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NEW ZEALAND

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD

(REPORT OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1944

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The Hon. MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Wellington.

THE National Patriotic Fund Board has the honour to present its fifth annual report and balance-sheet for the year ended 30th September, 1944.

I. INTRODUCTION

The expenditure of patriotic moneys by the Board and its agents during the year constituted a record. This was due firstly to the need for supplying comforts and amenities to men of the Third New Zealand Division as well as Naval and Air Force personnel serving in Pacific islands under primitive conditions, and secondly to the need for servicing the Second New Zealand Division while on active service in the Middle East and Italy.

In both theatres of war, changes were frequent, necessitating the establishment of many new rest centres or service clubs. As an offset against these increased demands, the home-defence Forces were largely demobilized, thus reducing expenditure in New Zealand mainly to requirements associated with mobilization centres for overseas drafts.

The annual gross cash expenditure of the Board, exclusive of expenditure by the Provincial Patriotic Councils, was as follows:—

				£
1939-40	233,737
1940-41	547,644
1941-42	1,097,944
1942-43	1,601,725
1943-44	1,857,281
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				£5,338,331
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Gross cash receipts, again exclusive of Provincial Patriotic Funds, for the same period were £6,241,764.

II. SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

The following table shows the state of the Provincial and National Patriotic Funds as at 1st October, 1943, receipts and payments during the year, and the funds held as at 30th September, 1944 :—

	Receipts.		Payments.		
	Balance on Hand, 1st October, 1943.	Received, 1943-44.	Budget Payments to Board.	Miscellaneous Payments.	Balance on Hand, 30th September, 1944.
	£	£	£	£	£
Auckland	213,564	359,641	194,164	83,438	295,603
East Coast	32,711	31,129	12,822	8,744	42,274
Hawke's Bay	73,031	71,460	29,306	17,268	97,917
Taranaki	59,255	54,416	23,370	10,955	79,346
Wellington	138,294	244,230	125,131	72,193	185,200
Marlborough	15,666	16,818	7,458	6,817	18,209
Nelson	64,544	31,152	12,037	9,801	73,858
Westland	26,112	14,891	5,253	3,555	32,195
Canterbury	127,995	202,404	120,899	98,700	110,800
Otago	195,606	133,964	46,419	30,380	252,771
Southland	86,817	56,347	25,916	17,573	99,675
	<u>1,033,595</u>	<u>1,216,452</u>	<u>602,773</u>	<u>359,424</u>	<u>1,287,848</u>

Auckland balance on hand, 30th September, 1944, £295,603, adjusted internally between Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Northland, and Waikato (new provincial patriotic districts).

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	£
Balance as at 1st October, 1943: Cash and investments ..	604,181
Receipts from Provincial Councils and all other sources ..	<u>1,267,976</u>
	1,872,157
Less payments	<u>1,234,353</u>
Balance, 30th September, 1944: Cash and investments..	<u>£637,804</u>

III. WORK BY EXPENDING AGENTS

General.—The ramifications of the work of the expending agents of the Board have been fully explained in previous reports. The Board again wishes to express its gratitude for the outstanding services rendered by these agents in New Zealand and overseas, whose collective assistance has enabled the Dominion to provide a war-comforts service probably second to none in the theatres of war in which New Zealand servicemen were engaged.

The work of the expending agents operating in camps in New Zealand only decreased in consequence of the demobilization of home-defence Forces. Advances to Commissioners and agents overseas amounted to £486,905 during the year; advances to the

Catholic War Services Committee, the Church of England Military Affairs Committee, the Salvation Army War Services Board, and the Y.M.C.A. War Services Committee amounted in all to £258,129: and advances to the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and New Zealand Red Cross Society for sick and wounded and prisoners of war were £286,115.

The following is a summary of the work of the chief expending agents during the year:—

(a) *Catholic War Services Fund Board*: This Board operated seven patriotic recreation huts at the close of the year. The capital value of the huts and furnishings was £10,829, and the number of employees, apart from voluntary workers, was seven.

(b) *Church of England Military Affairs Committee*: At the close of the year this organization operated overseas one recreation hut at Base, Middle East, three marquees with Chaplains, Middle East, one recreation hut at Norfolk Island (total staff, six), in addition to one representative with the Prisoners of War Organization in England, and in New Zealand five recreation huts and eight Air Force chapels. The staff numbered eleven.

(c) *Salvation Army War Services Board*: The patriotic recreation huts under the charge of the Salvation Army were twenty-seven at the commencement and eight at the close of the year. The number of Salvation Army Welfare Officers employed was fifty-four at the commencement and twelve at the close of the year. The capital value of the huts was £7,606 and the equipment in the huts £4,268.

(d) *Y.M.C.A. War Services Committee*: The number of patriotic recreation huts serviced on behalf of the Board at the close of the year was fifty-nine in New Zealand—*i.e.*, thirty-five Air Force, sixteen Army, three Navy, and five hospital huts. In Egypt the Lowry Hut and Central Hut at Maadi Camp were maintained during the year and the hostel at Alexandria continued in operation. Rest centres and other amenities provided in the Middle East and Italy by this organization as agents of the Board are referred to under “Work Overseas.”

