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NEW ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD

(REPORT OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1948

*Presented to Both Houses of the General Assembly Pursuant to Section 41 of the
Patriotic and Canteen Funds Act, 1947*

The Hon. the MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Parliament Buildings, Wellington.

THE New Zealand Patriotic Fund Board has the honour to present, on its own behalf and on behalf of the National Patriotic Fund Board, reports and balance-sheet for the year ended 30th September, 1948, in accordance with Regulation 21 of the Patriotic Purposes Emergency Regulations 1939 and section 41 of the Patriotic and Canteen Funds Act, 1947, respectively.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD

INTRODUCTION

The activities of the Board, which concluded on the 30th April, 1948, covered a period of some eight and a half years, during which time it handled approximately £9,000,000. The various phases of its work have been dealt with in the annual reports.

To quote from the Patriotic Purposes Emergency Regulations 1939, the Board was charged with the responsibility for—

- (a) The relief of distress occasioned by the war, whether in New Zealand or elsewhere in the British Dominions, or in any territory under His Majesty's protection or mandate, or in any territory of any State allied to His Majesty, whether such territory was in enemy occupation or not.
- (b) The supply during the war of comforts, conveniences, special equipment, and assistance to members of (i) His Majesty's naval, military, and air Forces of New Zealand or of any other British State or the colonies or dependencies or mandated territories thereof respectively, or the naval, military, and air forces of any State at any time allied to His Majesty; (ii) The inter-colonial or foreign-going merchant navies of New Zealand or of any other British State or the colonies or dependencies or mandated territories thereof respectively, or of any State at any time allied to His Majesty; (iii) Any voluntary aid or other voluntary organization actually on service with His Majesty's naval, military, and air forces of New Zealand or of any other British State or the colonies or dependencies or mandated territories thereof respectively, or with the naval, military, or air forces of any State at any time allied to His Majesty.
- (c) The relief, assistance, and support of dependants of members of any naval, military, or air forces, merchant navy, or voluntary organization referred to in the preceding paragraph.
- (d) The relief, assistance, and support of persons who, having at any time during the war been members of any such naval, military, or air force, merchant navy, or voluntary organization, as aforesaid, and having ceased to be members of any such force, navy, or organization, may be disabled or out of employment, or otherwise in need, and the dependants of any such persons, or the dependants of any members of such naval, military, or air force, merchant navy or voluntary organization, as aforesaid, who have lost or may hereafter lose their lives as a result, direct or indirect, of service in the war.
- (e) The relief, assistance, or support of members of any such naval, military, or air force, merchant navy, or voluntary organization as aforesaid who may be sick or wounded, or prisoner of war.

In regard to prisoners of war, the moneys for food parcels were provided from patriotic funds until the 1st October, 1942, and thereafter by the Government.

REALIZATION OF ASSETS

The sum of £419,000 was realized on the sale of assets in New Zealand and overseas, and this amount is included in the general funds available for relief of distress of ex-servicemen and their dependants.

ASSETS

As at the 30th April, 1948, the liquid assets of the Board amounted to £1,358,632, and of this sum £400,000 was earmarked to provide comforts and amenities for the sick and wounded. In addition, the Board owned the homes known as Evelyn Firth (Auckland), Mowai (Wellington), Rannerdale (Christchurch), and Montecillo (Dunedin), and several recreation huts attached to hospitals.

BOARD MEMBERS

The members of the Board who held office at the conclusion of the Board's activities were—

His Excellency the Governor-General (Chairman).
 The Hon. Sir William Perry, M.L.C. (Deputy Chairman).
 A. H. Allen, Esq., C.B.E.
 J. A. C. Allum, Esq., C.B.E.
 Will Appleton, Esq.
 B. C. Ashwin, Esq., C.M.G.
 E. E. Brooking, Esq., M.B.E.
 D. C. Cameron, Esq.
 H. D. Caro, Esq.
 H. E. Combs, Esq., M.P.
 T. A. Duncan, Esq.
 Mr. Justice Goldstine, O.B.E.
 G. A. Hayden, Esq., C.B.E.
 T. W. Hercock, Esq., O.B.E.
 B. J. Jacobs, Esq., O.B.E.
 W. Jones, Esq., M.B.E.
 P. A. Kusabs, Esq.
 W. S. MacGibbon, Esq.
 W. Mulholland, Esq., O.B.E.
 E. R. Neale, Esq., O.B.E., M.P.
 The Hon. J. T. Paul, M.L.C.
 I. J. Quigley, Esq.
 The Hon. J. Roberts, M.L.C.
 F. W. Schramm, Esq.
 W. F. Sturman, Esq.
 L. O. H. Tripp, Esq., O.B.E.
 Percy Thomson, Esq., M.B.E.
 Colonel the Hon. F. Waite, M.L.C., C.M.G., O.B.E., D.S.O.
 C. A. Wilkinson, Esq.

