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NEW ZEALAND

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD

(REPORT OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1946

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Regulation 21 of the Patriotic Purposes Emergency Regulations 1939

The Hon. the MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Wellington.

THE National Patriotic Fund Board has the honour to present its seventh annual report and balance-sheet for the year ended 30th September, 1946.

1. INTRODUCTION

The expenditure of patriotic moneys by the Board and its agents during the year showed a very substantial decrease on the four previous years. This was a natural corollary upon the return of a large number of Service personnel from overseas and the reduction in strength in New Zealand.

The annual gross expenditure of the Board, since its inception, exclusive of expenditure by the Provincial Patriotic Councils, was as follows :—

				£
1939-40	..	..	..	233,737
1940-41	..	..	..	547,644
1941-42	..	..	..	1,097,944
1942-43	..	..	..	1,601,725
1943-44	..	..	..	1,857,281
1944-45	..	..	..	1,868,962
1945-46	..	..	..	995,684
				£8,202,977

Gross cash receipts, again exclusive of Provincial Patriotic Funds, for the same period were £9,492,075.

2. SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

The following table shows the state of the Provincial and National Patriotic Funds as at 1st October, 1945, and receipts and payments during the year, and the funds held as at 30th September, 1946 :—

Provincial Patriotic Councils.	Receipts.		Payments.	
	Balance on Hand, 1st October, 1945 (including Investments).	Received, 1945-46.	Payments.	Balance on Hand, 30th September, 1946 (including Investments).
	£	£	£	£
Northland	46,609	9,546	3,956	52,199
Auckland	202,316	33,259	7,580	227,995
Waikato	50,684	20,457	812	70,329
Bay of Plenty	39,187	6,982	387	45,782
East Coast	51,477	9,114	10,400	50,191
Hawke's Bay	123,312	11,623	1,997	132,938
Taranaki	86,509	9,311	1,374	94,446
Wellington	230,341	107,121	69,164	268,298
Marlborough	19,408	3,371	1,186	21,593
Nelson	80,815	6,102	2,123	84,794
Westland	31,769	7,354	378	38,745
Canterbury	141,640	62,453	46,966	157,127
Otago	263,277	28,628	26,688	265,217
Southland	121,165	10,115	23,647	107,633
Totals	1,488,509	325,436	196,658	1,617,287

National Patriotic Fund Board

Balance as at 1st October, 1945—	£
Cash	626,295
Investments	447,175
	£
	1,073,470
Receipts from all sources	1,211,312
	2,284,782
Payments	995,684
Cash and investments as at 30th September, 1946 ..	*£1,289,098

* Cash, £70,112; Investments, £1,218,986.

3. WORK BY EXPENDING AGENTS

General

With the rapid reduction of the number of personnel in the Armed Forces, the work of the expending agents in the camps, air and naval stations in New Zealand was considerably reduced during the year. The Board provided the necessary funds spent on the conduct of the patriotic work in camps in New Zealand and overseas by the following expending agents :—

The Catholic War Services Fund Board	} For combatant troops.
The Church of England Military Affairs Committee	
The Salvation Army	
The Y.M.C.A.	
The Joint Council of the Order of St. John and New Zealand Red Cross Society	For sick and wounded.

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.

Air Force Relations

From the early days of the war this organization saw to the provision of amenities, woollen comforts, &c., for Air Force personnel. Although the cessation of hostilities meant a lessening demand for woollens, there was still a considerable amount of work in providing garments for personnel returning home and those attached to the R.N.Z.A.F. Squadron, Japan.

New Zealand Lady Galway Patriotic Guild

During the year this Guild sent overseas 556 cases of clothing, making a total of 8,709 cases since its inception.

Overseas Seamen's Gift Committee

This Committee ceased to be an expending agent of the Board on the 31st December, 1945. The organization, together with a similar one in Auckland associated with the Auckland Metropolitan Committee, had, since the early days of the war, provided personnel on overseas merchant ships with gift parcels, woollen comforts, books, periodicals, and other ship-board amenities, mainly from patriotic funds. The Board desires to express its appreciation of the work of the Committee in this most important phase of the patriotic effort.

