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NEW ZEALAND

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD

(REPORT OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1943

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Emergency Regulations 1939*

The Hon. MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

THE New Zealand National Patriotic Fund Board has the honour to present its fourth annual report and balance-sheet for the year ended 30th September, 1943.

I. INTRODUCTORY

The year commenced with 164,000 men and women in uniform in New Zealand and overseas, and prospects of further mobilization. This necessitated a big expansion of the Board's activities and a correspondingly increased expenditure of patriotic moneys. In addition, the number of prisoners of war increased to over 8,000, involving further expenditure and work in providing them with extra comforts. The number of recreational institutions and huts was increased from 49 to 268. The overall payments during the year were £1,601,725, as compared with £1,097,944 for the previous year. Large numbers of United States Marines and other troops were stationed in New Zealand during the year, but comforts for these men were provided by the American Red Cross, and New Zealand Patriotic Organizations were not called upon to assist other than to extend service club and home hospitality to these friendly strangers within our shores.

II. SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

The following tables show the state of funds as at 1st October, 1942, receipts and expenditure during the year, and the funds held as at 30th September, 1943:—

Provincial Patriotic Councils

| | Receipts. | | Payments. | | |
|---------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| | Balance on Hand as at 1st October, 1942. | Received 1942-43. | Budget Payments to National Fund. | Miscellaneous Payments. | Balance on Hand as at 30th September, 1943. |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Auckland | 168,411 | 464,117 | 306,834 | 112,130 | 213,564 |
| East Coast | 33,078 | 28,722 | 24,117 | 5,941 | 31,742 |
| Hawke's Bay | 41,232 | 85,977 | 38,073 | 16,105 | 73,031 |
| Taranaki | 61,075 | 44,566 | 30,353 | 16,033 | 59,255 |
| Wellington | 141,152 | 247,159 | 174,572 | 75,445 | 138,294 |
| Marlborough | 14,759 | 16,606 | 9,899 | 5,802 | 15,664 |
| Nelson | 56,597 | 29,706 | 15,637 | 6,123 | 64,543 |
| Westland | 24,504 | 15,337 | 9,482 | 4,247 | 26,112 |
| Canterbury | 83,087 | 196,931 | 88,403 | 62,534 | 129,081 |
| Otago | 178,905 | 117,780 | 82,530 | 18,549 | 195,606 |
| Southland | 81,781 | 54,055 | 35,110 | 14,037 | 86,689 |
| | 884,581 | 1,300,956 | 815,010 | 336,946 | 1,033,581* |

* A considerable proportion of this balance is money specially collected for post-war welfare work and cannot be used for general patriotic expenditure.

National Patriotic Fund Board (New Zealand)

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| | £ |
| Balance as at 1st October, 1942 (cash and investments) | 437,893 |
| Receipts from Provincial Patriotic Councils and other sources | 1,417,059 |
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| | 1,854,952 |
| Less payments | 1,250,771 |
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| Balance as at 30th September, 1943 (cash and investments) | <u>£604,181</u> |

Details of Board's receipts and payments are as follows:—

| | Receipts from Provincial Patriotic Councils and other Sources during Year ended 30th September, 1943. | Payments during Year ended 30th September, 1943. | Budget (Estimated Expenditure for Year ending 30th September, 1944). |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| General | 802,777 | 866,237 | 558,250 |
| Sick and wounded | 197,432 | 142,958 | 102,250 |
| Prisoners of war | 416,850 | 241,576 | 53,000 |
| | 1,417,059 | 1,250,771 | 713,500 |

III. GENERAL WORK BY EXPENDING AGENTS

Previous reports have detailed the method of expending patriotic funds through expending agents. The activities of the principal expending agents are reflected in the following summaries:—

(a) *Y.M.C.A.*—This organization operated as patriotic expending agent in New Zealand, Middle East, and in the Pacific. The number of patriotic huts serviced on behalf of the Board was 176 in New Zealand, and approximately 50 overseas. The number of paid employees, apart from voluntary workers, was 69 overseas and 207 in New Zealand. Advances by the Board amounted to £300,458. The capital value of patriotic huts and furniture in New Zealand amounted to £200,862 4s. 8d. Buffets were operated in 183 centres, and receipts amounted to £184,845. This, together with commission received from the post-offices in recreation huts, was paid into Patriotic Funds.

(b) *Church of England Military Affairs Committee*.—The Church of England Military Affairs Committee continued to operate comforts work on behalf of the Board overseas and in New Zealand, and to direct the work of the Church Army patriotic huts. The number of huts in New Zealand reached a maximum of 31 in December, 1942, with a paid staff of 46. Because of the changing war conditions, the year ended with 12 recreation huts and a staff of 30. In addition, there were 8 large Chapel huts in Air Force Stations, and 4 small Chapel huts with the Army. Total capital value of huts in operation, £24,762, and of furniture £8,101 1s. 10d. Two motor-vehicles operated in the Northern Military District, one as a canteen and the other distributing amenities to scattered units. The Board paid to this organization £46,013 during the year. The receipts in Church Army buffets account, £18,763, were paid to the Board.

