

Surplus medical stores have been disposed of to discharged medical officers, to public hospitals, to educational institutions, and various Government Departments. One hundred tons of medical supplies was disposed of to the Netherlands East Indies Government.

Optician Units have been disbanded as demobilization progressed, the only unit now operating being with 2 N.Z.E.F. (Japan). Visual treatment for New Zealand Service personnel has now been taken over by civilian practitioners. Since the inception of the Optician Service in 1942, 34,000 full visual examinations have been carried out and 22,000 pairs of service-pattern spectacles prescribed.

DENTAL SERVICES

Despite the cessation of hostilities, the New Zealand Dental Corps has been kept fully occupied in accordance with the policy in relation to dental treatment for personnel mobilized for full-time service with the New Zealand Armed Forces. Every endeavour is made to return these personnel to civil life in a state of dental fitness, a factor which will undoubtedly have a great bearing on the post-war dental health of the Dominion.

The following summary shows the dental treatments rendered to Navy, Army, and Air Force personnel in New Zealand and overseas for the year (corresponding figures for the previous twelve months being given in parentheses) : —

Surgical Operations

Fillings	..	..	..	..	112,376 (251,951)
Teeth extracted	..	..	..	..	19,683 (44,555)
Prophylactic treatments	..	..	..	..	22,492 (38,839)

Artificial Dentures—

Full dentures	..	..	..	..	3,893 (7,782)
Partial dentures	..	..	..	..	2,839 (4,049)
Dentures remodelled	..	..	..	..	4,674 (12,460)
Dentures repaired	..	..	..	..	8,687 (18,877)

ORDNANCE

Ordnance Establishments during the past year have been fully occupied with the consolidation, classification, and maintenance of the large stocks held, and with the receipts into permanent ordnance depots of stores previously held in rented accommodation now completely vacated. Further large disposals of surplus stores have been effected, and still further considerable surpluses have been declared to War Assets Realization Board and are at present held pending disposal instructions.

During the year all ammunition and explosives previously held by Ammunition and Equipment Section, Army Headquarters, have been taken over as an Ordnance responsibility, together with Coast Artillery, and equipment and stores previously held by that Section. Small-arms, machine guns, and bicycles held are being inspected, serviced, and preserved for storage. Ammunition of all calibres is being classified, inspected by the Inspecting Ordnance Officer's Branch, and progressively serviced and prepared for long-term storage.

STORAGE SPACE

The total storage space (including magazine accommodation) now occupied by Ordnance Services is 1,319,488 square feet, which meets all requirements except for that of the equipments at present held in the open at Waiouru Camp and in mess-rooms, barrack-rooms, and institutes at Waiouru and Linton. These equipments will, however, be stored under cover at Sylvia Park when the storage accommodation there becomes available to the Army.

All rented storage space occupied at the commencement of the year has been vacated. Stores released include Federal Street (Clothing Store), Auckland; Mills Lane Boot Store, Auckland; Glide Rink, Auckland; Showgrounds, Pukekohe; Farmers'