(e) *Navy League War Council*: This Council continued its good work in assisting the Board to provide woollen and other comforts for men in the Navy and Merchant Navy in New Zealand and overseas.

(f) *Overseas Seamen's Gift Committee, Wellington*: This Committee, together with a similar Committee in Auckland associated with the Auckland Metropolitan Patriotic Committee, continued to provide personnel on overseas merchant ships with gift parcels, woollen comforts, books, periodicals, and other ship-board amenities, provided principally from Patriotic Funds.

(g) *New Zealand Lady Galway Patriotic Guild*: From the commencement of the war to the end of the year this organization despatched overseas 6,829 cases of reconditioned garments for use in bombed-out areas in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

(h) *Air Force Relations*: The work of this organization was greatly extended during the year to cope with additional demands for woollens for an expanded Air Force in New Zealand and in other parts of the world. The work is reflected in the return of woollen goods shown later in the report.

(i) *Sick, Wounded, and Prisoners of War*: The gross expenditure of the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and New Zealand Red Cross Society as an expending agent of the Board was £339,852 for sick and wounded and prisoners of war. The Government grant for prisoner of war food parcels and packing-expenses was £196,842. The number of prisoners of war to be cared for during the year was approximately eight thousand. Food parcels for these men were packed by public-spirited voluntary women workers who regularly attended the packing-room in Wellington. Each week approximately eight thousand food parcels were packed and despatched. These parcels were added to the International Red Cross pool, and whilst there was no guarantee that New

Zealanders in prison camps scattered throughout Europe would receive a New Zealand parcel, there was a guarantee that a parcel from the pool would be despatched to each of our prisoners of war each week.

The Joint Council, on behalf of the Board, maintained the following convalescent homes in New Zealand : Fairview, Auckland ; Mowai, Wellington ; Montecillo, Dunedin ; Evelyn Firth, Auckland ; Rannerdale, Christchurch.

Prisoner of war inquiry offices in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin were maintained at the expense of Patriotic Funds.

IV. SPECIAL PHASES OF PATRIOTIC WORK

(a) *Kiwi Concert Party*.—This party returned to New Zealand on furlough from the Middle East and toured the Dominion on behalf of Patriotic Funds. The net amount realized on the tour was £6,803.

(b) *Anzac Division, British War Relief Society*.—A donation of £5,000 was received towards the establishment of a leave centre at New Caledonia and supplies of sports gear, cigarettes, indoor games, and writing-paper were shipped to the Board as a gift from the Society. The Board expresses its thanks for the continued assistance of this organization.

(c) *Radio Telephone Appeal*.—This was held on the evening of 24th June, 1944, and realized £74,313.

(d) *Assistance to Allied Nationals*.—From 12th to 17th June, 1944, a special appeal was arranged on behalf of Allied nationals and £38,672 was realized. Local organizations of Allied nationals collected the money, aided by Provincial Patriotic Councils and the Board.

(e) *Unaddressed Quarterly Gift Parcels*.—During the year four unaddressed patriotic gift parcels were despatched for each New Zealand serviceman or servicewoman overseas. The parcels for Army and Air personnel were packed by Provincial Patriotic Councils, those for the Navy personnel by a women's committee of the Auckland Navy League, and those for servicewomen by the New Zealand Townswomen's Guild, Wellington.

(f) *Recreation Huts in New Zealand*.—During 1943-44 the number of troops in New Zealand decreased considerably and practically all the smaller camps were closed. The R.N.Z.A.F. increased in size and opened several new stations. Recreation huts were transferred from closed Army camps to these Air stations. Towards the end of this period the Air Force closed a number of their establishments. At the 30th September, seventy-nine institutions were operating in Air stations, Army camps, and naval bases in New Zealand.

(g) *Tobacco Parcels*.—Under the Board's free-of-duty tobacco and cigarette postal scheme, 62,000 parcels were packed and despatched overseas. The principal demand was for cigarette tobacco, and the majority of the parcels were ordered for the Middle East, although the demand for cigarettes for personnel in England increased in comparison with the previous year. Relays of approximately sixteen voluntary women workers attended daily during the year, and a high standard of packing and wrapping was achieved by these workers, the majority of whom assisted for three years. The Board expresses its sincere thanks to them, and to Mrs. B. Reid, J.P., who has been in charge of the voluntary packers since the inception of the scheme.

(h) *Patriotic Free-of-duty Chocolate Scheme*.—The Board, in association with the Post and Telegraph Department, inaugurated this scheme on 17th January, 1944. The scheme proved an instantaneous success, 85,796 orders being received to 30th September. Each pack contains 2 lb. block chocolate sealed in a tin, and in the nine months under review the total weight of chocolate sent overseas was 77 tons.

