

COURTS-MARTIAL—OFFENCES—MILITARY LAW

The reviewing of all court-martial proceedings has been continued. These have mainly originated from 2 N.Z.E.F. (Japan). Every endeavour has been made to standardize sentences and afford military offenders just remissions of sentence whenever they have been earned by good conduct.

WAR CRIMES

Investigation of war crimes has continued, and there are now few outstanding cases in which New Zealand soldiers are concerned. In many instances it has been found impossible to apprehend the accused persons, but such cases are kept continually under review.

MEDICAL SERVICES

The general health of troops has been good. The average sick rate per thousand men per day was 26.5, and the hospital admission rate 1.2. The total deaths from all causes were 20, including 7 accidental.

On 31st May, 1948, there were 15 medical officers serving full-time in the Army: all of these were in Japan, including 9 medical officers recruited in Great Britain.

The strength of the N.Z. Army Nursing Service was 62. Of these, 16 Sisters and 31 V.A.D.s were in Japan. Sixty-one were on full-time service and 1, the Matron-in-Chief, on part-time service.

All senior medical administrative posts in New Zealand were occupied by part-time medical officers, while an efficient camp service was supplied by visiting civilian medical practitioners.

The hygiene and sanitation of occupied camps remains good. The Hygiene Wing attached to the Army School of Instruction has been reconstituted and is now in a position to undertake the training of troops. Courses are being arranged for all three Services.

Stocktaking is now concluded at Base Medical Stores, Trentham. Mobilization equipment is now set out in sections available for issue at short notice. Boards of Survey have been held to arrange disposal of perishable stores, such as intravenous infusions. Any materials containing impurities have been destroyed.

Eye examinations and refractions have been carried out by approved civilian opticians. One thousand nine hundred and thirty full visual examinations have been carried out and 706 pairs of spectacles provided.

DENTAL SERVICES

The period covered by this report during which the Royal N.Z. Army Dental Corps was re-established in the role of an integrated Dental Service for the Navy, Army, and Air Force has been difficult from the manning aspect.

During the past period, due to releases to civil life and to lack of replacements, the strength of the Dental Service has gradually been reduced to the following:—

Headquarters Dental Services (Administrative), Navy, Army, Air, Army
Headquarters—

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| Director of Dental Services | 1 |
| Staff Officer and Quartermaster | 1 |
| Other rank | 1 |
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| W.A.A.F. (attached) | 1 |
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