

1948
NEW ZEALAND

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD

(REPORT OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1947

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Patriotic Purposes Emergency Regulations 1939*

The Hon. the MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Wellington.

THE National Patriotic Fund Board has the honour to present its annual report and balance-sheet for the year ended 30th September, 1947.

1. INTRODUCTION

The year under review was concerned mainly with the realization of assets, the care of the sick and wounded, 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.

The annual gross expenditure of the Board since its inception, exclusive of expenditure by 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
1946-47	..	..	..	..	157,424
					£8,360,401

Gross cash receipts, again exclusive of Provincial Patriotic Funds, for the same period were £9,719,033.

2. SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

The following table shows the state of the Provincial and National Patriotic Funds as at 1st October, 1946, and receipts and payments during the year, and the funds held as at 30th September, 1947 :—

Provincial Patriotic Councils.	Receipts.		Payments.	
	Balance on Hand, 1st October, 1946 (including Investments).	Received, 1946-47.	Payments.	Balance on Hand, 30th September, 1947 (including Investments).
	£	£	£	£
Northland	52,199	1,137	1,154	52,182
Auckland	227,995	21,265	11,814	237,446
Waikato	70,329	1,911	263	71,977
Bay of Plenty	45,782	1,916	599	47,099
East Coast	50,191	1,523	1,627	50,087
Hawke's Bay	132,938	4,325	2,183	135,080
Taranaki	94,446	3,207	2,776	94,877
Wellington	268,298	13,042	4,267	277,073
Marlborough	21,593	2,396	1,307	22,682
Nelson	84,794	3,329	2,841	85,282
Westland	38,745	924	459	39,210
Canterbury	157,127	6,930	12,617	151,440
Otago	265,217	14,172	15,845	263,544
Southland	107,633	3,497	7,291	103,839
Totals	1,617,287	79,574	65,043	1,631,818

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Balance as at 1st October, 1946	£	£
Cash	70,112	
Investments	1,218,986	
		1,289,098
Receipts from all sources		226,958
		1,516,056
Payments		157,424
Cash and investments as at 30th September, 1947		<u><u>*£1,358,632</u></u>

* Cash, £76,049; investments, £1,282,583.

3. WORK BY EXPENDING AGENTS

General

The Board ceased to provide welfare from patriotic funds for Service personnel in New Zealand as at 31st March, 1947. As regards overseas personnel, from that date the cost of welfare was met from funds made available from art-union profits. At the 31st March, 1947, the Church of England Military Affairs Committee and the Y.M.C.A. War Services Committee were the only expending agents of the Board engaged in welfare work in camps and Air and Naval stations. In addition, the Y.M.C.A. continued to operate the recreation huts at Domain Hospital, Auckland, and Rotorua, Hutt, and Wellington Hospitals until their control was vested in the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and the New Zealand Red Cross Society.

The Board feels that it cannot speak too highly of the work of its expending agents, who did so much to make the patriotic effort of this country the success which it undoubtedly was.

Both the Y.M.C.A. and the Church of England Military Affairs Committee since the early days of the war had provided welfare for Service personnel overseas and in New Zealand from funds made available by the Board. Their unremitting service is warmly appreciated by the Board, as is also the work of those many citizens associated with these organizations who gave their time and labour in this important work.

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

The work of this organization as expending agent of the Board in the care of sick and wounded personnel was continued during the year and extended to include the conduct of the recreational huts attached to the hospitals. In addition to the provision of welfare which includes distribution of cigarettes, tobacco, fruit, &c., and outings for the patients, a most important phase is that of diversional and occupational therapy. By teaching the arts and handicrafts to the men in hospital by various processes, a valuable adjunct to the well-being of patients is provided as well as, in many cases, equipping them with a means of livelihood on their discharge.

During the twelve months ended 31st March, 1947, the following comforts were distributed to hospitals :—

Cigarettes	..	..	..	1,377,390
Tobacco (packets)	..	..	..	47,071
Chocolate (tablets)	..	..	..	71,449
Biscuits and cake (lb.)	..	..	..	4,102
Fruit (cases)	..	..	..	750
Matches (boxes)	..	..	..	27,332
Newspapers	..	..	..	16,716
Christmas parcels	..	..	..	2,268
Soft drinks (bottles)	..	..	..	2,500

New Zealand Navy League War Council

The work of the New Zealand Navy League War Council as expending agent of the Board concluded on 30th September, 1947. The Council was entrusted with the provision of comforts for the men of the Navy, and the success of its efforts is evidenced by the many letters of appreciation received from these men. The Board desires to express its thanks to the Navy League for its part in this patriotic work.