Woollen Comforts

The work of providing woollen comforts for service personnel was concluded in 1946, and brought to a close a service which had done much to add to the comfort of New Zealand service personnel both overseas and in New Zealand. The huge volume of knitting done by the women of New Zealand is indicated in the table set out below, and a special tribute is due to them for this magnificent work, and also to Mrs. A. A. Stitchbury (Navy), Mrs. D. C. McRae (Army), and Miss Morice (Air Force), who supervised the distribution of the wool and the sorting and packing of the knitted garments.

CUMULATIVE RETURN OF WOOLLEN GOODS MADE AND ISSUED DURING THE PERIOD
1940 TO SEPTEMBER, 1946

	Balaclavas.	Gloves.	Mittens.	Pullovers.	Scarves.	Seaboot Stockings.	Socks.	Miscellaneous.
Army ..	29,881	913	29,636	4,775	70,152	..	64,154	1,720
Air Force Relations ..	49,474	7,595	58,705	81,059	68,540	5	13,530	14,664
Navy League ..	32,232	5,928	26,747	20,203	26,514	8,725	29,129	6,633
Overseas (Army, Navy, and Air Force)	249,511	8,270	168,573	30,569	202,562	4,274	73,906	17,465
Totals ..	361,098	22,706	283,661	136,606	367,768	13,004	180,719	40,482

4. WORK OVERSEAS

Pacific

The year under review saw the termination of the work of the Board in the forward areas and its limitation to Fiji and Norfolk Island.

No. 1 Islands Group.—The supply of amenities to this area could not have been satisfactorily accomplished without the ready and practical assistance of Air Department in the provision of air freight. At peak, Air personnel were stationed on twenty-five

islands, and these were required to be provided with a constant supply of all amenities and comforts. In October, 1945, owing to the sharp drop in the number of personnel in the area, Squadron Leader J. R. Herbert, the Board's Commissioner, who had been responsible for the organization and operation of the patriotic work there, returned to New Zealand, and the control then devolved upon Mr. Alistair Dunn, Senior Y.M.C.A. Secretary. Much of the work in the latter stages was concerned with the disposal of assets, and in this connection sales were made to the Australian Forces and church missions.

The outstanding success achieved in the provision of amenities and comforts to Air Force personnel was due largely to the efforts of Squadron Leader Herbert and also to the assistance rendered by Air Department.

Fiji.—In November, 1945, Captain J. K. B. Fountain, the Board's Commissioner with the New Zealand Forces in Fiji, returned to New Zealand, and the work of caring for the Service personnel became a matter for Y.M.C.A. with funds and supplies provided by the Board.

Norfolk Island.—This area continued to be serviced by the Church Army Military Affairs Committee on behalf of the Board.

United Kingdom

Like other areas, many of the Service personnel had been repatriated. Nevertheless, there was still a considerable volume of work in connection with the repatriation of prisoners of war and also those Service personnel remaining in England.

The New Zealand Forces Club, which had been in operation at 4-6 Charing Cross Road, London, closed on the 31st December, 1945, after rendering a very valuable service for five years.

Middle East and Italy

The year under review saw a gradual withdrawal of troops from Italy to Egypt, and, with the exception of the Division for Japan, their repatriation to New Zealand.

Lowry Hut.—This hut, which was one of the best known in the Middle East, closed at the end of October, 1945.

Realization of Assets.—Owing to the diversified nature of the patriotic property, its realization presented a very real problem. Goods were offered, firstly, to the British Army at current N.A.A.F.I. prices, and then to civilian buyers upon a competitive basis. Prices obtained were generally very satisfactory, and the sum of £350,000, approximately, has been realized.

Colonel F. Waite, the Board's Commissioner in the Middle East, returned to New Zealand in 1945, and his duties there were assumed by Major K. R. Collins, who was repatriated to New Zealand in September, 1946.

The Board desires to express its appreciation of the work of Colonel Waite, who had been its Commissioner in the Middle East since 1940, and of Major Collins for his part in the patriotic work in the area.

