

WOMEN'S SERVICES

During the year under review there has been a reduction in the strength of the New Zealand Women's Auxiliary Army Corps on home service of 950 all ranks. Three hundred and forty-two W.A.A.C. personnel have returned from service in the Middle East, United Kingdom, and hospital ships, and have been discharged. Thirty-three W.A.A.C.s (Medical Division) went to Japan with 9 New Zealand Infantry Brigade, and the present strength of the Corps, both in New Zealand and abroad, is 797 all ranks.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Up to 31st May, 1946, His Majesty the King approved the undermentioned honours and awards to members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force for gallant and distinguished service in the field :—

Victoria Cross	5	A.R.R.C.	18
Bar to Victoria Cross	1	M.C.	252
K.C.B.	1	Bar to M.C.	13
K.B.E.	1	D.C.M.	107
C.B.	6	Bar to D.C.M.	1
C.B.E.	28	M.M.	589
D.S.O.	111	Bar to M.M.	4
Bar to D.S.O.	19	George Medal	1
O.B.E.	83	B.E.M.	72
M.B.E.	144	Mentioned in Despatches	2,283
R.R.C.	9		

During the war awards were made to members of the N.Z. Military Forces in New Zealand as follows :—

K.C.B.	1	M.B.E.	56
K.B.E.	2	R.R.C.	1
C.B.	4	A.R.R.C.	4
C.B.E.	6	B.E.M.	38
O.B.E.	28		

FOREIGN AWARDS

Foreign decorations have been awarded to members of the New Zealand Military Forces by Allied Nations as follows :—

U.S.A.	37
Greece	51
U.S.S.R.	1

MEDICAL SERVICES

The general health of troops during the past year has been good, and, apart from an extensive but transient outbreak of upper respiratory tract infection in the mobilization camps in August, 1945, there have been no reports of epidemic disease. The average hospital admission rate for the year was 0.87 per 1,000 troops per day—an even lower incidence than that recorded in 1944-45.

The total deaths from all causes during the year was 38, of which 19 were due to sickness, 11 the result of accident, and 8 from other causes.

As at 31st May, 1946, 64 medical officers were serving in the Army, of whom 31 were overseas and 8 on part-time service. There were 46 Nursing Sisters and 36 W.A.A.C. Voluntary Aids overseas at the same time.