

Wooden crosses, to mark the graves until such time as permanent work is carried out, were placed on 123 graves, in addition to which 250 wooden crosses were renovated.

The following is the list of cemeteries in which permanent work, including the erection of military headstones, was completed, the number of graves being shown in parentheses:—

Auckland District: Hamilton West (5), Shortland (Thames) (6), Te Aroha (6), Leamington (1), Te Awamutu (2), Kimihia (3), Buffalo (Thames) (1), Ngaruawahia (2), Tararu (Thames) (2), Hamilton East (19), Hautapu (10), Hillsborough (1).

Bay of Plenty District: Opitiki (3), Rotorua (12), Tauranga (6).

Hawke's Bay District: Makaretu (1), Mangatera (9), Park Island (Napier) (13), Ruataniwha (1), Te Hauke (1), Hastings (10), Ormondville (2), Waipukurau (22), Norsewood (1).

Taranaki District: Aramoho (14), Wanganui Old (1), Mangaweka (1), Wanganui Roman Catholic (3), Mount View (1), Manaia (2).

Wellington District: Masterton (10), Greatford (1), Greytown (3), Karori Soldiers' (248), Karori Public (39), Sanson (2), St. Mary's (Karori) (1), Rongotea (1), Waikanae (1), Feilding (1), Levin (3), Papawai (2), Te Ore Ore (1).

Canterbury District: Addington (4), Leeston (1), Lincoln (1), Lyttelton (3), Templeton (1), Waterton (1), Prebbleton (1), Kowai (1), Woodend (1).

Otago and Southland Districts: Anderson's Bay (Dunedin) (27), Gore (9), Northern (Dunedin) (17), Oamaru (13), Southern (Dunedin) (18), Queenstown (1), Bluff (1), Athol (1), Waikaka (1), Eastern (Invercargill) (28), Winton (8), Wyndham (2).

In addition to the above, contracts were entered into and permanent work partly completed in 68 cemeteries, containing 450 graves.

*War Graves Abroad.*—In the theatres of war, at the overseas bases and ports of call, the New Zealand Expeditionary Force lost a total of 16,284 officers and men. Of this number, the burial places of 10,060 have been located, and 6,224 are recorded as "lost."

The "known" graves are contained in 475 cemeteries, and memorials to the missing erected in selected cemeteries representative of the area in which the men fell commemorate the names of those whose graves cannot be located.

In France and Belgium there are 300 cemeteries containing 7,881 New-Zealanders' graves. Permanent work has been completed in 155 of these cemeteries, embracing 4,579 graves.

Permanent work on all war graves in Gallipoli, Egypt, Aegean Islands, and Switzerland has been completed. In Palestine there are 236 graves, located in 8 cemeteries. Work has been completed on 65 graves in 4 cemeteries.

In the United Kingdom there is a total of 719 graves in 110 cemeteries. Of this number permanent work has been completed on 487 graves in 29 cemeteries.

On the Island of Malta 72 were buried in 3 cemeteries, and there remains but one grave to complete.

The New Zealand Government's expenditure for the year on the work of overseas war graves was approximately £30,000, bringing the total to date to £150,000.

Cemetery Registers containing regimental and family particulars of those buried in the various cemeteries, which are sold at the wholesale cost of 3s. each, were distributed to 748 next-of-kin.

The work of distributing free sets of photographs of overseas war graves to relatives commenced during the year, and the total disposed of was 1,747.

#### PUBLICITY.

*Publicity Board.*—The Board has held meetings regularly throughout the year, which has been noted for steady progress in all the usual publicity activities.

*Work of the Office.*—In addition to the regular channels for the distribution of propaganda numerous other valuable opportunities for publicity presented themselves, and these were taken full advantage of. The two most important were the visit of the United States Fleet and the tour of the Imperial Press delegates.

In connection with the former, publicity activities commenced in Honolulu, where New Zealand scenic film, forwarded for the occasion, was placed on board the various ships of the fleet. Some 50,000 ft. of film was displayed by this means. During the stay of the vessels in New Zealand 60,000 publications were distributed amongst the ships' complements, besides 5,000 photographs. A special souvenir booklet was published for the occasion, and proved most popular amongst the personnel of the fleet. Suitably bound photographic albums were presented to the principal officers. As a result of the visit very valuable contacts were made with newspaper representatives and publicity men attached to the fleet.

On the occasion also of the visit of the Press delegates a special souvenir booklet was issued, and large numbers of photographs were widely distributed.

Another event of importance from a publicity standpoint was the visit of the cruise-ship "Carinthia" with 400 American tourists on board. This vessel was well supplied with publicity pamphlets, and a presentation album of photographs was provided for permanent display on the ship. A fair idea of the value of the tourist traffic may be gathered from the fact that a conservative estimate of the disbursements in the Dominion of the "Carinthia" and her passengers during a three days' stay amounted to no less than £20,000. This includes stores, light and harbour dues, rail and accommodation expenses, and personal expenditure.

Reference must also be made to the visit to the Dominion of the well-known novelist Mr. Zane Grey. Upon his return to America Mr. Grey proposes to display throughout the States cinematograph film depicting sword-fishing and trout-fishing in New Zealand. He is also publishing a book of his experiences with the big game fish of these waters. The publicity gained from this visit is certain to prove of great value, and it is confidently anticipated that as a result next year will show a very large influx of overseas sportsmen.