The Church Army staffed 1 hut at Base, Middle East, conducted 3 marquees, and operated 2 motor-vehicles in the forward areas. Two Church Army Officers accompanied the Division to the Western Desert and Tripoli. Orderlies posted by the Army have rendered valuable assistance. One orderly, Sergeant E. MacKay, was killed on service. Chaplains have been supplied with equipment for spiritual work.

In the Pacific the Church Army was given the responsibility of servicing Norfolk Island.

At the close of the year Mr. A. S. Kempthorne resigned his position as Secretary, after three and a half years' efficient service, and his position was taken by Captain F. C. Pearce, Church Army Secretary, who had been in charge of Church Army staff since 1940.

(c) *Salvation Army*.—The Salvation Army War Services Board, which operates in New Zealand, expended £77,222 on behalf of the Board during the year; buffet receipts being £34,523. The patriotic recreation huts under the charge of the Salvation Army at the close of the year numbered 46. These centres were staffed by 54 Salvation Army welfare workers, who were fully employed by the Board. These employees were assisted by a large body of voluntary workers, who have rendered excellent service.

(d) *Catholic War Services Fund Board*.—The Catholic War Services Fund Board operates in New Zealand as an expending agent of the National Patriotic Fund Board, and during the year expended patriotic moneys amounting to £21,361. The number of patriotic recreation huts or centres serviced by the Catholic War Services Fund Board on behalf of the Board was 15. The number of paid employees was 27. The capital value of patriotic huts and furniture in New Zealand amounted to £29,799 12s. 8d. Buffets were operated in 12 centres, and the receipts were £8,939.

(e) *N.Z. Navy League War Council*.—This Council has continued its good work of knitting woollen comforts from patriotic wool for issue to the men of the Navy and Merchant Navy in New Zealand and overseas. All such men on visiting ships are, if necessary, supplied with woollen comforts at their last port of call. Surplus woollen comforts are despatched to various patriotic organizations in England for issue to Navy and Merchant Navy men there. An amount of £410 1s. 5d. was paid to the Board during the year.

(f) *Overseas Seamen's Gift Committee, Wellington, and Missions to Seamen*.—These bodies acted on behalf of the Board in providing parcels and comforts, or woollens, for overseas seamen at their last port of call.

(g) *Air Force Relations*.—Woollen and other comforts for Air Force personnel in New Zealand and overseas were supplied by this organization working under the ægis of the Board. Large quantities of knitted goods were made up and despatched by knitters attached to the various branches throughout New Zealand, and Provincial Councils materially assisted in this work. The Board wishes to pay a tribute to the large number of knitters who assisted.

(h) *Sick, Wounded, and Prisoners of War*.—The Joint Council of the Order of St. John and New Zealand Red Cross Society is the sole expending agent of the Board in connection with sick, wounded, and prisoners of war. The increase in the number of prisoners of war threw an added burden on the Joint Council, and at the close of the year they were packing 8,000 parcels weekly, as compared with 6,000 weekly at the commencement of the year.

In the early part of the year arrangements were made, owing to the increase in the number of our prisoners, for the Canadian Red Cross to pack and forward parcels until such time as transport facilities enabled the New Zealand parcels to be received on the other side.

One of the most interesting phases of the patriotic work in New Zealand is the packing of these weekly food parcels. This work is carried out almost entirely by voluntary women workers in Wellington, and is under the supervision of Mr. J. Nixonwestwood, Secretary of the War Purposes Committee of the Joint Council. No praise is too high for the work that is being performed in this connection.

The cost of prisoner-of-war food parcels was discussed with the Government in November, 1942, and the Government agreed that it would bear the actual cost of these parcels. Consequently in the year under review the whole cost of the food parcels was paid for by the Government, the Board receiving £240,250 for this purpose.

Apart from the food parcels, the number of prisoner-of-war next-of-kin clothing parcels handled during the year has increased considerably. Each next-of-kin is authorized to send a parcel at quarterly intervals, containing specified articles. Official leaflets are circulated quarterly to *bona fide* next-of-kin, and the parcels are forwarded, through the Post Office, to the Joint Council, for censoring, repacking, the inclusion of a packet of chocolate, and delivery again to the Postal Authorities. This is a task of no mean order, and again has practically all been carried out by voluntary personnel in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

The Joint Council has two Commissioners overseas—Major W. Tweedy in the Middle East, and Colonel Myers, Honorary Commissioner in the United Kingdom. Thanks to the work of these two Commissioners our sick and wounded in Great Britain and the Middle East have received extra comforts during the year under review. Comforts have also been placed on the Hospital Ships “Maunganui” and “Oranje.”

(i) *New Zealand Public Service Association, Inc.*—This Association, almost since the inception of the war, has acted as a collecting agent of the Board, and has assisted in the raising of patriotic moneys by regular contributions from salaries and wages of civil servants. From the outset to the end of September, 1943, the amount of £22,646 9s. 7d. was collected through the agency of this organization.

