

Napier District.—New offices were provided for the District Health Office.

Wellington District.—Additions and alterations were made to Otaki Hospital; renovations were carried out to Otaki Sanatorium, dental clinic and St. Helens Hospital, Wellington, and to Quarantine station, Somes Island.

Christchurch District.—At Hanmer Springs a Nurses' Home in brick, concrete, and wood, and containing sixty bedrooms, is in course of erection, and is nearing completion. A boiler-house, with new boilers and machinery, has been erected; a contract was let for extensive steam-heating and hot-water supply, and this work is practically completed. Various minor works have been carried out at this institution. A contract has been let for a new bath and massage building; the old buildings have been removed, and the site is being prepared. General maintenance-work was carried out at St. Helens Hospital, Christchurch.

Dunedin District.—Renovations were carried out to St. Helens Hospitals, Dunedin and Invercargill.

HOSPITAL BOARDS.

Whangarei District.—An extension was made to the children's ward during the year.

Auckland District.—A contract was let for a maternity hospital at Paeroa, and the work is well advanced.

Taumarunui District.—An iron fire-escape was fitted to the Nurses' Home at the Taumarunui Hospital.

Gisborne District.—A new hospital was erected in concrete at Te Araroa.

Napier District.—Very extensive additions were made to the Napier Hospital, consisting of the Coleman Ward and special-service Block, while the bacteriological section and the upper story of the Nurses' Home were completed. At Hastings Memorial Hospital a bronze memorial tablet with marble surround was erected.

Dunedin District.—At Gore, extensive additions were made to the main hospital block, consisting of kitchen, staff dining-room, &c. A cottage for the porters was also erected. These works were carried out for the Southland Hospital Board.

Greymouth District.—Extensive additions and alterations were made to Grey River Hospital, consisting of a new administration block, additions and alterations to the operating block, diet-kitchens, massage-rooms, &c.

DEFENCE DEPARTMENT.

Auckland District.—The following buildings have been completed at Hobsonville Aerodrome: Residence for O.C. Air Base; central office; control hut; boat-shed; three cottages for airmen (and three almost completed); large hangar for planes, with workshops and offices; transport-shed in reinforced concrete, with accommodation for crash-tender, ambulance, tractor, cars, &c. A timber jetty, 286 ft. long, has been built, and a slipway for planes is well advanced. A sewerage and storm-water drainage system is almost completed; an elevated concrete water-tank, with bores, pumps, &c., has been erected, and pipe-lines laid. Electric supply has been provided and telephone-cables laid. A seaplane-building block is in course of erection. At Narrow Neck two buildings, removed from Mount Eden Ordnance Department, have been altered and re-erected on concrete foundations. General renovations have been carried out to the camp buildings, and additional drainage and fencing provided. At North Head new lavatories have been provided and a tank-stand with tank, pumps, &c., was installed. A building is being dismantled, altered, and re-erected at Ponsonby Drill-hall. This work is almost completed. At Waikato Camp, Ngaruawahia, the following works, commenced last year, have been completed: Magazines Nos. 8 to 10; roading from railway-gates; S.A.A. magazines; Ordnance workshops; butcher's shop, and cool-store; battalion area. New works authorized and completed during the year are: Permanent showers; battalion areas; Ordnance-workshops fences; motor-garages; permanent coal-store; No. 2 area cleared, cultivated, and grassed. The following are under construction: Laboratory, camp hospital, magazine-drains, &c. Extensive repairs, renovations, earthworks, &c., have also been carried out as required. New office accommodation has been provided in Wellesley Street Post-office for Auckland Headquarters. Renovations, &c., have been carried out at Auckland Drill-hall and at Cambridge. At Freeman's Bay a building, consisting of drill-hall, gun-room, Officers' room, &c., has been erected for the R.N.V.R. Training-base.

Stratford District.—Alterations and additions, including a miniature rifle range, racks, &c., were made at New Plymouth Coronation Hall. At Rewarewa Rifle Range, a new concrete trench and new target-frames, &c., were provided. At Wanganui additions to cottage, &c., were carried out.

Napier District.—Extensive repairs and renovations were carried out to the Artillery Barracks, Owen Street, and to the Coote Road Drill-hall.

Wellington District.—At Fort Ballance a new laboratory was erected. Renovations and general maintenance works were carried out to Trentham Military Camp; Headquarters, Buckle Street; cottage, Fort Kelburn; and to Defence Headquarters, Palmerston North. At Fort Dorset search-lights have been installed.

Christchurch District.—A contract was let and completed for re-covering of the hangar-roofs at Sockburn Aerodrome, and electric light and power were installed. The fitting up of a drill-hall for Naval defence was completed. A considerable amount of maintenance-work was carried out to King Edward Barracks and Artillery stables, Christchurch, and to the caretaker's cottage, Temuka Drill-hall. At Burnham Military Camp, new Ordnance workshops, &c., have been completed.

Dunedin District.—At Waianakarua Camp a water-supply has been installed, and sundry works have been carried out to drill-halls, &c., as required. At Invercargill Drill-hall and Artillery Barracks new administrative offices and storerooms were erected, the building generally renovated, and an addition was made to the main building.

Greymouth District.—Repairs and alterations were carried out at Westport Drill-hall, and maintenance-works to three other drill-halls.