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FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADE-UNIONS

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT BY THE REGISTRAR OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES,
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1945

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, Section 9, and the Trade-unions Act, 1908, Section 16

THE REGISTRAR OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES to the HON. THE MINISTER.
SIR,— Wellington, 1st July, 1946.

I have the honour to submit the annual report of this Office for the year ended 31st December, 1945, in accordance with the provisions of the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, section 9, and the Trade-unions Act, 1908, section 16.

I have, &c.,
G. E. BRADLEY,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

REPORT

PART I.—FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

WAR DEATHS

Following representations made by representatives of friendly societies relative to the extra strain on their funds on account of deaths of members on war service, provision has been made by the Government, in respect of benefits paid to the beneficiaries of members of the Armed Forces who died as a result of the war, for payment to the societies of 50 per cent. of the death benefits for which the members contributed.

In connection with this matter, the following is an extract from a communication addressed to the Dominion Council of Friendly Societies by the Secretary to the Treasury:—

The Minister of Finance has directed that the normal basis of determining whether a death occurred as a result of the war is to be determined in the same manner as the War Pensions Board determines whether or not a dependant's allowance would be granted to the dependants of any person dying while a member of the Armed Forces. Normally, all servicemen dying overseas whether as a direct result of any action or otherwise will be eligible, but in the case of servicemen dying within New Zealand, then the circumstances in each case will have to be looked into.

REGISTRATIONS

One society was registered during the year—namely, Lyttelton Waterside Workers' Benefit Society.