(j) *N.Z. Lady Gabray Patriotic Guild.*—This Guild has continued its excellent work in collecting and reconditioning garments for despatch to the United Kingdom and elsewhere, including Malta, Poland, and Russia, for the relief of civilians and others who have suffered from bombing and from other hardships occasioned by the war. During the year ended 30th September, 1943, 1,525 cases of clothing have been sent overseas.

IV. SPECIAL PHASES OF PATRIOTIC WORK IN NEW ZEALAND

(a) *Postal Tobacco Scheme.*—The popularity of this duty-free tobacco scheme increased during the year. The packing was done by voluntary helpers in Wellington, under the direction of Mrs. B. Reid, J.P., to whom, and to her assistants, the Board records its deep appreciation.

(b) *Postal Chocolate Scheme.*—When the year closed a scheme for sending chocolate to servicemen from orders placed at post-offices was being formulated. The scheme has since been launched with conspicuous success.

(c) *Supply.*—The peak mobilization period placed a strain on the Board's staff in securing supplies for New Zealand and overseas, and a special tribute is due to the Board's office and stores staffs in meeting unprecedented demands in a reasonable manner in the face of a depleted supply position.

V. RECREATION HUTS IN CAMPS

During the year over 200 buildings were erected. At one period 268 institutions were being operated on behalf of the Board by the Y.M.C.A., Church Army, Catholic Institute, and Salvation Army. These were situated all over New Zealand, the farthest north being at Waipapakauri, while the farthest south was Invercargill. Practically all these new buildings were of the prefabricated bolted hut type of light structure. They were built in standard sizes, and although modest in design proved adequate for the purpose.

VI. WORK OVERSEAS

The report so far has dealt entirely with the work carried out by expending agents on behalf of the Board. In addition to this, the Board has its Commissioners in London, Middle East, Canada, and the Pacific, and the work of these Commissioners, and the Board's work generally overseas, may be summarized as follows:—

(a) *Middle East*

In the early part of the year Mr. H. Shove, Y.M.C.A. Commissioner with the 2nd Division, was reported missing, and was subsequently reported as prisoner of war. In the carrying-out of his duties he was a great inspiration to his staff. His greatest object in life was to serve the men in the battle area as efficiently as possible. His capture by the enemy was a distinct blow to the work of the Y.M.C.A. and to the patriotic effort generally. Mr. Steptoe was appointed Commissioner for the Y.M.C.A. in place of Mr. Shove, and during the period under review carried out his duties in an excellent manner.

New Zealand Forces Club.—The popularity of this club, in Cairo, was such that it became necessary to refuse admittance to all troops other than New-Zealanders, except that a New Zealand serviceman was permitted to take two guests. During the year this club was extended considerably, and has become one of the best-known clubs in the Middle East.

Women's Parcels.—Owing to the increasing number of women with the Forces it became desirable to have a special quarterly parcel prepared and forwarded for nurses and Waacs. This work was undertaken in New Zealand by a group of voluntary women workers from the Hutt Valley, and was much appreciated by the servicewomen from the commencement.

Extension of Work.—As the Division moved westward to Tripoli the lines of communication became difficult, and comforts were necessarily given secondary consideration to the vital needs of the men—food and the like. Some idea of transport difficulties can be gained from the fact that 21 three-ton trucks were used to carry one issue of quarterly parcels, 2,000 land miles from the base in Cairo. In some cases comforts were forwarded by the sea route, and some of these shipments are now at the bottom of the Mediterranean. First of all Tobruk was the port used. The Army then moved on, and Benghazi became the base of our Port Detachment, then came the action in Tripoli, with our troops 250 miles away, on a very rough road. The willing assistance given to the Board's Commissioner during the period by all ranks of the Divisional Transport Corps cannot be too highly praised, and thanks to their efforts the comforts got through.

Fighting units cannot carry sports gear with them when on operations such as the Tripoli campaign; nevertheless, they have periods of rest when sports gear is needed. To overcome this difficulty each National Patriotic Mobile Canteen was equipped with twelve sets of sports gear, and complete sets of indoor games. This system proved invaluable to the troops during their rest periods.

The average monthly expenditure on welfare work with the Division was £8,215.

The Board places on record its deep appreciation of the work carried out in the Middle East by Lieutenant-Colonel F. Waite, D.S.O., M.L.C., and his staff, and by the Y.M.C.A. and Church Army personnel.

