

WAIARIKI NATIVE LAND COURT DISTRICT

During the year two areas have been purchased for settlement by returned Maori servicemen:—

	A.	R.	P.
(1) Section 1, Block VIII, Waimana Survey District ..	666	0	00
Section 2, Block IV, Waimana Survey District ..	751	2	14
	1,417	2	14

Section 1 is steep and broken hill country of which 150 acres were previously grassed but reverting to second growth and fern. The balance of the area is in light bush. Section 21 is flat to undulating hills, mostly in fair to good pasture, with 135 acres in scrub and fern.

At present there are three prospective settlers on the property, who are now being paid wages of £6 per week to prepare the farms for settlement. The property has three farms set out, while two further sections will be available later. Milking is being carried out by the men on the property, their butterfat return for last season being 19,222 lb. Sheep are run on the undeveloped portion, from which 28 bales of wool were produced. During the year two houses and two cowsheds have been completed.

(2) Lots 5 and 6, Rangitaiki Survey District, and	A.	R.	P.
Part Omataroa 9E	291	1	08
Lot 7, Rangitaiki Survey District	1	0	21
	292	1	29

One hundred and sixty acres of this purchase are flat, with the balance undulating to low hills of which 5 per cent. would be ploughable. There are three returned men on this property, which has been subdivided into two farms. Dairy-farming has been carried on during the past season, the total butterfat production being 15,057 lb. As soon as the settlers have proved themselves they will be given definite tenures.

In addition to the two purchases, other areas have been inspected by the Field Supervisors and are under consideration for rehabilitation settlement. Several of the older development units have made way for their returned soldier sons, and these latter are being assisted in every way to readjust themselves to civilian life.

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The following is the position of applications for rehabilitation assistance lodged to date:—

	Lodged.	Completed.	Awaiting Action.
Housing	27	1	25
Furniture	35	14	21
Tools of trade	9	1	8
Business	3	2	1

One house is under construction at this date.

Progress of housing construction as presented above is too slow to give satisfaction, but progress is controlled by supplies of building-material and building requisites and the availability of building-sites with titles perfected.

Most of the remaining twenty-five applications require perfection of titles to the building-sites before they can be presented to the Building Supervisor for construction work.