New Zealand Lady Galway Guild

The Lady Galway Guild was formed in 1940 to provide second-hand clothing and footwear for refugees in Great Britain.

Branches were formed throughout New Zealand to receive the clothing, recondition it where necessary, and pack it for despatch overseas. The organization forwarded 9,011 cases of clothing up to the end of December, 1946, when it disbanded. The Board desires to pay a tribute to all those persons who assisted in this work, which was the means of bringing so much comfort to the needy in Great Britain.

4. WORK OVERSEAS

The Board continued to supply welfare for Service personnel in Japan, United Kingdom, Fiji, and Norfolk Island up to 31st March, 1947, from patriotic funds, and thereafter out of funds provided from art-union profits.

Expenditure on troops overseas amounted to £28,238, of which £18,000 was a charge against patriotic funds.

United Kingdom

Bursars.—In August, 1947, a special committee was set up in London to consider applications from rehabilitation bursars in England in need of financial assistance. It is the intention of the committee to place the bursars on the same basis in relation to medical treatment as they would be in New Zealand and to assist them in other directions where necessary.

New Zealand War Services Association.—This Association, which commenced activities in October, 1939, ceased operation on 31st October, 1946. It had been instrumental in setting up clubs and providing recreational facilities for thousands of New Zealand personnel. The Board is indebted to the Association for its contribution of £6,000 sterling to the patriotic funds upon its disbandment.

Australia

The major task of providing outings for visiting personnel and welfare for New Zealand troops stationed in Australia has now finished, though special provision has been made to render assistance to "J" Force personnel who are detained in Australia for any reason.

A number of grants have been made during the year to ex-servicemen in need of financial assistance.

5. FOOD FOR BRITAIN

Of an amount of £75,000 set aside in the books of the Board for the purchase of food for Britain, some £55,000 has been spent on foodstuffs which would not otherwise have been allocated to the United Kingdom. The following goods have been purchased and despatched to the Ministry of Food, London, for distribution mainly to orphanages, institutions, old-aged pensioners, and disabled persons :—

44,788 lb. cheese.
 38,988 lb. bacon.
 417,000 lb. jam.
 4,500 gallons Solpak apples.
 180,000 lb. luncheon beef.
 400 dozen bottles fruit-juices.
 11,052 lb. fruit-cake.
 4,050 tins condensed malted milk.
 9,000 lb. marmalade.
 56,412 lb. beef and vegetables.

6. FUTURE OF PATRIOTIC AND CANTEEN FUNDS

Conferences between the ex-Service organizations, the Provincial Patriotic Councils, and the Board were held during the year in connection with the proposal of the Board that canteen profits be amalgamated with the National Patriotic Fund for the benefit of ex-Service personnel, and also in regard to the future policy in connection with this Fund. It was agreed to recommend that legislation be enacted to establish two Boards, one to administer canteen profits and the other to administer the National Patriotic Fund, with a common Secretariat, the Canteen Fund to be controlled by nine ex-servicemen nominated by the six established ex-Service Organizations, and to ensure co-ordination of effort and avoid overlapping the members of the Canteen Trust Board to form part of the National Patriotic Fund Board. Additional members of the latter Board to be—

His Excellency the Governor-General, Chairman.

The Under-Secretary, Department of Internal Affairs.

One representative of each of the fourteen Provincial Patriotic Councils.

Five members to be nominated by the present Board.

The provincial funds to continue to be administered by the separate Provincial Councils.

7. WAR VETERANS' HOMES

Proposals for the establishment of a war veterans' home or homes in New Zealand were considered, and a committee set up to study the advisability and desirability of establishing such a home. The committee has done a considerable amount of preliminary work.

8. REALIZATION OF ASSETS

The sum of £53,515 was realized during the year, mainly from the sale of huts, furniture, and equipment in New Zealand.

9. SECRETARY

Mr. G. A. Hayden, who had been on sick-leave for some months, retired from the position of Secretary-Treasurer to the Board in April, 1947. He had held these positions since the inception of the Board, and much of the success of the patriotic effort of the Dominion has been due to his untiring efforts and organizing ability.

Mr. Hayden has been appointed a member of the Board.

10. APPRECIATION

The Board again desires to express its appreciation of the co-operation and assistance given by the Patriotic Councils and their committees and welfare organizations throughout New Zealand.

It also wishes to thank its representatives overseas and its expending agents overseas and in New Zealand. Thanks are also due to the Government Departments which assisted it in its work, and to the Service chiefs and to the press.

Finally, the Board desires 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.