(b) *Pacific Area*

3rd N.Z. Division.—With the establishment of the 3rd Division in New Caledonia, a new problem had to be faced—the Welfare Service with New Zealand servicemen in scattered Pacific Islands, with no local supplies—not even building materials as we know them in New Zealand, and with a very low priority for the shipping of comforts. In the early stages the units leaving New Zealand were, as far as possible, fitted with sufficient supplies of comforts, and more were shipped as occasion offered, but these opportunities were, unfortunately, few and far between. Looking back on the early days with the 3rd Division in New Caledonia, sufficient praise cannot be given to the Y.M.C.A. officers, capably led by Mr. C. Cassels, who pioneered the work in this phase. The Board, too, cannot but feel proud of our Force for the adaptability displayed under primitive conditions. Native-type huts, larger than any ever dreamed about by the Natives, were erected on the open-air-stadium principle, and swimming-baths were constructed; even race tracks were built, and the race meetings held, with improvised totalizators, proved a popular diversion.

In April, 1943, Major C. W. O. Brain went forward to New Caledonia as the Board's Commissioner with the 3rd Division, and, with the able assistance of the Y.M.C.A. staff and the men of the Division, a comforts service was organized, of which the people of New Zealand could well be proud. Before long every unit had its own Y.M.C.A. Concert parties were formed, mobile pictures were provided throughout the area, and two large clubs—one prefabricated in New Zealand—were in operation, together with an ice-cream plant capable of producing 250 gallons per day. Five complete bands were also provided.

Each unit was completely outfitted with sports goods for football, cricket, baseball, and hockey; pianos, radio sets, and indoor games were provided; and, in addition, a tri-weekly newspaper printed by a plant supplied by the Board, was issued by the A.E.W.S.

Conditions in the Pacific called for supplies that were not obtainable in any quantity in the Dominion, such as petrol-lamps and irons, picture plants with their own power, vibrator radio sets, and the like. These had to be ordered overseas, and then despatched to New Caledonia, and later to Guadalcanal and northwards.

With the Division moving to forward areas it became necessary to send assistance to Major Brain, and Captain A. E. Enright was appointed as Assistant Commissioner, and later Captain L. M. Graham as an extra Assistant.

The Board is deeply indebted to the American Welfare Services operating in the islands on which the 3rd Division was located for the very valuable assistance given in obtaining supplies for New Zealand personnel.

Tonga.—Early in the year all Grade I men were transferred from Tonga and replaced by Grade II men, as these latter troops were practically garrison troops only. As the island was comparatively small the problem of welfare was entirely different from that in the islands farther forward, where morale was always considerably assisted by the thought of active service. To assist in keeping the morale of the garrison on a high plane it was decided, in conjunction with Army, to open a rest centre where all troops could enjoy a change. Waacs were sent from New Zealand to staff the centre, and the Board agreed to equip same. Captain N. J. Paltridge was appointed the Board's Commissioner, and laid the foundation for welfare services. Unfortunately, Captain Paltridge was lost in an aircraft accident between Fiji and New Zealand. His loss was a severe blow to the welfare work not only in Tonga, but throughout the Dominion. Captain Paltridge was replaced by Captain J. R. Herbert.

Apart from the rest centre, the Board assisted in the establishment of a club in Nukulofa for both officers and men, supplied sports gear, an ice-cream plant, concert party material, Y.M.C.A.s, picture plants, and a band. Tonga was like the other Pacific Islands—practically devoid of timber and other supplies, and all furniture had to be manufactured in New Zealand and shipped there.

At the close of the year the progress of the war considerably changed conditions in Tonga and, except for a very small force, military activities there ceased.

(c) *India.*

Although New Zealand is not represented in India by any 'distinctly New Zealand Forces, many New-Zealanders are serving there in the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force. Hitherto this theatre of war had been under the control of the Board's Commissioner in the Middle East. It will be appreciated that service to men scattered throughout India, often with no knowledge of their whereabouts, is extremely difficult. Consequently the Board asked Mr. C. R. C. Gardiner, a New-Zealander resident in Calcutta, to act as its Honorary Commissioner. Mr. Gardiner readily agreed, and through his energy and capability the Board is now able to contact the majority of New-Zealanders serving in India. Gift parcels and cigarettes are despatched direct to Mr. Gardiner, who keeps a nominal roll of all New Zealand personnel in India who come under his notice. From this roll, which has grown tremendously, Mr. Gardiner forwards gift parcels and cigarettes by post to each individual. It is realized that this system is not perfect, but by it we reach the majority of our men, and the roll grows daily. The Board owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Gardiner for his excellent work.

(d) *R.N.Z.A.F., Pacific*

The servicing of the R.N.Z.A.F. personnel in the Pacific islands was a serious problem for the Board. They were scattered throughout a number of islands, but each station had Y.M.C.A. personnel attached, and comforts were forwarded through this personnel. Arrangements were in hand, at the close of the year, for the transfer of Captain J. R. Herbert from Tonga to be attached to the No. 1 Islands Group, R.N.Z.A.F.

(e) *Pacific Summary*

As stated earlier, one of the main difficulties met with throughout the Pacific was the lack of supplies on the islands in which our servicemen, both Army and Air, were serving, and the difficulty of forwarding supplies. Shipping space was at a premium, and essential war equipment was necessarily

given preference over comforts. Generous assistance was given by the Army and Air Force, and by our American Allies, and during the period under review large quantities of comforts were shipped from New Zealand to destinations in the Pacific.

