

ACCOMMODATION

The occupancy of rented land and premises has been reduced to a minimum. Seven tenancies, with a total annual rental of £3,000, have been vacated.

The net total office and storage floor space released during the year was 92,600 square feet, of which 83,700 represented Government-owned and 8,900 privately-owned property.

The land released comprised 24 acres of privately-owned property which reverted to the lessors, and 500 acres of Army-owned land, which was sold.

MOVEMENTS

Movement control throughout New Zealand conducted 35 embarkations totalling 55 personnel and 90 disembarkations totalling 2,388 personnel. This included the returning 2 N.Z.E.F. (Japan) and 11 recruits for the Regular Force from the United Kingdom.

Army personnel moved by air to and from destinations outside New Zealand totalled : outward, 21 ; inward, 42.

New Zealand Railways provided six special trains carrying 2,353 military personnel. Total Army personnel booked through Railway Transport Officers on ordinary trains amounted to 14,254.

Dependants of New Zealand Services' personnel disembarked in New Zealand totalled : wives, 14 ; fiancées, 13 ; children, 15.

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

Total Army personnel booked through Railway Transport Officers on the inter-Island steamer express amounted to 7,951.

ARMY EXPENDITURE

The expenditure brought to charge under " War Expenses—Army " during the financial year 1948-49 was £1,661,069, while miscellaneous receipts totalled £217,233, making a net expenditure of £1,443,836 for the year.

In addition, the sum of £292,928 was received through disposal of surplus assets by Army and £176,261 by War Assets Realization Board on account of Army, a total of £469,189.

The expenditure under Consolidated Fund vote " Army " was £2,229,876, with departmental receipts amounting to £186,630, a net expenditure of £2,043,246.

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