Repatriation of Prisoners of War

The few remaining prisoners of war returned to New Zealand from England during the year. Major S. C. Read, the Board's Commissioner in the United Kingdom, together with Mr. C. Cassels, Senior Y.M.C.A. Secretary, were responsible for the very efficient service rendered repatriated prisoners of war, and the Board desires to express its appreciation of the work of these two officers. Major Read returned to New Zealand in April, 1946.

India

The work in this area continued under the able supervision of Mr. C. R. C. Gardiner, the Board's Honorary Commissioner there.

Australia

The Board's representatives in Sydney, Melbourne, and Perth continued to care for visiting personnel. This work was greatly increased owing to the large numbers of troops calling into Australian ports on their way home.

Haeremai House, in Melbourne, which had fulfilled a valuable service as a hospitality centre for visiting Service personnel, closed on the 31st March, 1946.

Japan

With the New Zealand occupation Force which left the Middle East in January, 1946, went a fully equipped welfare service under the control of Mr. R. S. Knapp, Senior Y.M.C.A. Secretary, and National Patriotic Fund Board Commissioner. Sufficient sports equipment to last twelve months, canteen supplies, picture plants, and a variety of other items which would be necessary to establish a welfare service equal to that which had operated in the Middle East were taken. Conditions, however, were very different in Japan from those in the Middle East, mainly due to the fact that suitable buildings as recreation huts were not available, nor was furniture readily procurable. The various problems were surmounted, but it was some time before a satisfactory welfare service was established. No supplies were available locally; these were all obtained through the central purchasing agency for the British Commonwealth Occupational Forces. To supplement supplies, stocks of tea, sugar, and milk were forwarded from New Zealand when opportunity arose. Items of this nature were issued free to the troops. Apart from the moneys and stocks taken from the Middle East, the Board's expenditure on the Force up to the 30th September, 1946, amounted to £10,617.

5. DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

Overseas.—With the exception of band instruments and equipment in remote localities such as the No. 1 Islands Group, all patriotic property was sold in the area in which it was located. The amounts realized exceeded £350,000.

New Zealand.—The disposal of the Board's property in New Zealand was entrusted to a special Committee set up by the Board for the purpose. Some three hundred different types of items were handled, including huts, furniture, musical instruments, cinematograph-plants, ice-cream plants, and sports equipment of all types. The aim of the Committee was to afford all persons an opportunity to purchase, and to that end sales were effected by public auction and by tender in all parts of the Dominion. Prices generally were very satisfactory. The sum of £181,000 was realized during the year.

6. SECRETARY

During the year Mr. G. A. Hayden, who has been Secretary to the Board since its inception, and whose work has been of inestimable value to the patriotic effort of New Zealand, suffered a severe breakdown in health. The Board expresses the wish that he will soon be restored to full health.

7. OBITUARY

The Board regrets to record the death during the year of one of its most valued members in the person of the Hon. Vincent Ward, M.L.C., C.B.E., who was also Honorary Secretary of the Wellington Provincial Patriotic Council. Mr. Ward had rendered outstanding service to the patriotic effort throughout the war years, and his loss was a grievous one.

8. APPRECIATION

The Board again desires to express its appreciation for the co-operation and assistance given by the Provincial Patriotic Councils and their Committee and welfare organizations throughout New Zealand. It also wishes to thank its Commissioners and representatives overseas, and its expending agents in New Zealand and overseas. Thanks are also due to the Government Departments which assisted it in its work and to the Service Chiefs and to the press. The Board also desires to thank the voluntary workers and the public who subscribed the funds.

Finally, the Board wishes to thank its office staff for the loyal and efficient service rendered, and the Government for meeting the office salaries and rent, and for assistance in other respects.

For and on behalf of the National Patriotic Fund Board.