(f) *United Kingdom*

One of the most difficult parts of the world to service for comforts for New Zealand personnel has been the United Kingdom. This is due to the fact that practically all New-Zealanders in the United Kingdom, apart from the Forestry Unit, are attached to British units, in the main the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy. The High Commissioner for New Zealand in Great Britain, Mr. W. J. Jordan, has acted as the Board's main representative. He has been ably assisted by the New Zealand War Services' Association. A club has been established, known as the New Zealand Forces Club. Comforts have been forwarded direct from New Zealand to the New Zealand War Services' Association, which has individually addressed parcels to New Zealand personnel. Reunions have been held at the club from time to time, and a special party was arranged for the Christmas season, at which time also all New Zealand Service personnel in Great Britain received a special parcel of 200 cigarettes, 1 lb. cigarette tobacco, and 8 packets of cigarette papers, in addition to the gift parcel usually forwarded. The people of New Zealand owe a debt of gratitude to civilians in Great Britain, mainly all ex-New-Zealanders, who have carried out this work on behalf of our troops stationed in the United Kingdom.

(g) *Canada*

The same difficulty in regard to the type of comforts for New Zealand personnel serving in Canada referred to in last year's annual report, obtained during the year under review. Consequently the Board continued to send gift parcels, cigarettes, and other comforts to the Anzac Club at Halifax, so that all drafts departing to Great Britain could be supplied on the voyage. In addition, New Zealand periodicals and daily newspapers were forwarded for distribution throughout the stations in Canada.

The Anzac Club at Halifax continued to function, and is one of the most popular clubs that the Board has established. This is due, to a very large extent, to the efforts of a committee of Canadians in Halifax, who so ably assisted the Manager of the club.

VII. WOOLLEN GOODS

The following table shows the cumulative number of woollen garments made up and issued to the 30th September, 1943 :—

| | Balaclavas. | Gloves. (Pairs) | Mittens. (Pairs) | Pullovers. | Scarves. | Seaboot Stockings (Pairs). | Socks (Pairs). | Miscel- laneous. | Navy Rescue Kits. |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------|----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Army | 82,534 | 817 | 66,083 | 2,095 | 80,918 | .. | 53,103 | 1,279 | .. |
| Air Force Relations .. | 31,803 | 5,380 | 35,435 | 47,559 | 41,745 | .. | 9,659 | .. | .. |
| Navy Office | 9,905 | 2,732 | 4,609 | 5,095 | 6,889 | 2,612 | 5,244 | 473 | 293 |
| Navy League issues .. | 19,822 | 2,116 | 12,884 | 13,252 | 16,717 | 5,986 | 20,566 | 4,159 | .. |
| Consigned overseas .. | 91,819 | 1,364 | 88,966 | 8,487 | 93,636 | 1,016 | 33,664 | 8,487 | .. |
| Totals | 235,883 | 12,409 | 207,977 | 66,488 | 239,905 | 9,614 | 122,236 | 14,398 | 293 |
| Stocks on hand— | | | | | | | | | |
| Army | 49,516 | 21 | 43,311 | 305 | 38,969 | .. | 5,185 | 1,711 | .. |
| Air Force | 824 | 15 | 1,370 | 1,323 | 3,035 | 31 | 45 | 51 | .. |
| Navy | 2,606 | 589 | 1,363 | 343 | 2,458 | 66 | 673 | 4 | .. |
| Grand total | 288,829 | 13,034 | 254,021 | 68,459 | 281,367 | 9,711 | 128,139 | 16,164 | 293 |

Hussifs: Army, 113,276; Navy, 5,236; Air, 19,817.

Weight of wool issued to servicewomen in lieu of garments: Navy, 156 lb.; Air Force, 426½ lb.; Khaki, 3,841 lb.

VIII. UNADDRESSED GIFT PARCELS

The unaddressed gift parcels scheme, which was designed to ensure that every New-Zealander serving overseas received four parcels a year, has been carried on during the year. With two Divisions operating, one in the Middle East and the other in the Pacific, and with personnel scattered throughout the world, the task of distributing these parcels has not been an easy one. The exigencies of war have, unfortunately, at times precluded the issue as regularly as was designed, and some personnel did not receive their parcels. It can be stated, however, that, as far as was practicable, every New-Zealander overseas received four gift parcels during the year, in addition to a quarterly issue of free cigarettes. Approximately 320,000 parcels were despatched from New Zealand, as compared with 247,000 last year.

IX. MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD

During the year the Board suffered a very great loss in the passing of one of its members, the Right Hon. J. G. Coates, who had, since the outbreak of the war, been a capable and energetic member of the Board, and had given of his best for the patriotic effort generally throughout New Zealand.