APPRECIATION

At the final meeting of the Board the following resolutions were passed:—

That this final meeting of the National Patriotic Fund Board desires to place on record its appreciation of the great assistance given to the Board and the Provincial Councils throughout the whole of the war by the Government of New Zealand, particularly in paying all the staff salaries, office, store, and administration expenses of the Board; all internal and external freights on patriotic goods, and the cost of all prisoner-of-war parcels from 1st October, 1942, at a total cost of approximately £1,500,000; and generally for its ready co-operation in assisting the Board and the Provincial Councils at all times.

That this Board places on record its appreciation of the generosity of the people of New Zealand in subscribing the funds to enable the National Patriotic Fund Board and the Provincial Patriotic Councils to provide comforts and amenities for the Service personnel, and for the relief of distress overseas and the welfare of ex-service personnel. It also places on record its appreciation of the wonderful work carried out by the women of New Zealand in knitting, packing parcels, sewing, staffing clubs, and assisting in a multitude of other services. These made the patriotic effort of the Dominion possible.

The Board also expressed its appreciation of the action of the Government in introducing the Patriotic Purposes Emergency Regulations 1939, which were instrumental in co-ordinating all patriotic work in New Zealand and in making it the success it undoubtedly was.

NEW ZEALAND PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD

INTRODUCTION

The New Zealand Patriotic Fund Board, which was constituted under the Patriotic and Canteen Funds Act, 1947, for the purpose of administering the funds of the National Patriotic Fund Board for the benefit of sick, disabled, needy, or unemployed ex-servicemen of the 1939-45 War and their dependants, came into operation on the 1st May, 1948, the first members of the Board being :—

His Excellency the Governor-General.

The Under-Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Nominated by—

The National Patriotic Fund Board—

E. E. Brooking, Esq., M.B.E.

Mr. Justice Goldstone, O.B.E.

G. A. Hayden, Esq., C.B.E.

Hon. Sir William Perry, M.L.C.

Percy Thomson, Esq., M.B.E.

Northland Provincial Patriotic Council : William Jones, Esq., M.B.E.

Auckland Provincial Patriotic Council : J. A. C. Allum, Esq., O.B.E.

Waikato Provincial Patriotic Council : H. D. Caro, Esq.

Bay of Plenty Provincial Patriotic Council : P. A. Kusabs, Esq.

East Coast Provincial Patriotic Council : I. J. Quigley, Esq.

Hawkes Bay Provincial Patriotic Council : T. W. Hercock, Esq., O.B.E.

Taranaki Provincial Patriotic Council : C. A. Wilkinson, Esq.

Wellington Provincial Patriotic Council : Will Appleton, Esq.

Marlborough Provincial Patriotic Council : E. J. Harvey, Esq.

Nelson Provincial Patriotic Council : E. R. Neale, Esq., O.B.E., M.P.

Westland Provincial Patriotic Council : A. R. Elcock, Esq., M.B.E.

Canterbury Provincial Patriotic Council : W. S. MacGibbon, Esq.

Otago Provincial Patriotic Council : Sir Donald Cameron.

Southland Provincial Patriotic Council : W. F. Sturman, Esq.

New Zealand Returned Services' Association—

C. O. Bell, Esq.

Major-General Sir Howard Kippenberger, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

M. S. Myers, Esq.

Second N.Z.E.F. Association : J. Nigel Wilson, Esq.

New Zealand Homeservicemen's Association—

S. B. Butler, Esq.

Keith Mills, Esq.

A. J. McDonald, Esq.

Air Force Association : A. J. M. Manson, Esq.

Ex Royal Naval Men's Association and Merchant Service Guild : B. R. Bain, Esq.