V. WOOLLEN COMFORTS

The following table shows cumulative number of woollen goods made and issued :—

*Cumulative Return of Woollen Goods made and issued, including Year ended
30th September, 1944*

	Balaclavas.	Gloves (pairs).	Mittens (pairs).	Pullovers.	Scarves.	Seaboot Stockings.	Socks (pairs).	Miscellaneous.	Rescue Kits.
Army	25,023	860	20,860	3,142	60,270	..	59,081	1,720	..
Air Force Relations	40,718	5,397	46,420	66,140	54,464	..	9,673	7,285	..
Navy League and patriotic issues	32,012	5,905	26,649	20,203	26,514	8,725	29,129	6,633	..
Overseas (Army, Navy, and Air Force)	225,966	4,833	146,544	17,384	175,155	2,569	48,328	13,876	293
Totals ..	323,719	16,995	240,473	106,869	316,403	11,294	146,211	29,514	293
Stocks on hand—									
Army	15,693	30	17,653	344	21,789	..	5,831	222	..
Navy	1,492	137	1,014	791	1,936	615	2,004	635	104
Air Force ..	4,634	15	7,454	1,385	6,667	5	43	5,153	..
Grand totals ..	345,538	17,177	266,594	109,389	346,795	11,914	154,089	35,524	397

Hussifs—Made and issued: Army, 130,817; Navy, 7,926; Air Force, 29,107. Stocks on hand: Army, 587; Navy, 81.

Unknitted wool issued to servicemen and servicewomen in lieu of garments: Army, 114 lb.; Navy, 480 lb.; Air Force, 8 lb.

NOTE.—During the year stocks of khaki woollens were returned to the Board from Army camp in New Zealand; the net local issues were reduced accordingly. These stocks were later exported and are now shown under the heading "Overseas."

The Board wishes to express its appreciation of the work performed by thousands of women throughout New Zealand in helping to maintain the supply of woollen comforts to our servicemen and servicewomen in all parts of the world.

The Board wishes particularly to record the outstanding services rendered by the Navy League branches and by Mrs. J. Sutherland Ross (Dunedin), Mrs. L. Wyatt (Christchurch), and Mrs. A. A. Stichbury, Wellington, who, with Mr. R. Darroch, Hon. Secretary, New Zealand Navy League War Council, worked in close association with the Board in supervising the knitting and provision of naval woollen comforts in these respective centres. The Board also wishes to thank Commander Palmer for similar work performed in the Auckland area.

Similarly, the Board records its appreciation of the able voluntary services rendered by Mrs. L. M. Isitt (Chairwoman) and Miss Constance Morice (Hon. Secretary), Air Force Relations, and the numerous band of helpers who arranged the knitting of Patriotic Air Force woollens for issue in New Zealand and overseas.

The work of knitting khaki woollen comforts for Army personnel was supervised, for the most part, by the Mayoress in each centre, under the control of Provincial Patriotic Councils. The Board expresses its thanks to all who assisted.

Mrs. William Deans, of Darfield, in association with the Canterbury Federation of Women's Institutes, continued the work of supervising the collection of sheep-skins and making them into sheep-skin jackets for the North Sea patrol and for airmen overseas.

VI. WORK OVERSEAS

General.—The expenditure under this heading (less buffet and other receipts) was £318,748, as compared with £197,461 for the previous year.

Goods shipped to combat areas overseas during the year weighed 2,534 tons (approximately 78,000 cases) and the value of the goods was £429,232. This does not include goods despatched for sick, wounded, or prisoners of war supplied to the Forces Club, Cairo, or goods issued to Navy, Army, and Air Force stations in New Zealand, visiting ships, and Navy and Air Force drafts proceeding overseas. The destinations of the goods shipped overseas were United Kingdom, Middle East, India, Canada, 3rd Division (forward area) Pacific, 3rd Division (base), No. 1 Islands Group, Fiji, Tonga, Norfolk, Samoa, transports, hospital ships, special service U.S. Navy, and Russia.

Items taken at random from the list of goods sent overseas during the year are as follows :—

	Pacific.	Middle East.
Balaclavas .. .. .	..	110,404
Biscuits (lb.)	276,000	23,562
Cake (lb.)	85,424	25,028
Chocolate (lb.) .. .. .	..	96,000
Cigarettes	1,385,550	7,602,000
Cordials (bottles)	41,820	7,536
Cups	20,413	8,160
Darts	23,636	576
Envelopes	5,743,900	249,000
Football boots (pairs)	2,497	2,250
Jerseys .. .. .	..	270
Letter-cards	140,000	..
Letterheads	15,678,500	3,743,000
Mittens .. .. .	..	50,204
Mutton-birds .. .. .	..	4,000
Penholders	13,392	5,540
Playing-cards (packs)	21,600	4,320
Razor-blades (packets)	4,500	260
Scarves .. .. .	..	72,327
Shortbread (lb.)	14,650	..
Shorts (pairs)	96	129
Shaving-brushes	5,000	..
Sugar (lb.)	50,640	22,400
Table-tennis balls	34,856	144
Tea (lb.)	92,600	..
Toffee (lb.)	73,500	93,012

The total number of gift parcels sent overseas during the year was 321,942, and gift Christmas tobacco parcels 8,550.

It should be noted that the shipments to the Middle East were merely to supplement existing stocks, whereas to the Pacific initial shipments are included.

Australia.—During the year the patriotic organizations in Sydney—the New Zealand Auxiliary War Unit, the New Zealand Association, and the New Zealand Branch of the Returned Soldiers' and Sailors' Imperial League of Australia—in conjunction with Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. Mothes, the Army Liaison Officer, and Mr. W. Taylor, New Zealand Trade and Tourist Commissioner, Sydney, continued to care for all visiting personnel. Trips were arranged through the city and country districts, and dances and other entertainments were held in honour of all visiting troops. The Rector of St. Martins Church, Manly, the Rev. Mr. Elbs, placed a hostel at the disposal of visiting personnel and made them welcome.

