. ..                                    | 16,063           | ..                    | 16,063   |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Y.M.C.A. (less buffet receipts) .. ..                                          | 43,894           | ..                    | 43,894   |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Joint Council of the Order of St. John and New Zealand Red Cross Society .. .. | ..               | 80,458                | 80,458   |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Allied Services' Club: Purchases and expenses                                  | 4,470            | ..                    | 4,470    |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Expenses 1942 appeal .. ..                                                     | 1,975            | ..                    | 1,975    |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Depreciation on buildings, furniture, and equipment .. ..                      | 103,887          | 709                   | 104,596  |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Cash lost at Singapore written off .. ..                                       | 318              | ..                    | 318      |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| General administration—                                                        |                  |                       |          |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Freight and cartage .. ..                                                      | 111              | 111                   | 222      |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Insurance .. ..                                                                | 61               | 61                    | 122      |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Office requisites .. ..                                                        | 14               | 14                    | 28       |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Postage and telegrams .. ..                                                    | 133              | 134                   | 267      |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Printing and stationery .. ..                                                  | 115              | 115                   | 230      |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Store expenses .. ..                                                           | 131              | 131                   | 262      |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Travelling-expenses of Board members ..                                        | 4                | 4                     | 8        |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| General expenses .. ..                                                         | 34               | 34                    | 68       |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
|                                                                                | 332,263          | 306,727               | 638,990  |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
| Surplus, transferred to accumulated funds ..                                   | 271,332          | 29,962                | 301,294  |                                                                              |                  |                       |          |
|                                                                                | £603,595         | £336,689              | £940,284 |                                                                              | £603,595         | £336,689              | £940,284 |