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT, 1ST OCTOBER, 1946, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1947

<i>Receipts</i>	£	<i>Payments</i>	£
Amounts received on deposit	..	Freight and cartage	..
Interest on investments—	..	B.M.A. War Service Funds	..
General	..	Advances expended by agents overseas	..
Sick and wounded	..	Advances to expending agents in New Zealand—	..
Refunds of Customs duty and sales tax	..	Lady Galway Guild	..
Refund of sales tax : Food for Britain	..	Navy League	..
Refund of unexpended advances to agents	..	Church of England Military Affairs Committee	..
Sales of huts, furniture, and other assets	..	Y.M.C.A.	..
Donations	..	Joint Council (sick and wounded)	..
Hospital fees, &c.	..	Miscellaneous	..
Helen Ross Trust	..	Comforts—	..
Investments matured	..	Troops in New Zealand	..
Government refund of salaries of welfare workers	..	Troops overseas	..
Reimbursement from art-union profits : Account of expenditure on welfare of troops from 1st April, 1947	..	Grants : Patriotic organizations in New Zealand	..
Receipts from buffets in New Zealand—	..	Helen Ross Trust	..
Y.M.C.A.	..	Comforts for hospitals overseas and in New Zealand	..
Church of England Military Affairs Committee	..	Allied Nations Appeal	..
Buxwood Plastic Surgery	..	Food for Britain	..
Buffet and sundry receipts overseas—	..	Realization of assets	..
Pacific	..	Preliminary expenses, war veterans' homes	..
India	..	Sundry expenses	..
United Kingdom	..	Administration expenses, including insurance	..
Japan	..	Amounts invested	..
Mediterranean area	..		
Other areas	..		
Miscellaneous receipts and recoveries	..		
	£228,360		£222,424
Cash in hand and in bank, 1st October, 1946	45,815	Cash in hand and in bank, 30th September, 1947	47,153
Cash in hands of agents, 1st October, 1946	24,298	Cash in hands of agents, 30th September, 1947	30,896
	£298,473		£298,473

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, 1ST OCTOBER, 1946, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1947

<i>Expenditure</i>		£	<i>Income</i>		£
Comforts supplied to troops overseas, less buffet and other receipts	..	28,238	Donations	..	..
Repatriated prisoners of war	..	2	Interest on investments	..	..
Troops in New Zealand	..	546	Customs duty and sales tax recoveries	..	..
Grants to Patriotic organizations overseas	..	1,008	Sale of assets recovered or on charge at nominal value	..	..
Grants to Patriotic organizations in New Zealand	..	600	Reimbursement from art-union profits : Account of welfare of	..	..
Government refund of salaries of welfare workers	..	827	troops as from 1st April, 1947	..	..
Expenditure by agents in New Zealand, less recoveries—	..	..	Miscellaneous receipts and recoveries	..	..
Air Force Relations	..	157			
Navy League	..	151			
Lady Galway Guild	..	1			
Church of England Military Affairs Committee	..	1,960			
Y.M.C.A.	..	7,369			
Amounts irrecoverable written off	..	347			
Freight and cartage	..	386			
Administration expenses, including insurance	..	723			
Depreciation Reserve	..	44			
Surplus for year transferred to Accumulated Fund	..	57,777			
		<u>£100,136</u>			<u>£100,136</u>

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BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1947

<i>Liabilities</i>		<i>Assets</i>	
Accumulated funds: Balance, 1st October, 1946—	£	£	£
Less transfers to Blindfold Servicemen and Food for Britain Funds	922,628	.. ..	56,564
Add surplus from Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 30th September, 1947	57,777	.. ..	4,469
	980,405	.. ..	1,737
Sick and Wounded Reserve	400,000	.. ..	859
Less loss, year ended 30th September, 1947, after crediting interest and other income	16,314	.. ..	63,629
	383,686	.. ..	5,429
<i>Special funds—</i>			
Blindfold Servicemen's Fund	25,000	.. ..	.. ..
Helen Ross Trust	5,349	.. ..	442
B.M.A. War Services Fund	19	.. ..	44
Food for Britain	35,763	.. ..	.. ..
Specific bequests and donations for sick and wounded New Zealand Sheepowners' Acknowledgement of Debt to British Seamen	2,980	.. ..	.. ..
Suspense Account	9,355	.. ..	.. ..
Sundry creditors in New Zealand and overseas	1,185	.. ..	.. ..
	10,434	.. ..	.. ..
		.. ..	1,282,583
		.. ..	783
		.. ..	5,331
		.. ..	116
		.. ..	8,787
		.. ..	19,758
		.. ..	26
		.. ..	45,133
		.. ..	30,896
		.. ..	76,049
		£1,454,176	£1,454,176

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

G. A. HAYDEN, Treasurer.

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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