

accommodated. The volume of work handled may be judged from the fact that daily 2,000 items are received inwards, and 1,900 sent outwards, excluding gratuity applications and the despatch of pay warrants.

CASUALTIES

Total 2 N.Z.E.F. Casualties as at 31st March, 1946

Casualty.	Theatre of War.									Totals.		
	Middle East and Italy.			United Kingdom.			Pacific.					
	Officers.	Other Ranks.	Totals.	Officers.	Other Ranks.	Totals.	Officers.	Other Ranks.	Totals.	Officers.	Other Ranks.	Totals.
Killed in action..	303	3,804	4,107	..	2	2	11	84	95	314	3,890	4,204
Died of wounds, &c.	120	1,785	1,905	..	1	1	8	37	45	128	1,823	1,951
Deaths due to accident	12	303	315	..	10	10	7	36	43	19	349	368
Died of sickness	13	250	263	..	8	8	4	29	33	17	287	304
Prisoners of war	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Missing	1	186	187	..	..	..	2	1	3	3	187	190
Wounded	1,183	16,563	17,746	..	3	3	23	208	231	1,206	16,774	17,980
Total	1,632	22,891	24,523	..	24	24	55	395	450	1,687	23,310	24,997

EXPENDITURE

The expenditure brought to charge under War Expenses Account—Army—during the financial year 1945-46, was £46,269,042, while credits-in-reduction totalled £21,251,518, making the net expenditure £24,017,524 for the year.

CONCLUSION

As may be expected during any period of reconstruction, the past year has been a difficult one for the Army. It has, however, been greatly assisted by the loyal and constant endeavour of all those still serving, and by the generous and whole-hearted co-operation of Government Departments and of civil organizations, to all of whom I should like to express my personal appreciation and gratitude.

N. W. McD. WEIR, Major-General,
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