

As the work of the expending agents of the Board has been fully dealt with in previous reports it will be sufficient to mention briefly the work of each during the year under review.

Catholic War Services Fund Board

Due to the closing of camps, the two huts which were serviced by this organization at the commencement of the year closed. This concluded six years of unremitting service by the Catholic War Service Fund Board, and the Board desires to express its appreciation of the work of the organization and all those citizens associated with it during this period.

Salvation Army War Purposes Board

This organization also ceased work on behalf of the Board during the year, and the Board desires to pay a tribute to it and to all those who assisted in its work with the Armed Forces during some six years.

Church of England Military Affairs Committee

This Committee commenced the year with two huts and six Air Force chapels in New Zealand, one hut in Norfolk Island, one at Base Camp, Maadi, and two clubs in Italy.

With the withdrawal of New Zealand Forces from Italy and the transfer of the Division to Japan, the huts in the Middle East closed in December, 1945.

In Japan, Church Army staffs two recreation rooms.

At the close of the year the Committee operated one hut and six chapels in New Zealand.

Expenditure on Buffet, £2,785, and receipts, £2,915. Advances by the Board amounted to £6,000.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. commenced the year operating thirty-nine huts, of which twenty-three remained open at the 30th September, 1946. With the withdrawal of the New Zealand troops from the Middle East the huts in that area were closed. A number of Y.M.C.A. welfare workers proceeded to Japan with the New Zealand Division, and this phase of the work is dealt with later under the appropriate heading.

Canteen sales of the Y.M.C.A. in New Zealand for the year were £42,777, and the net surplus £369. The Board advanced £11,000.

Joint Council of the Order of St. John and New Zealand Red Cross Society

This organization is entrusted with the work of caring for the sick and wounded, and in this connection it operates the homes known as Evelyn Firth, Auckland; Mowai, Wellington; Rammerdale, Christchurch; and Montecello, Dunedin.

The total receipts from all sources for the year amounted to £64,031, and of this amount £31,355 was received from the Board. Liquidation of medical fabrics, wool, tobacco, foodstuffs, &c., realized £21,070.

An important phase of the work of the Council was the care and attention of internees from Singapore and the East whilst in New Zealand. Clothing supplied to these people cost £6,740, and general comforts £503.

New Zealand Navy League War Council

This Council continued its work of caring for Navy personnel.