X. APPRECIATION

The Board desires to place on record the magnificent work carried out by the local Patriotic Committees throughout New Zealand, and its thanks to the women of New Zealand for their unselfish assistance. Too often the patriotic work in the Dominion is associated with either the National Patriotic Fund Board or the Provincial Patriotic Councils. This, of course, is not so—the patriotic work is carried out only through the donations received from the population as a whole, and by the many hundreds of Committees scattered throughout the Dominion—these are the basis of the organization.

It would be invidious to single out persons for individual thanks—so many thousands have assisted. They ask for no thanks, being content with a job well done. The Board feels, however, that it should record its appreciation of the assistance rendered by the Local Patriotic Committees, the Provincial Patriotic Councils, the expending agents already mentioned, its Commissioners overseas, the Board's staff throughout a difficult and trying year, the Government of New Zealand for financial assistance, the press, the staffs of the Broadcasting Services and of the Post and Telegraph Department, and, finally, to the generous public who subscribed the funds.

For and on behalf of the National Patriotic Fund Board.

G. A. HAYDEN, Secretary-Treasurer.

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT, 1ST OCTOBER, 1942, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1943

| <i>Receipts</i> | | £ | <i>Payments</i> | | £ |
|---|-------|-------------------|---|--------|-------------------|
| Cash in hands of agents, 1st October, 1942 | | 44,230 | Amounts on deposit paid over | | 16,509 |
| Cash on hand and in bank, 1st October, 1942 .. | | 142,905 | Investments: Government stock— | £ | |
| Amounts received on deposit | | 20,259 | General | 5,000 | |
| Sick and wounded investments matured | | 25,000 | Sick and wounded | 50,000 | |
| Interest on investments— | £ | | | ----- | 55,000 |
| General | 400 | | Marine freight | | 28,411 |
| Sick and wounded | 7,047 | | New Zealand Forces Club, M.E.: Goods supplied .. | | 113,704 |
| | ----- | 7,447 | Purchase of equipment, &c., office and stores .. | | 137 |
| Government grant towards cost of huts | | 30,000 | Payments for huts and furniture for camps, &c. .. | | 28,286 |
| Recoveries of marine freight from Government .. | | 14,572 | Purchase of Fairview Home, Auckland (sick and | | |
| Recoveries of Customs duty and sales tax | | 6,860 | wounded) | | 2,717 |
| Postal Tobacco Service: Leaf duty recovered .. | | 3,367 | Purchase of supplies for Provincial Patriotic Councils | | |
| New Zealand Forces Club, M.E.— | | | and others | | 16,273 |
| For goods supplied | | 112,102 | Purchases for stock (comforts for issue as required) .. | | 49,224 |
| Grant to patriotic funds | | 25,648 | Purchases of wool for Provincial Patriotic Councils .. | | 41,775 |
| Government grant for prisoners-of-war food parcels and | | | B.M.A. War Service Funds | | 3,886 |
| expenses | | 240,250 | Advances to Commissioners and agents overseas .. | | 238,938 |
| Prisoner-of-war parcels: Payments by next-of-kin, &c. | | 8,888 | Advances to expending agents in New Zealand— | | |
| Refunds of unexpended advances to agents | | 1,836 | Lady Galway Guild | | 20 |
| B.M.A. War Service Funds | | 4,951 | Air Department | | 519 |
| Postal Tobacco Service | | 22,588 | Air Force Relations | | 794 |
| Receipts from Provincial Patriotic Councils on account | | | Navy League | | 197 |
| quotas | | 812,334 | Catholic War Services Fund Board | | 21,361 |
| Receipts from Provincial Patriotic Councils for wool .. | | 42,511 | Church of England Military Affairs Committee .. | | 46,013 |
| Receipts from Provincial Patriotic Councils and others | | | Salvation Army | | 77,222 |
| for supplies | | 14,296 | Y.M.C.A. | | 300,458 |
| Receipts from Reclamation of Waste Committee .. | | 8,344 | Joint Council (Sick and Wounded and Prisoners of | | |
| Receipts from sundry exhibitions | | 209 | War) | | 211,138 |
| Receipts from sales of huts and furniture | | 1,338 | Comforts— | | |
| Receipts from insurance on huts and furniture .. | | 2,282 | Troops, &c., overseas | | 74,712 |
| Receipts from sales and returns of goods | | 9,863 | Reinforcements | | 2,170 |
| Receipts from buffets in New Zealand— | | | Seamen overseas | | 1,881 |
| Salvation Army | | 34,523 | Troops, &c., in New Zealand | | 14,571 |
| Church of England Military Affairs Committee .. | | 18,763 | War Library Service | | 2,458 |
| Catholic War Services Fund Board | | 8,939 | Musical instruments, &c. | | 4,986 |
| Y.M.C.A. | | 184,845 | Air Force Relations: Wool | | 11,321 |
| Allied Services Club | | 36,734 | Navy rescue kits | | 325 |
| Donations | | 39,716 | Regimental funds in New Zealand | | 789 |
| Sundry receipts and recoveries— | | | Repairs and maintenance of huts, &c. | | 143 |
| New Zealand | | 6,582 | Grants— | | |
| Pacific | | 379 | Patriotic organizations in New Zealand | | 4,794 |
| England | | 20,644 | Patriotic organizations overseas | | 33,366 |
| Canada | | 328 | Miscellaneous | | 40 |
| Middle East | | 56,192 | Comforts for hospitals in New Zealand and overseas | | |
| | | | and hospital ships | | 12,246 |
| | | | Prisoners of war— | | |
| | | | Purchases in New Zealand | | 100,492 |
| | | | Overseas expenses | | 28,329 |
| | | | Relief of distress in England | | 5,000 |
| | | | Postal Tobacco Service: Purchases and expenses .. | | 26,477 |
| | | | Ice-cream plant, Middle East: Capital and materials .. | | 5,057 |
| | | | Purchases of buffet stocks for overseas | | 3,031 |
| | | | Kiwi Concert Party—New Zealand tour: Expenses .. | | 320 |
| | | | Expenses of appeals | | 1,274 |
| | | | Allied Services Club: Purchases and expenses .. | | 42,689 |
| | | | Direct donations paid to Provincial Patriotic Councils .. | | 25,775 |
| | | | Sundry expenses | | 1,051 |
| | | | Administration expenses | | 846 |
| | | | Cash in hands of agents, 30th September, 1943 .. | | 120,962 |
| | | | Cash in bank, 30th September, 1943 | | 262,038 |
| | | | | | |
| | | <u>£2,039,725</u> | | | <u>£2,039,725</u> |