His Excellency the Governor-General is Chairman of the Board, the Deputy Chairman being the Hon. Sir William Perry, M.L.C. Mr. G. A. Hayden is the Honorary Treasurer.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

The following table shows the position of the National and Provincial Funds as at 1st October, 1947, and the 30th September, 1948 :—

Provincial Patriotic Council.	Receipts.		Payments.	
	Balance on Hand, 1st October, 1947 (Including Investments).	Received, 1947-48.	Payments.	Balance on Hand, 30th September, 1948 (Including Investments).
	£	£	£	£
Northland	52,182	1,798	3,156	50,824
Auckland	237,446	9,281	7,663	239,064
Waikato	71,977	2,251	625	73,603
Bay of Plenty	47,099	*	*	*
East Coast	50,087	1,906	1,797	50,196
Hawkes Bay	135,080	4,173	1,349	137,904
Taranaki	94,877	*	*	*
Wellington	277,073	10,560	13,411	274,222
Marlborough	22,682	1,103	2,161	21,624
Nelson	85,282	2,668	2,547	85,403
Westland	39,210	880	160	39,930
Canterbury	151,440	5,136	13,451	143,125
Otago	263,544	7,521	11,789	259,276
Southland	103,839	3,320	6,652	100,507
	1,631,818	50,597	64,761	1,475,678

* Figures for Bay of Plenty and Taranaki are not available.

New Zealand Patriotic Fund Board

(Incorporating figures of the National Patriotic Fund Board)

Balance as at 1st October, 1947—	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Cash	76,049	0 0		
Investments	1,282,583	0 0		
			1,358,632	0 0
Receipts from all sources..			103,807	0 0
			1,462,439	0 0
Payments			150,236	0 0
			1,312,203	0 0
* Cash and investments as at 30/9/48			£1,312,203	0 0

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
* Cash	5,723	0 0				
Cash: Agents'	22,621	0 0				
			28,344	0 0		
Investments			1,283,859	0 0	1,312,203	0 0

EXPENDING AGENTS

At its first meeting the Board appointed the following expending agents :-

- The Joint Council of the Order of St. John and the New Zealand Red Cross Society.
- The Commercial Travellers' and Warehousemen's Blinded Servicemen's Trust Board.
- The High Commissioner for New Zealand in London.
- The New Zealand Senior Trade Commissioner in Australia, Sydney.
- Major K. R. Collins, Cairo.

The Joint Council of the Order of St. John and the New Zealand Red Cross Society

This organization is entrusted with the work of providing comforts and amenities for the sick and wounded, as well as the conduct of the four convalescent homes mentioned previously, and the recreation huts attached to the hospitals at Auckland, Rotorua, Lower Hutt, and Wellington. An important phase of the organization's work is that of diversional and occupational therapy, which does much towards promoting the happiness of patients, and in many instances equips them with a means of livelihood on discharge from hospital.

During the twelve months ended 31st March, 1948, the following comforts, &c., were distributed by the Joint Council to ex-service patients throughout New Zealand: -

Cigarettes (packets)	146,884
Tobacco (packets)	22,249
Tissues (packets)	22,257
Fruit (cases of 40 lb. each)	930
Chocolate and sweets (packets)	79,182
Cake (blocks)	713
Aerated waters (dozens)	72
Periodicals	26,752
Clothing (including pyjamas, dressing-gowns, and underclothing)	2,237
Handkerchiefs	2,033
Hospital supplies (including face-cloths, towels, sheets, hot-water bags, pillow-slips, &c.)	1,998
Soap (tablets)	144
Games of all kinds (including playing-cards, assorted games, table tennis, cricket-sets, golf-balls, &c.)	
Tea (lb.)	1,260
Sugar (lb.)	2,520
Books—a comprehensive range supplied to all homes and huts.	

In addition, supplies of tooth-paste, tooth brushes, razor blades, safety razors, &c., were made available when requested.

Picnic parties, sports events, concert parties, and other recreational facilities were also arranged for the sick throughout the year.

The Commercial Travellers' and Warehousemen's Blinded Servicemen's Trust Board

This Board has been appointed expending agent to provide relief, assistance, and support for blinded ex-servicemen and their dependants. An amount of £25,000 has been allocated for the purpose.

Expending Agents, England, Australia, and Cairo

These expending agents are provided with funds for the purpose of assisting New Zealand ex-servicemen in the respective countries.