During the year the Secretary of the Board visited Sydney and Melbourne and arranged for the establishment of clubs in Melbourne on the same lines as those operating in Sydney, so that personnel passing through could be suitably entertained.

India.—As stated in last year's report, New Zealand Service personnel in India are attached mainly to British units. These have continued to be well served through the good offices of Mr. C. R. C. Gardiner, the Board's honorary Commissioner in Bombay.

Towards the end of the year a club was established at Calcutta, known as the Anzac Welfare Centre, conjointly controlled by the Australian Comforts Fund and the Board, and the thanks of the people of New Zealand are due to Mr. Gardiner for the whole-hearted way in which he has organized the welfare service over his very large and scattered area.

During the year notices were placed in all newspapers in the Dominion requesting next-of-kin to advise the name of any New Zealand serviceman attached to the Indian Command, in order that patriotic parcels could be issued by Mr. Gardiner. Owing to the shortage of supplies in New Zealand, arrangements were made with the New Zealand Military Liaison Officer in Colombo to purchase in India sports goods, writing-paper, and other items not procurable elsewhere.

Middle East and Italy.—The forward move of the Division from Africa to Italy created a long supply route and necessitated the opening of an advance base at Bari. Owing to the fact that shipping was from New Zealand to Cairo, and not to Italy, all goods had to be consigned to Maadi store and then transferred to Advance Base as occasion arose. In all such moves as this, essential Army equipment, ammunition, and food must have first priority. Consequently, there was always the time-lag, when troops moved forward, until the supply line of the comforts caught up. The Y.M.C.A. and Church Army Secretaries, mobile cinemas, and mobile canteens moved with the Force to Italy. It was not long before a Forces Club was opened at Bari, together with the New Zealand Y.M.C.A., Church Army, and Lowry huts. Bari remained the main base in Italy during the year under review.

The patriotic organization during this period was represented by the National Patriotic Fund Board and Sick and Wounded Commissioners in Italy, who frequently visited Cairo. The main base at Cairo dealt not only with the forward supplies for the Division, but also serviced the R.N.Z.A.F. details in the Middle East. The Y.M.C.A. hostel at Alexandria catered for all visiting New Zealand personnel and also forwarded comforts to Navy personnel.

The purchase of supplies of sports goods and other comforts could not be made in Italy to any extent, and, apart from those sent direct from New Zealand, these had to be purchased in Egypt and forwarded to Italy.

During the year under review Lieutenant-Colonel Waite returned to New Zealand on furlough, and was relieved by Brigadier A. S. Falconer.

United Kingdom.—The High Commissioner for New Zealand in London, Mr. W. J. Jordan, has continued to act as the Board's representative, being ably assisted by the New Zealand War Services Association. The New Zealand Forces Club has continued to function. The manner in which this organization deals with goods may be gathered from the following extracts from letters and reports received :—

An L.A.C., writing to express his thanks, stated : " It is good to know that although serving away from the main New Zealand Forces, one is not forgotten by the folks at home."

" As I came to England as a civilian and joined the British Forces, I was particularly thrilled to be included as a New Zealander to whom parcels are sent by the National Patriotic Fund Board."

Nine thousand parcels were forwarded to Great Britain quarterly, and 100,000 cigarettes for free distribution. In addition, at Christmas time a similar number of parcels were forwarded, containing 200 cigarettes, 12 oz. tobacco, and 8 packets cigarette-papers. These were specially packed by a voluntary committee in Wellington, but were labelled and despatched through the post by the New Zealand War Services Association, London, to all New Zealanders serving in detached units throughout Great Britain, Gibraltar, Malta, and the West African zone. Special supplies of New Zealand lamb and canned fruit were forwarded to England to enable a Christmas party to be held at the Forces Club.

In anticipation of a German surrender, towards the end of the year Major S. C. Read was appointed Commissioner for the Board in England to care for repatriated prisoners of war. Major Read was provided with £25,000 stg., in addition to large supplies of comforts which were sent forward for the benefit of the men who had been behind barbed wire for some years. A special staff of Y.M.C.A. personnel under Mr. C. Cassells accompanied Major Read to Great Britain to assist in this work. Unfortunately, the release of our prisoners of war did not take place during the year under review.

At this time also Colonel Waite, the Board's Commissioner in the Middle East, and Lady Freyberg were in London making the necessary arrangements for the opening of a special club for repatriated prisoners of war.

The men of the Royal Navy and New Zealand Naval and Air Force personnel were not forgotten, sheep-skin jackets and woollen goods being sent to them from New Zealand in addition to gift parcels and cigarettes.

Canada.—The Anzac Club, Halifax, which was financed proportionately by the Australian Comforts Fund and the National Patriotic Fund Board, continued to function during the major portion of the year. Professor C. L. Bennett was Chairman of the committee controlling the club, Mr. W. E. Rockinhead was Hon. Secretary, and Mr. F. K. Gresham, New Zealand Y.M.C.A., was attached to the club as Manager. This club was the last contact New Zealand Air Force personnel in training in Canada had with the Board prior to their departure for the United Kingdom. It was used also as a distributing centre for comforts.

