

VI. PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

During the year ended 30th September, 1947, the National Patriotic Fund Board was concerned mainly with the realization of its surplus assets, the care of the sick and wounded personnel in the hospitals, and the consideration of future policy as regards patriotic funds, as well as with the provision of welfare for the remaining service personnel overseas and in New Zealand.

REALIZATION OF ASSETS

The sum of £56,000 was realized on the sale of a variety of assets in New Zealand, practically the only surplus assets now remaining being recreation huts.

WELFARE OF SICK AND WOUNDED PERSONNEL

The work of providing welfare for these men whilst in hospital is entrusted to the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and New Zealand Red Cross Society, who also conduct the following homes on behalf of the Board :--

Evelyn Firth Home, Auckland.
Mowai Home, Wellington.
Rannerdale Home, Christchurch.
Montecillo Home, Dunedin.

WELFARE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL OVERSEAS AND IN NEW ZEALAND

The Board ceased to provide welfare for service personnel in New Zealand as at 31st March, 1947, but continued to do so for overseas servicemen from moneys made available from art-union profits. Reimbursement from art-union moneys amounted to £10,850, mainly in respect of expenditure in Japan. Expenditure from patriotic funds on overseas servicemen during the year was £18,000.

FUTURE OF PATRIOTIC AND CANTEEN FUNDS

Conferences between Provincial Patriotic Councils, ex-servicemen's organizations, and the Board were held during the year in connection with the proposal of the Board that canteen profits be amalgamated with the funds of the National Patriotic Fund Board for the benefit of ex-service personnel. Subsequently the Patriotic and Canteen Funds Act, 1947, was passed setting up the New Zealand Patriotic Fund Board, in which is to be vested the assets and liabilities of the National Patriotic Fund Board; the Canteen Fund Board, which will receive the accumulated profits of the Canteen Board, which operated in the camps, air and naval stations during the war years; and the fourteen Provincial Councils, which have their own funds.

The purposes of these Boards and the Provincial Patriotic Councils will be to administer the funds for the benefit of discharged servicemen of the 1939-45 war and their dependants.

As at 30th September, 1947, the funds of the fourteen Provincial Patriotic Councils were £1,623,317, and of the National Patriotic Fund Board, £1,358,632.

VII. CINEMATOGRAPH THEATRES

A. FILM CENSORSHIP

A total of 1,529 films of all classes, aggregating 4,245,590 ft., were examined. Of this number, 93 were passed subject to excisions, 151 were passed with the recommendation that they were more suitable for adult audiences, and 17 were passed with the warning that they were unsuitable for children.