

REVERSE LEND—LEASE

NEW ZEALAND TO UNITED STATES

A KORERO Report

SUPPLIES AND services provided by Australia and New Zealand to United States forces in the Pacific theatre in the six months to June 30, 1944, increased materially in quantity and in monetary value over the totals for the preceding six months. This is shown in the 17th Report to Congress on Reverse Lend-Lease operations. This increase was the more remarkable because most of the United States forces previously based in Australia and New Zealand had been moving out of these countries as the battle lines advanced far northward into the Philippines and the islands of the Central Pacific. The increase in reverse lend-lease in this theatre reflects in some measure the very important part played by Australia and New Zealand in supplying the forces under General MacArthur with the tre-

mendous quantities of equipment and other supplies required for the great operations in the Philippines and beyond, which are still under way.

Both Australia and New Zealand are devoting 18 per cent. of their total war budgets to paying the cost of the reverse lend-lease programme for the United States forces. Supplies, equipment, services, and facilities have been provided by Australia and New Zealand to meet many of the needs of all branches of the United States Army in this theatre, including the Quartermaster Corps, Ordnance, the Medical Corps, the Engineers, the Signal Corps, the Transportation Corps, and the Air Corps. One of the most vital supply responsibilities undertaken by Australia and New Zealand for United States forces has been the production of \$36,500,000 worth of landing

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