In December, 1943, the club was closed on account of the fact that Air personnel no longer used Halifax as a port of departure. The Board feels that special thanks are due to the above named and their committee of fellow-Canadians in Halifax for the praiseworthy assistance which they gave at all times not only to the club, but to all New Zealand personnel passing through.

Pacific Area: 3rd N.Z. Division.—During the period of this report the 3rd N.Z. Division went into action in Treasury, Vella Lavella, and Green Islands. Later the Division returned to New Caledonia, and then to New Zealand to be disbanded. The Board feels that a summary of the final report given to the 1944 Patriotic Conference by Major C. W. O. Brain, the Board's Commissioner, on his return to New Zealand is the best report that can be made in regard to the patriotic venture with the 3rd Division, as follows:—

When the 3rd Division first went to New Caledonia the National Patriotic Fund Board staff consisted of ten Y.M.C.A. Secretaries, under the control of Mr. C. Cassells, who, in addition to being Senior Y.M.C.A. Secretary, also acted as the Board's representative. When I arrived in New Caledonia in May, 1943, I found that the only amenities provided were two roadhouses, which had been constructed by soldier and native labour, and had been furnished from Patriotic Funds.

When the 3rd Division first left New Zealand it was equipped as lightly as possible, on the understanding that it would probably go into action almost immediately. The Division was, however, left in New Caledonia for a considerable time, and was on defensive positions on an island approximately 250 miles long and 34 miles wide. The communications were narrow roads, and the Division was spread over more than half the island. The supply problem was an extremely difficult one, on account of the demand for shipping for weapons of war and the ordinary needs of the troops. Consequently, patriotic supplies were in low priority.

When I arrived in New Caledonia the G.O.C. gave his consent to the setting-up of a Welfare Committee, consisting of the following :—

Officer in Charge of Administration—Chairman.
D.D.M.S. (Senior Medical Officer).
Senior Chaplain.
Assistant Director of Army Education Welfare Service.
Commissioner of the Y.M.C.A.
Commissioner of the National Patriotic Fund Board.

The question of policy was decided :—

- (1) That the representatives of the National Patriotic Fund Board would be responsible for all supplies, and the erection, furnishing, and service of clubs and the erection of recreation centres, and also grants for regimental funds.
- (2) That the Y.M.C.A. would be responsible for the distribution of supplies, cafeteria service, &c., to the units, and the service of the recreation centres.
- (3) That the Divisional Sports Committee would be responsible for sports, the Board providing the sports gear.
- (4) The Army Education Welfare Service to be responsible for library and newspaper service and entertainment.
- (5) The Senior Chaplain to look after the spiritual welfare of the men.
- (6) The D.D.M.S. to be responsible for the distribution of comforts to the sick and wounded.
- (7) The Welfare Committee to be responsible for radios, musical instruments, band instruments, &c.

This delegation of duties was successful, and was the foundation of the success of the Board's work in the Pacific.

The first work undertaken was the building of recreation centres in all unit camps and the erection of two further roadhouses. This work was carried out by the units, the Board supplying Native labour and any extras required. The building of these recreation centres by the men themselves had a most beneficial effect on their morale and gave them an interest outside their military duties.

About this time the Deputy Chairman and the Secretary of the Board paid a visit to the islands and the policy of providing two clubs was confirmed—one to be of Native construction, the other to be prefabricated in New Zealand. The Native-constructed club was commenced almost immediately, being built by the men themselves, again with the assistance of Native labour, and was the largest building of its kind in the island. When established it was staffed by Waacs sent from New Zealand for the purpose, and during its period of operation, approximately nine months, served 54,748 cooked meals and 177,851 morning and afternoon teas and suppers, a total of 232,599 meals.

The Division moved forward to Guadalcanal, and eventually into Vella Lavella, Treasury, and Green Islands. The main service of the Board in the early stages was purely cafeteria through the Y.M.C.A., but gradually a forward base was established at Guadalcanal, and Captain L. M. Graham, Assistant Commissioner, operated in this area. In the first action on Vella Lavella the Y.M.C.A. services went in with the second wave, but on Treasury and Green Island, Y.M.C.A. services went ashore with the first troops and within half an hour had cafeteria service available for the men.

During the period in the forward area, one hundred unit recreation huts were erected, mainly of the Native construction type, but sometimes just tarpaulins and sometimes prefabricated huts.

Whilst the troops were in the forward area the prefabricated club was built in New Zealand and shipped to New Caledonia, and, on the return of the troops was erected and ready for use on the finest beach in New Caledonia, situated some twelve miles from the base camp. This club, known as the Kiwi Club, like the one at Bourail base camp, was staffed by Waacs. It was distinct, however, in that sleeping-accommodation for 120 men was provided, and during the short time it was in use some 3,000 men had an average of four days' leave at this club. A total of 43,287 cooked meals were served, and 39,378 morning and afternoon teas and suppers. This club was ultimately sold to the American Forces.