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD—*continued*
 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, 1ST OCTOBER, 1942, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1943

| <i>Expenditure</i> | £ | <i>Income</i> | £ |
|---|------------|--|------------|
| Comforts supplied— | | | |
| Troops overseas (less buffet and other receipts) .. | 197,461 | Donations | 44,951 |
| Reinforcements | 2,173 | Reclamation of waste | 9,380 |
| Overseas seamen, merchant navy, rescue kits, &c. . . | 2,062 | Budget quotas contributed by Provincial Patriotic Councils | 648,823 |
| Troops in New Zealand | 25,976 | Interest on investments | 8,842 |
| Musical instruments, &c. | 4,847 | Customs duty and sales tax recoverable on goods forwarded overseas | 10,035 |
| War Library Service | 2,367 | Contribution by Government for cost of freights | 7,203 |
| Wool to Air Force Relations | 11,972 | New Zealand Forces Club, Middle East: Grant | 25,648 |
| Regimental funds in New Zealand | 789 | Ice-cream plant, Middle East: Sales (less purchases and expenses), two years' operations | 17,719 |
| Allied Services Club (purchases and expenses, less buffet receipts) | 3,343 | Postal Tobacco Service: Sales (less purchases and expenses), two years' operations | 6,709 |
| Repairs and maintenance: Huts in New Zealand | 143 | Hospital fees, &c., received | 273 |
| Grants— | | Prisoner-of-war expenses: Government grant | 223,671 |
| Patriotic organizations in New Zealand | 2,294 | Miscellaneous receipts and recoveries | 4,831 |
| Patriotic organizations overseas (for relief of distress, &c.) | 39,960 | Stocks held by agents, 1st October, 1942, not previously included | 15,720 |
| Miscellaneous | 129 | | |
| Expenditure by New Zealand agents— | | | |
| Air Force Relations | 761 | | |
| Lady Galway Guild | 20 | | |
| Navy League | 295 | | |
| Catholic War Services Fund Board (less buffet receipts) | 6,088 | | |
| Church of England Military Affairs Committee (less buffet receipts) | 14,593 | | |
| Salvation Army (less buffet receipts) | 28,784 | | |
| Y.M.C.A. (less buffet receipts) | 58,171 | | |
| Expenditure, New Zealand and overseas, on sick and wounded and prisoners of war (including £180,907 3s. expended by Joint Council of Order of St. John and New Zealand Red Cross Society) — | | | |
| Prisoner of war ex Government grant | | | |
| Purchase of food parcels in New Zealand and Canada (less sundry recoveries) | 217,972 | | |
| Rent | 1,313 | | |
| Store expenses | 4,386 | | |
| | 223,671 | | |
| Prisoner of war ex patriotic funds— | | | |
| Tobacco and cigarettes | 50,062 | | |
| Technical and other books | 2,338 | | |
| Clothing | 12,298 | | |
| Games, &c. | 2,399 | | |
| Packing and general expenses overseas | 2,276 | | |
| Inquiry Bureau | 5,799 | | |
| Hospitals in New Zealand and overseas, and hospital ships | 28,076 | | |
| Direct donations paid over to Provincial Patriotic Councils | 36,523 | | |
| Allied Services Club: Preliminary expenses written off | 2,676 | | |
| Depreciation on huts, furniture, and equipment (placed in reserve) | 135,137 | | |
| Store and general expenses | 5,509 | | |
| Administration expenses | 717 | | |
| Surplus for year transferred to accumulated funds | 114,096 | | |
| | £1,023,805 | | £1,023,805 |