POLICY

The following policy of expenditure, which is intended to secure co-ordination of effort and uniformity of procedure between this Board, the Canteen Fund Board, and the Provincial Patriotic Councils, has been adopted by the Board : —

- (1) That care be taken not to lay down any rigid rules as to assistance that may be granted.
- (2) That no time-limit be fixed for the expenditure of the funds except that they be expended in the lifetime of the discharged servicemen of the 1939–45 war. An actuarial investigation of all funds to be made immediately, and every three years thereafter.
- (3) That as many welfare committees as practicable be set up by the Provincial Patriotic Councils and that service organizations be requested to send cases for relief to those committees ; and, further, that the Welfare Committees and service organizations be asked to act on cases as early as possible without waiting until the need has become acute.
- (4) That moneys allocated in pursuance of clause (8) be expended to the individual through the same local channels, providing all Welfare Committees throughout the Dominion include in their membership representatives of the ex-service organizations as mentioned in the Act which may be constituted in their district, and who shall be nominated by the organizations concerned.
- (5) That shortness of service shall not debar an applicant from receiving assistance, and that the paramount consideration in granting assistance shall be the need of the applicant.
- (6) That cases be investigated on the basis of granting complete assistance rather than temporary relief.
- (7) That to achieve uniformity throughout the Dominion, assistance to any individual shall be—
 - From local Welfare Committees, not more than £50 in any one year ;
 - From Provincial Patriotic Councils, at the discretion of the Council,—
 but it is recommended to Provincial Councils that, in order to obtain uniformity, they refer any application exceeding £100 to an individual to the combined Welfare Committee of the New Zealand Patriotic Fund Board and the Canteen Fund Board for reimbursement in approved cases.
- (8) That, in connection with individual relief, the funds of both the New Zealand Patriotic Fund Board and the Canteen Fund Board be spent *pro rata*, according to the amount allocated by each Board, subject to clause (4).
- (9) That all Welfare Committees be visited and the full policy explained to them.
- (10) That Provincial Patriotic Councils be recommended to provide adequate liaison between the service organizations who are administering their own funds and local welfare organizations.

WELFARE CONFERENCE

A conference between Provincial Welfare Committees and the Board was held during the year with a view to obtaining uniformity of procedure and to prevent overlapping, as well as to ensure that ex-servicemen will receive equality of treatment irrespective of where they reside or enlisted.

HOMES FOR EX-SERVICEMEN

A considerable amount of preliminary work has been done in connection with the establishment of homes for ex-servicemen. It has been ascertained that there are three types of cases to be cared for—

- (a) The aged veteran,
- (b) The bedridden case,
- (c) The convalescent.

In regard to (a), there appear to be few, if any, aged veterans of the 1939–45 war, but it is thought there is a number who saw service in the 1914–18 war and again in the last war who would soon be within this category. The Board is negotiating with the Auckland Veteran's Home Board in regard to these men. As regards (b), this class of case is receiving care in the homes conducted by the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and the New Zealand Red Cross Society on behalf of the Board. In respect of (c), it has been decided to establish two homes, one in the North Island and one in the South Island, and inquiry is being made for suitable sites on which to erect the homes.

RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE

All applications from ex-servicemen in New Zealand for assistance are submitted in the first instance to the Provincial Patriotic Councils' Welfare Committees. In accordance with national policy a number of special cases have been referred to the Board by Provincial Councils, and under this heading fifty cases have been dealt with and grants totalling £3,371 have been made. In addition, loans totalling £1,150 have been made mainly from a bequest to the Board by the late Mrs. Helen Ross, of Wellington.

Further, assistance has been granted by the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London to eighty-nine New Zealand ex-servicemen, mainly bursars, to the extent of £1,859.

For and on behalf of the
New Zealand Patriotic Fund Board:

A. H. GIBSON, Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD

* RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT, 1ST OCTOBER, 1947, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1948