During this period also an ice-cream plant was installed at the base. Two rations per week were delivered to the troops, and rations issued daily to patients in hospitals and convalescent depots. During the period it was in operation, 500,000 rations each of $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. were distributed to the Forces, plus 166,000 rations to the sick and wounded and isolated units. This ice-cream plant was also disposed of to the American Forces.

When the Division returned to New Caledonia, the set up of the patriotic organization was almost complete, the staff consisting of approximately 185.

The distribution of gift parcels took place more or less at quarterly intervals. The contents of the parcels were, in the main, satisfactory, but could have been made smaller. Cakes, biscuits, &c., were always acceptable to the troops.

Splendid co-operation was received from Mr. J. Heffernan, the Senior Secretary, Y.M.C.A., and the whole of his staff. The work carried out by the club managers appointed by the Army, Major McClure in charge of the Waacs, and the Waac staff generally was of a high order. The assistance given by Captains Enright and Graham, Assistant Commissioners, and the co-operation received from the American Forces, was outstanding. Without this assistance the work, especially in regard to supplies for the Division, would have been seriously handicapped.

In addition to the amenities previously mentioned, musical instruments, daily newspapers from New Zealand, picture plants, printing plants, &c., were services provided which were considerably better than those supplied to the Allies in the same area.

The Board desires to place on record its very deep appreciation of the services so ably and willingly rendered by Major C. W. O. Brain and his Assistant Commissioners, Captains A. E. Enright and L. M. Graham. The success of the patriotic efforts with the 3rd Division was due in a very large measure to the energy of these efficient and capable officers.

R.N.Z.A.F.—In January, 1944, Flight Lieutenant J. R. Herbert, who had been the Board's Commissioner in Tonga, was transferred to the No. 1 Islands Group, R.N.Z.A.F. This Group controlled practically the whole of the New Zealand Air Force in thirteen different islands in the Pacific.

A base was established at Guadalcanal and Y.M.C.A. personnel appointed with every unit. At each station also an officer of the Air Force was appointed to be the direct contact with the Board's Commissioner, to enable the needs of this mobile Force to be met expeditiously. Recreation huts were established, provision was made for a daily newspaper service from New Zealand, motion-picture plants were installed, sailing-boats were provided for those off duty, and generally an excellent comforts service was organized.

With the expansion of this Force it became necessary for an Assistant Commissioner to be appointed, and the position was filled by Flight Lieutenant G. J. Brocklehurst, Flight Lieutenant Herbert being promoted to Honorary Squadron Leader.

During the year the area was visited by the Deputy Chairman and the Secretary of the Board.

The war in the Pacific created peculiar problems for a welfare service, and none possibly more so than the problem of serving Air Force personnel in so many localities. As stated in last year's report, the question of supplies to the Pacific continued to be difficult, but every co-operation was received from the Services in solving this difficult problem.

Fiji.—The New Zealand Forces Club, Suva, under the capable supervision of Mr. F. E. Warner, Honorary Secretary, and a voluntary committee, continued to function throughout the year. In the early part of the year the club gave service not only to New Zealand personnel, but also to the Allied Forces who were stationed in Fiji. In addition, the Catholic Club, which was subsidized by the Board, assisted in the entertainment of our troops. The Board expresses its thanks to Mr. Donovan and his Council for the assistance rendered. Mr. F. L. Smith continued to act as Honorary Commissioner for the Board, and was ably assisted by Mr. Hugh Wilson, Senior Y.M.C.A. Secretary in Fiji.

Towards the end of the year the Board established a rest centre, known as Garrick House. This centre catered for men from outlying parts of the island on their short leave in Suva. Special thanks are due to Mr. H. Wilson, who was responsible for the initial opening and the successful working of this rest centre.

National Patriotic Council.—In accordance with a remit passed by the 1942 Patriotic Conference and a decision of a meeting of the Council held subsequently, the Government agreed to revoke all membership of this Council as from the 15th October, 1943, as the advisory purposes for which the Council had been formed were no longer necessary.

OBITUARY

The Board regrets to record the death on active service of Brigadier J. Hargest, D.S.O., M.C., M.P., a member of the National Patriotic Council, who rendered outstanding service to the patriotic organization since its inception.

APPRECIATION

The Board wishes to express its appreciation for the co-operation and assistance given by the Provincial Patriotic Councils, Patriotic Committees, and welfare organizations throughout New Zealand. It also wishes to thank its Commissioners and representatives overseas and its expending agents in New Zealand and overseas. Thanks are also due to the executives and staffs of the Broadcasting and Post and Telegraph Departments and other Departments, the Service chiefs, and the press, whose co-operation has been of great value. The Board desires to thank the thousands of voluntary workers and the generous public who subscribed the funds and thus made the above record of service possible. Finally, the Board wishes to thank its office staff for the loyal and efficient service rendered, and the Government for meeting the office salaries and rent and for assistance in other directions.

For and on behalf of the National Patriotic Fund Board.

