

II. AMOUNTS RELEASED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE WAR REGULATIONS, THE TREATY OF PEACE ORDER, 1920, AND THE TREATY OF PEACE (AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY) ORDER, 1924.

The following statement shows the amounts which have been released from the provisions of the War Regulations, the Treaty of Peace Order, 1920, and the Treaty of Peace (Austria and Hungary) Order, 1924, on the undermentioned grounds, for payment to the persons beneficially entitled thereto, or to their authorized agents. These figures comprise only the amounts which have actually been refunded by the Custodian, and do not include the value of the properties in regard to which the power to retain and liquidate has not been exercised (*e.g.*, assets belonging to internees or other enemy nationals who have been permitted to remain in the Dominion, certain property belonging to British-born wives of German nationals, &c.). Payments made in respect of claims established by New Zealand nationals have not been included in this statement.

	£	s.	d.
(1) Amounts belonging to persons or firms who have submitted satisfactory documentary evidence that they possessed prior to the outbreak of war British, Allied, or neutral nationality, or were in a condition of statelessness ..	16,838	8	8
During the war all persons resident in enemy territory, or enemy occupied territory, irrespective of their nationality, were regarded as enemies for the purpose of the War Regulations, and consequently all amounts payable to them during the war were required to be paid to the Custodian of Enemy Property. On the conclusion of peace the necessary steps were taken to release the amounts belonging to British, Allied, and neutral subjects, or persons without nationality.			
(2) Amounts belonging to persons of former enemy nationality who have acquired the nationality of an Allied or Associated Power under one of the principal Treaties of Peace, or were otherwise entitled under such treaties to the release of their property ..	6,131	13	6
These persons are entitled to the release of their property in accordance with the express terms of the various Treaties of Peace.			
(3) Amounts belonging to British-born subjects who lost their British nationality on marriage, and who, subsequent to the coming into force of the Treaty of Peace, have been renaturalized as British subjects ..	29,342	19	1
These moneys have been released in conformity with the policy of the Imperial authorities in connection with similar cases in the United Kingdom.			
(4) Amounts belonging to British-born wives of German nationals ..	16,346	5	2
(5) Proceeds of investments representing savings from earnings made in New Zealand by German nationals who were not at the outbreak of the war permanently resident in the Dominion and who are now in necessitous circumstances ..	3,028	3	9
(6) Compassionate releases upon grounds other than (3), (4), and (5) above ..	8,301	3	2
(7) Moneys belonging to aliens who were interned during the war, and/or who were repatriated from New Zealand at their own request or otherwise ..	40,254	15	5
(8) Moneys belonging to the German Church Trust at Christchurch, released in pursuance of an Order in Council dated 23rd April, 1923, made under section 54 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1922 ..	971	15	2
(9) Amounts transferred for disposal by the Commonwealth Clearing Office, the liquidator of the English branch of an enemy company, or in accordance with the Ex-enemy Absentee Property (Samoa) Order, 1923 ..	1,171	1	0
(10) Amounts transferred to Consolidated Fund :—			
(a) Proceeds of realty acquired by a German subject which was forfeited and declared by the Supreme Court to be vested in the Public Trustee in trust for His Majesty the King under section 5 of the War Legislation Act, 1917 ..	£	s.	d.
	520	4	5
(b) Sundry amounts where the legal or beneficial owners could not be traced ..	1,728	17	4
		2,249	1 9
(11) Miscellaneous releases ..		628	11 11
			£125,263 18 7

III. STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS HELD UNDER THE WAR REGULATIONS, THE TREATY OF PEACE ORDER, 1920, AND THE TREATY OF PEACE (AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY) ORDER, 1924.

The balances held in pursuance of the War Regulations, the Treaty of Peace Order, 1920, and the Treaty of Peace (Austria and Hungary) Order, 1924, as at the 31st March, 1927, have been summarized under the following headings :—

Credit Balances :—

	£	s.	d.
(1) Net proceeds of German property retained and liquidated in New Zealand and credited to Germany in accordance with Article 297 of the Treaty of Versailles (see paras. 5-7, <i>supra</i>) ..	248,404	14	7
(2) Sundry credit balances awaiting transfer to the German Liquidation Account, or release ..	18,389	19	10
(3) Net proceeds of Austrian property retained and liquidated in New Zealand and credited to Austria in accordance with Article 249 of the Treaty of St. Germain-en-Laye ..	1,563	0	5