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
	£	s.	d.
Interest on investments—			
General	27,650	13	7
Sick and wounded	10,890	5	6
Investments matured	18,583	11	6
Refund of unexpended advances to agents	40	10	10
Donations	1,696	13	1
Hospital fees, &c.	27,481	14	3
Sundry receipts overseas	1,349	3	10
Reimbursement from art-union profits : Account expenditure on welfare of troops overseas	3,500	0	0
Miscellaneous receipts and recoveries	2,808	4	10
Sale of assets recovered or on charge at nominal value	28,530	2	9
	<u>122,531</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
	£	s.	d.
Cash in hand and at bank, 1st October, 1947	45,153	7	4
Cash in hand of agents, 1st October, 1947	30,895	17	2
	<u>£198,580</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>
Refund of amounts held on deposit			10,672
Expended by agents overseas			16,836
Comforts—			
Troops in New Zealand			408
Troops overseas			5,017
Expended by agents in New Zealand—			
Navy League			34
Church of England Military Affairs (Committee Y.M.C.A.)			77
Joint Council (sick and wounded)			773
Miscellaneous			81,473
Helen Ross Trust			57
Comforts for hospitals in New Zealand			2,696
Food for Britain			1,762
Realization of assets			29,070
Insurance			28
Administration expenses, including travelling-expenses of Board Members			240
Purchase of motor-vehicles			869
Amounts invested			715
			<u>20,000</u>
	<u>£170,236</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
Cash in hand and at bank, 30th September, 1948	£	s.	d.
Cash in hand of agents, 30th September, 1948	5,723	9	8
	<u>£198,580</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>

* Includes accounts of the National Patriotic Fund Board from 1st October, 1947, to 30th April, 1948, on which date the funds were vested in the New Zealand Patriotic Fund Board.

NEW ZEALAND PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD—continued
 * INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, 1ST OCTOBER, 1947, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1948

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Grants and comforts supplied to ex-servicemen and service-men overseas	7,592	10	3	Donations	42	18	4
Prisoner-of-war expenses overseas	221	16	10	Interest on investments	27,413	8	7
Expenditure by agents in New Zealand	77	15	8	Sale of assets recovered or on charge at nominal value	30,067	4	1
Depreciation Reserve	43	0	0	Reimbursement from art-union profits on account of troops overseas	3,708	10	10
Administration expenses, including travelling-expenses of Board members	701	13	8	Miscellaneous receipts and recoveries	423	2	11
Surplus for year, transferred to Accumulated Fund	53,018	8	4				
	<u>£61,655</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£61,655</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>

SICK AND WOUNDED RESERVE

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Net cost of maintaining convalescent homes, comforts, and amenities for sick and wounded	40,039	7	4	1st October, 1947: Balance	383,686	2	10
30th September, 1948: Balance	354,537	1	0	Interest on investments	10,890	5	6
	<u>£394,576</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£394,576</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>
				30th September, 1948: By Balance	354,537	1	0
					<u>£354,537</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>

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HELEN ROSS TRUST

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Grants to ex-servicemen	2,696	19	0	..	5,349	3	9
30th September, 1948: Balance	2,769	4	9	..	117	0	0
					..	£5,466	3	9
					..	£	s.	d.
					..	2,769	4	9
					..			
					..	£	s.	d.
					..	2,769	4	9

SPECIFIC BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS FOR SICK AND WOUNDED

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Expenditure	2,539	6	7	..	2,979	19	4
30th September, 1948: Balance	1,714	6	11	..	1,273	14	2
					..	£4,253	13	6
					..	£	s.	d.
					..	1,714	6	11

NEW ZEALAND PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD—continued

FOOD FOR BRITAIN

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Expenditure
Transfer to General Account	35,380	18 2	..	35,762	12 8
30th September, 1948: Balance	381 14 6
1st October, 1947: Balance
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	£35,762 12 8			£35,762 12 8		
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B.M.A. WAR SERVICES FUND

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Refund of deposit
1st October, 1947: Balance	19 0 2	18 13 11	..
Interest	6 3
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	£19 0 2			£19 0 2		
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NEW ZEALAND SHEEPOWNERS' ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEBT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Refund of deposit	9,448	15	0	9,355	1	5
				..	93	13
				..	7	
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	£9,448	15	0	£9,448	15	0
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				1st October, 1947: Balance
				Interest

BLINDED SERVICEMEN'S FUND

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Expenditure	Nil.	..	25,000	0
30th September, 1948: Balance	25,000	0
			0	0
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	£25,000	0	0	£25,000	0	0
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				30th September, 1948: By balance
				
					25,000	0
					0	0
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					25,000	0
					0	0
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NOTE.—Rent of premises and salaries of staff of the New Zealand Patriotic Fund Board are met from the Public Account.

G. A. HAYDEN, Hon. Treasurer.
A. H. GIBSON, Secretary.

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.—J. P. RUTHERFORD, Controller and Auditor-General.

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