

to a fortnightly publication in December, 1947, to coincide with the departure of the R.N.Z.A.F. aircraft on a fortnightly schedule.

In New Zealand, the lending library continued to service 36 Navy, Army, and Air Force camps and stations.

The University Text-book Section was handed over to the Rehabilitation Department on 31st March, 1948, but a condition of the transfer was that the Rehabilitation Department would continue to supply text-books to serving personnel of Navy, Army, and Air Force. Negotiations are in progress to have the welfare of ex-service patients in hospitals carried out by the Rehabilitation Department, this work at present being done by A.E.W.S. in conjunction with the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and the Red Cross.

Both training and educational films have been distributed to all Navy, Army, and Air Force stations and camps by the N.Z. Services Film Library, which has also been responsible for maintaining the 16 mm. sound projectors. Sport has been handled by A.E.W.S., and successful inter-district tournaments have been arranged for boxing, athletics, and Rugby.

ACCOMMODATION

Considerable progress has been made in vacating rented land and premises. Forty tenancies, with a total annual rental of £12,773, were vacated. These tenancies included 47,487 square feet of privately owned storage space and 48,000 square feet of Government storage space.

For commercial use or for other Government Departments, 14,979 square feet of office space were released.

Surplus lands have been similarly released, 3,047 acres reverting to lessors and 1,701 acres of Government land being disposed of by the Ministry of Works.

MOVEMENTS

Movement Control throughout New Zealand conducted 38 embarkations totalling 2,073 personnel and 87 disembarkations totalling 3,971 personnel.

Army personnel moved by air to and from destinations outside New Zealand totalled: outward, 66; inward, 185.

New Zealand Railways provided 16 special troop trains, carrying 7,100 military personnel. Total personnel booked through Army Railway Transport Offices on ordinary trains amounted to 15,049.

Dependants of New Zealand Services personnel disembarked in New Zealand totalled: wives, 52; fiancées, 61; children, 50.

In addition, Movement Control arranged transportation for Navy, Air Force, and Merchant Navy dependants arriving in New Zealand.

ENGINEER SERVICE

Houses.—During the period under review, 72 housing units were built for married Army personnel by construction companies of the Royal New Zealand Engineers.

Immigrants.—Accommodation in military camps was made available at Auckland, Wellington, and Dunedin to the Department of Labour and Employment for the reception of immigrants sponsored by that Department.

Maintenance.—Due to the national shortage of building-materials and labour, much of the routine maintenance work on Army buildings has had to be deferred.

SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT

The rations issued to troops in New Zealand for the year totalled 627,419, the average cost being 2s. 1·383d. per daily ration, an increase of 2·42d. on the previous year.