A. H. GIBSON, Acting Secretary-Treasurer.

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT, 1ST OCTOBER, 1945, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1946

<i>Receipts</i>		£	<i>Payments</i>		£
Amounts received on deposit .. .. .	.. .. .	1,558	Amounts on deposit paid over .. .. .	.. .. .	10,189
Interest on investments—			Freight and cartage .. .. .	.. .. .	11,427
General .. .. .	.. .. .	10,518	New Zealand Forces Club, Middle East: Goods supplied	.. .. .	8,706
Sick and wounded .. .. .	.. .. .	11,140	Supplies for Provincial Patriotic Councils and others	.. .. .	611
			B.M.A. War Service Funds .. .. .	.. .. .	2,571
Recoveries of freight and cartage: Grant from Government..	.. .. .	21,658	Advances to expending agents overseas .. .. .	.. .. .	687,742
Refunds of Customs duty and sales tax .. .. .	.. .. .	15,051	Advances to expending agents in New Zealand—		
New Zealand Forces Club, Middle East, for goods supplied	.. .. .	14,279	Lady Galloway Guild .. .. .	.. .. .	18
Refunds of unexpended advances to agents .. .. .	.. .. .	166,369	Navy Department .. .. .	.. .. .	76
B.M.A. War Service Funds .. .. .	.. .. .	397,278	Air Force Relations .. .. .	.. .. .	608
Postal Tobacco Scheme: Sales and recoveries .. .. .	.. .. .	907	Navy League .. .. .	.. .. .	251
Postal Chocolate Scheme: Sales .. .. .	.. .. .	1,612	Church of England Military Affairs Committee	.. .. .	5,555
Provincial Patriotic Councils: Sales .. .. .	.. .. .	1,140	Catholic War Services Fund .. .. .	.. .. .	3,892
Provincial Patriotic Councils: Quotas .. .. .	.. .. .	35,216	Salvation Army .. .. .	.. .. .	1,224
Provincial Patriotic Councils and others: Payments for	.. .. .		Y.M.C.A. .. .. .	.. .. .	62,880
supplies .. .. .	.. .. .	46,674	Joint Council (sick and wounded and prisoners of war)	.. .. .	58,857
Expenses of UNRRA clothes drive recovered .. .. .	.. .. .	4,867	Miscellaneous .. .. .	.. .. .	337
Sales of huts, furniture, &c. .. .. .	.. .. .	229,513	Comforts—		
Proceeds of sale of surplus prisoner of war food parcels	.. .. .	33,880	Troops in New Zealand .. .. .	.. .. .	879
Fairview Home, Auckland: Proceeds of sale .. .. .	.. .. .	3,283	Overseas seamen .. .. .	.. .. .	387
Donations to be paid over to Provincial Patriotic Councils—			Troops overseas .. .. .	.. .. .	21,239
Proceeds of patriotic race meetings .. .. .	.. .. .	1,728	War Library Service .. .. .	.. .. .	38
Proceeds of Services sports meetings .. .. .	.. .. .	1,409	Wool .. .. .	.. .. .	533
Donation by National Council of Reclamation of Waste	.. .. .	5,204	Stock (for issue as required) .. .. .	.. .. .	2,807
Donations .. .. .	.. .. .	6,006	Grants, &c.—		
Proceeds of Gracie Fields concerts .. .. .	.. .. .	20,730	Patriotic organizations: overseas .. .. .	.. .. .	2,501
Donations .. .. .	.. .. .	2,525	Patriotic organizations in New Zealand .. .. .	.. .. .	9,106
Hospital Fees, &c. .. .. .	.. .. .	15,844	Comforts for hospitals overseas, in New Zealand, and hospital		
Allied Nations Appeal: Receipts .. .. .	.. .. .	236	ships .. .. .	.. .. .	3,241
Helen Ross estate .. .. .	.. .. .	150	Refund of excess of New Zealand Government grant towards		
Investments matured .. .. .	.. .. .	235,000	cost of prisoner of war over expenditure .. .. .	.. .. .	32,000
Government refund of salary of welfare workers	.. .. .	1,981	Advertising and publicity .. .. .	.. .. .	180
Receipts for buffets in New Zealand—			Allied Nations Appeal: Payments .. .. .	.. .. .	12,135
Y.M.C.A. .. .. .	.. .. .	42,778	Expenses of UNRRA clothes drive (recoverable) .. .. .	.. .. .	2,666
Church of England Military Affairs Committee	.. .. .	205	Postal Tobacco Scheme: Purchases and expenses .. .. .	.. .. .	561
Allied Services Club		2,915	Postal Chocolate Scheme: Purchases and expenses		
Burwood Plastic Surgery		6,570			635
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 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, 1st OCTOBER, 1945, TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 1946