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD—*continued*

BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1943

| <i>Liabilities</i> | | £ | £ | <i>Assets</i> | | £ | £ |
|---|----|---------|------------|---|----|---------|------------|
| Accumulated funds, 1st October, 1942 | .. | 905,888 | | Section at Gisborne | .. | .. | 58 |
| Add surplus from Income and Expenditure Account for year | .. | 114,096 | | Papakura Hostel | .. | .. | 1,293 |
| | | | 1,019,984 | Convalescent homes and hospitals: Land, buildings, furniture, and equipment | .. | .. | 12,204 |
| Transfer to Sick and Wounded Reserve | .. | .. | 400,000 | Recreational huts in camps in New Zealand | .. | 273,791 | |
| | | | | Less depreciation in reserve | .. | 184,819 | |
| Accumulated funds available for all purposes, 30th September, 1943 | .. | .. | 619,984 | Recreational huts in Fiji | .. | 13,623 | 88,972 |
| Sick and Wounded Reserve | .. | .. | 400,000 | Less depreciation in reserve | .. | 13,137 | |
| Special funds— | | | | | | | 486 |
| B.M.A. War Service Fund | .. | .. | 5,844 | Furniture, fittings, and equipment in camps and hospitals in New Zealand | .. | 101,818 | |
| Commercial Travellers and Warehousemen's Association Fund for Blinded Ex-servicemen | .. | .. | 1,668 | Less depreciation in reserve | .. | 68,655 | |
| New Zealand Sheepowners' Acknowledgment of Debt to British Seamen | .. | .. | 7,888 | Furniture, fittings, &c., Joint Council, &c. | .. | 1,499 | 33,163 |
| Sundry creditors, New Zealand and overseas | .. | .. | 104,565 | Less depreciation in reserve | .. | 892 | |
| Credits allowed Provincial Patriotic Councils against quotas for 1943-44 | .. | .. | 61,349 | Furniture and fittings, &c., Allied Services Club | .. | 6,368 | |
| Unexpended portion of Government prisoner-of-war grant | .. | .. | 16,578 | Less depreciation in reserve | .. | 3,856 | 2,512 |
| Insurance reserve | .. | .. | 7,895 | | | | |
| | | | | Furniture, fittings, and equipment— | | | |
| | | | | Office | .. | .. | 443 |
| | | | | Air Force Relations | .. | .. | 157 |
| | | | | Lady Galway Guild | .. | .. | 15 |
| | | | | War Library Service | .. | .. | 50 |
| | | | | Mechanical office appliances | .. | .. | 276 |
| | | | | Store | .. | .. | 100 |
| | | | | Postal Tobacco Section | .. | .. | 106 |
| | | | | Ice-cream plant, Middle East | .. | .. | 3,586 |
| | | | | Investments: Fixed deposits and Government stock— | | | |
| | | | | General Fund | .. | .. | 32,139 |
| | | | | Held against Sick and Wounded Reserve | .. | .. | 300,013 |
| | | | | Held in trust | .. | .. | 286 |
| | | | | Sundry debtors— | | | |
| | | | | New Zealand and overseas | .. | .. | 50,427 |
| | | | | Provincial Patriotic Councils on account quotas | .. | .. | 68,919 |
| | | | | Accrued interest | .. | .. | 2,361 |
| | | | | Payments in advance | .. | .. | 96 |
| | | | | Undistributed stocks of comforts in hand and transit (New Zealand and overseas) | .. | .. | 176,902 |
| | | | | Undistributed stocks of comforts in hand: Sick and wounded and prisoners of war | .. | .. | 67,600 |
| | | | | Cash in hands of agents (unexpended advances, New Zealand and overseas) | .. | .. | 120,962 |
| | | | | Cash in bank, 30th September, 1943 | .. | .. | 262,038 |
| | | | £1,225,771 | | | | £1,225,771 |

Contingent assets: Salvage of buildings, furnishings, radios, &c., supplied to clubs, and to Army, Navy, and Air Force units in New Zealand and overseas.

NOTES.—(1) The rent of premises and salaries of staff of the National Patriotic Fund Board are met from the Public Account. (2) Prior to this year, the receipts of the Board have been shown principally under two headings: (a) General, and (b) Sick, Wounded, and Prisoners of War, as specific collections were made for the latter purpose. Since 1941, however, moneys have been provided for the Board by Provincial Patriotic Councils on a quota basis, and the funds, in the majority of cases, were raised from the public for all purposes approved under the Patriotic Purposes Emergency Regulations 1939. Including the Sick and Wounded Reserve, expenditure on sick, wounded, and prisoners of war (the items for which are shown separately in the Accounts), considerably exceeds any funds raised specifically for this purpose.

G. A. HAYDEN, Secretary and 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, subject to the report of the Audit Office to the Minister of Internal Affairs dated 17th November, 1944.—CYRIL G. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

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