G. A. HAYDEN, Secretary-Treasurer.

Receipts from buffets in New Zealand—					
Catholic War Services Fund Board	..	4,742		Grants—	788
Church of England Military Affairs Committee	..	7,226		Patriotic organizations in New Zealand	..
Salvation Army	..	13,546		Patriotic organizations overseas (for relief of distress, &c.)	..
Y.M.C.A.	..	153,663		Comforts for hospitals in New Zealand and overseas, and hospital ships	37,722
Allied Services Club	..	16,751		Postal tobacco service	11,641
Buffet and sundry receipts overseas—				Purchases and expenses	26,132
Pacific	..	40,231		Postal chocolate service: Purchases and expenses	16,457
England	..	8,649		Advertising and publicity	4,138
Canada	..	1,622		Donations paid over to Provincial Councils	127,465
Mediterranean area	..	306,067		Donations paid over to Provincial Councils	20,727
				Allied Services Club: Purchases and expenses	1,267
				Sundry expenses	1,437
				Administration expenses	250,835
				Cash in hands of agents, 30th September, 1944	303,183
				Cash in hand and in bank, 30th September, 1944	
		<u>£2,413,298</u>			<u>£2,413,298</u>

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD—continued

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, 1ST OCTOBER, 1943, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1944

	<i>Expenditure</i>	£	<i>Income</i>	£
Comforts supplied—				
Troops overseas (less buffet and other receipts)	..	318,748	Donations ..	..
Reinforcements	4,950	Donations payable to Provincial Patriotic Councils (including profits and Government remission of taxes on patriotic race meetings, and proceeds from art-unions) ..	127,184
Overseas seamen, Merchant Navy, &c.	3,593	National Council for Reclamation of Waste ..	11,617
Repatriated prisoners of war	2,107		
Troops in New Zealand (including maintenance of huts)	26,170		
Musical instruments, &c.	7,127		
War Library Service	1,304	Budget quotas from Provincial Patriotic Councils ..	138,801
Wool	16,604	Interest on investments ..	9,390
Allied Services Club (less buffet receipts)	..	4,306	Customs duty and sales tax recoveries ..	18,242
Grants—			Prisoners of war food parcels and packing expenses: Grant from New Zealand Government ..	196,842
Patriotic organizations in New Zealand	788	Freight and cartage: New Zealand Government grant ..	57,613
Patriotic organizations overseas (for relief of distress, &c.)	34,483	Postal tobacco service: Sales (less purchases and expenses) ..	4,699
Expenditure by New Zealand agents—			Postal chocolate service: Sales (less purchases and expenses) ..	687
Air Force Relations	1,070	Purchase of knitted garments by Air Department ..	7,715
Lady Galway Guild	23	Assets previously written off, now realized ..	38,186
Navy League	558	Return of goods from camps in New Zealand and Pacific ..	9,731
Catholic War Services (less buffet receipts)	2,562	New Zealand Government refunds: Salaries of welfare workers in New Zealand to 30th September, 1943 ..	11,160
Church of England Military Affairs Committee (less buffet receipts)	4,949	Miscellaneous receipts and recoveries ..	3,736
Salvation Army (less buffet receipts)	3,847		
Y.M.C.A. (less buffet receipts)	31,699		
Expenditure, New Zealand and overseas, on sick and wounded and prisoners of war, including £291,591 5s. 7d. expended by Joint Council—				
Prisoners of war, ex New Zealand Government grant—				
Purchase of food parcels (less recoveries)	189,279		
Rent and store expenses	7,563		
		<u>196,842</u>		

Prisoners of war, ex Patriotic Funds—		
Tobacco and cigarettes .. .. .	..	£2,684
Books and games, &c. .. .. .	..	4,619
Clothing .. .. .	..	5,744
Packing and general expenses overseas .. .. .	..	1,564
Inquiry Bureau .. .. .	..	5,853
Hospitals in New Zealand and overseas (less recoveries)	sundry	78,010
Donations paid over to Provincial Patriotic Councils .. .. .	..	138,801
Store and general expenses .. .. .	..	1,243
Freight and cartage .. .. .	..	57,613
Advertising and publicity .. .. .	..	4,391
Administration expenses .. .. .	..	1,388
Placed in reserve—		
Depreciation on huts, furniture, and equipment .. .. .	..	98,851
Assets realized, for post-war welfare	40,414
Surplus for year, transferred to accumulated funds	45,085
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		£1,187,990