	£	Income	£
Comforts supplied: Troops overseas (less buffet and other receipts)	38,976	Donations	3,005
Repatriated prisoners of war	1,555	Interest on investments	26,542
Overseas seamen, Merchant Navy, &c.	679	Customs duty and sales-tax recoveries	8,557
Troops in New Zealand (including maintenance of huts)	791	Government refunds of salaries of welfare workers	1,981
War Library Service	71	Government grant towards prisoners of war expenses	701
Allied Services Club (less buffet receipts)	2,304	Freight and cartage: New Zealand Government grant	9,918
Grants to patriotic organizations overseas	3,751	Postal Tobacco Scheme: Sales, less purchases and expenses	22
Grants to patriotic organizations in New Zealand	9,106	Proceeds of realization of assets	181,270
Expenditure by New Zealand agents—		Miscellaneous receipts and recoveries	1,169
Air Force Relations	522		
Navy League	156		
Lady Galway Guild	18		
Catholic War Services Fund	357		
Church of England Military Affairs Committee	2,785		
Salvation Army	813		
Y.M.C.A.	19,080		
Expenditure in New Zealand and overseas on sick and wounded and prisoners of war, including expenditure by Joint Council	1,320		
Hospitals in New Zealand and overseas (less sundry recoveries)	50,772		
Amounts irrecoverable, written off	150		
Store and general expenses	196		
Freight and cartage	10,334		
Administration expenses	848		
Surplus for year transferred to Accumulated Fund	89,481		
	<u>£233,165</u>		<u>£233,165</u>

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD—*continued*

BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1946

<i>Liabilities</i>	£	<i>Assets</i>	£
Accumulated funds for all purposes—		Convallescent homes and hospitals: Land, buildings, furniture, and equipment	54,382
Balance 1st October, 1945	933,418	Recreational huts in New Zealand (residual value)	8,607
Add surplus from Income and Expenditure		Launch, Rotorua	1,737
Account for year ended 30th September, 1946	89,481	Furniture and equipment—	
Balance 30th September, 1946	1,022,899	Joint Council	915
Sick and Wounded Reserve	400,000	Offices and stores	1,233
Special funds—		Investments: New Zealand (Government stock and local-body debentures—	
B.M.A. War Services Fund	868	General Fund	852,046
New Zealand Sheepowners Acknowledgment of Debt to British Seamen	9,152	Held against Sick and Wounded Reserve	363,015
Helen Ross (deceased) estate	5,539	Held in trust	26
Allied Nations Appeal	789	Helen Ross (deceased) estate	3,900
Miscellaneous deposits	1,225	Investments: First mortgage, Helen Ross (deceased) estate	782
Sundry creditors in New Zealand and overseas	5,833	Sundry debtors: New Zealand and overseas	47,456
		Accrued interest	8,174
		Stocks of comforts on hand	23,605
		Remittances in transit	10,314
		Cash in hand and in bank, 30th September, 1946	45,815
		Cash in hands of agents, 30th September, 1946	24,298
	<u>£1,416,305</u>		<u>£1,416,305</u>

NOTE.—Rent of premises and salaries of staff of the National Patriotic Fund Board are met from the Public Account.

A. H. GIBSON, Acting-Secretary.

I hereby certify that the Receipts and Payments Account, Income and Expenditure Account, and Balance-sheet have been duly examined and compared with the relative books and documents submitted for audit, and correctly state the position as disclosed thereby.—J. P. RUTHERFORD, Controller and Auditor-General.

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