

Modern office accommodation has been completed at Christchurch and Palmerston North, and, where the material and labour situation has permitted, major repairs have been carried out on drill-halls.

The major disposals of buildings, building-materials, and builder's hardware to the War Assets Realization Board have practically ceased.

SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT SERVICES

The rations issued to troops in New Zealand for the year totalled 1,166,170, the average cost being 22·963d. per daily ration, an increase of 1·418d. per ration on last year's cost.

The rations issued to Polish refugees at Pahiatua totalled 258,640, at a cost of £22,200 2s. 8d..

Food-supplies shipped overseas to Fiji totalled £2,513 15s., and to British Commonwealth Occupation Forces in Japan, £40,401 11s. 3d.

Fertilizers and grass and garden seeds to a value of £1,791 1s. 8d. were shipped to 2 N.Z.E.F. (Japan).

The consumption of petrol in New Zealand for the year was 466,999 gallons, a reduction of 538,062 gallons on the previous year.

Other fuel consumed in camps was as shown below, the figures in parentheses being those for the previous year:—

					Tons.
Coal	..	..	..	..	3,823 (10,426)
Coke	..	..	..	..	1,235 (2,266)
Wood	..	..	..	..	2,335 (3,036)
					Gallons.
Fuel oil	..	..	..	..	98,742 (285,498)

ACCOMMODATION

During the year, progress in the vacation of camps and of premises rented for war purposes has continued and is now practically complete. As far as can be foreseen, almost all buildings, including camps, now retained by the Army will be required in the future.

During the year, 48 tenancies with a total annual rental of £14,274 were vacated. In these tenancies, 52,953 square feet of storage space in rented premises was included, most of it being in the Wellington metropolitan area. At present only 2 privately leased stores are held in Wellington, and plans for their release are well advanced.

With the reduction in size of Army Headquarters 19,360 square feet of Government-owned office space in Wellington has been released and is now occupied by other Government Departments.

MOVEMENTS

Movement Control throughout New Zealand conducted 57 embarkations totalling 2,735 personnel and 95 disembarkations totalling 4,877 personnel.

Army personnel moved by air to and from destinations outside New Zealand totalled: outward, 78; inward, 247.

New Zealand Railways provided 133 special troop trains carrying 52,921 military personnel. Total Army personnel booked through Railway Transport Officers on ordinary trains amounted to 127,734.