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD—continued

BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1944

<i>Liabilities</i>	£	£	<i>Assets</i>	£	£
Accumulated funds for all purposes—					
Balance, 1st October, 1943	..	619,984	Section at Gisborne	..	..
Add surplus for year from Income and Expenditure	..	..	Convalescent homes and hospitals: Land, buildings, furniture, and equipment	..	..
Account .. .. .	..	45,085	Recreational huts in camps in New Zealand	..	306,081
			Less depreciation in reserve	..	252,020
Balance, 30th September, 1944	..	665,069			54,061
Sick and Wounded Reserve	..	400,000	Recreational huts in Fiji	..	13,623
Post-war Welfare Reserve	..	40,413	Less depreciation in reserve	..	13,609
Special funds—					14
B.M.A. War Service Funds	..	..	Furniture, fittings, and equipment in camps and hospitals in New Zealand	..	102,883
Commercial Travellers and Warchousemen's Association Fund	..	..	Less depreciation in reserve	..	91,729
for Blind Ex-servicemen	..	..			11,154
New Zealand Sheepowners' Acknowledgment of Debt to British Seamen	..	8,476	Furniture and equipment, Joint Council, &c.	..	1,743
Helen Ross (deceased) Estate	..	4,682	Less depreciation in reserve	..	1,196
Allied Nations Appeal	..	36,538			547
Sundry creditors, New Zealand and Overseas	..	152,913	Furniture and equipment: Allied Services Club	..	6,739
Unexpended portion of New Zealand Government prisoners-of-war grant	..	..	Less depreciation in reserve	..	6,102
Insurance reserve	..	19,986			637
	..	13,175	Furniture and equipment, offices and stores	..	1,237
			Ice-cream plant, Middle East	..	3,586
			Investments: Fixed deposit and Government stock—		
			General Fund	..	32,142
			Held against Sick and Wounded Reserve	..	300,015
			Held in trust	..	466
			Investments: First mortgage, Helen Ross (deceased) Estate	..	782
			Sundry debtors, New Zealand and overseas	..	68,343
			Sundry debtors, Provincial Patriotic Councils, for quota	..	71,488
			Accrued interest	..	2,498
			Payments in advance	..	137
			Stocks of comforts in hand and in transit (including prisoners of war)	..	206,378
			Cash in hand and in bank, 30th September, 1944	..	305,182
			Cash in hands of agents, 30th September, 1944	..	250,835
					<u>£1,350,460</u>
					<u>£1,350,460</u>

Contingent assets: Salvage of buildings, furnishings, radios, &c., supplied to clubs, and to Army, Navy, and Air Force units in New Zealand and overseas.

NOTE.—Rent of premises and salaries of staff of the National Patriotic Fund Board are met from the Public Account.

GEO. A. HAYDEN, Secretary and Treasurer.

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.—CYRIL G. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

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NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD

(REPORT OF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1945

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The Hon. MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Wellington.

THE National Patriotic Fund Board has the honour to present its sixth annual report and balance-sheet, for the year ended 30th September, 1945.

I. INTRODUCTION

The expenditure of patriotic moneys by the Board and its agents during the year again constituted a record. Although the war with Germany was terminated in May, and that with Japan in August, a new expenditure was incurred in the preparation during the year for the extra comforts necessary for the troops in occupation, and also for the released prisoners of war, approximately 8,000.

The annual gross cash expenditure of the Board, exclusive of expenditure by the Provincial Patriotic Councils, was as follows :—

						£
1939-40	..	..	..	..	..	233,737
1940-41	547,644
1941-42	1,097,944
1942-43	1,601,725
1943-44	1,857,281
1944-45	1,868,962
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						£7,207,293
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Gross cash receipts, again exclusive of Provincial Patriotic Funds, for the same period were £8,280,763.

II. SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

The following table shows the state of the Provincial and National Patriotic Funds as at 1st October, 1944, and receipts and payments during the year, and the funds held as at 30th September, 1945 :—

Provincial Patriotic Councils.	Receipts.		Payments.		
	Balance on Hand, 1st October, 1944.	Received, 1944-45.	Budget Payments to Board.	Miscellaneous Payments.	Balance on Hand, 30th September, 1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
Northland* .. ..	..	75,507	20,929	7,969	46,609
Auckland	295,603	157,622	110,185	140,724	202,316
Waikato* .. ..	..	108,407	49,733	7,990	50,684
Bay of Plenty* ..	..	37,950	15,941	3,476	18,533
East Coast	42,274	30,648	14,048	7,397	51,477
Hawke's Bay	97,917	67,600	32,110	10,095	123,312
Taranaki	79,346	41,872	25,599	9,110	86,509
Wellington	185,200	218,465	126,148	47,176	230,341
Marlborough	18,209	14,398	7,358	5,841	19,408
Nelson	73,858	26,853	13,188	6,708	80,815
Westland	32,195	12,028	9,975	2,479	31,769
Canterbury	110,800	168,942	97,500	40,602	141,640
Otago	252,771	78,006	50,860	16,640	263,277
Southland	99,675	61,219	25,230	14,499	121,165
	1,287,848	1,099,517	598,804	320,706	1,467,855

* New provinces constituted during the year.

National Patriotic Fund Board

Balance as at 1st October, 1944—

Cash and investments	£ 637,804
Cash in hands of agents	£ 250,835
	888,639

Receipts from Provincial Patriotic Councils and all other sources

2,054,233

2,942,872

Less payments

1,869,402

Balance, 30th September, 1945 : Cash and investments .. £1,073,470

III. WORK BY EXPENDING AGENTS

General

The expending agents of the Board continued their good work in staffing patriotic recreation huts and caring for the leisure-time of servicemen in camps and stations in New Zealand. The Board provided all moneys spent on this work in camps in New Zealand and overseas by the following expending agents :—

The Catholic War Services Fund Board	} For combatant troops.
The Church of England Military Affairs Committee	
The Salvation Army	
The Y.M.C.A.	

and—

The Joint Council of the Order of St. John and New Zealand Red Cross Society	} For sick, wounded, and prisoners of war.
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The special spheres of operations of other expending agents have been dealt with in previous reports.

Club facilities in cities and towns were provided by the Provincial Patriotic Councils, assisted by a large number of local organizations and voluntary workers. Sunday cinema entertainments were provided with the co-operation of the motion-picture industry.

Buffet services in cities, which were considerable, were staffed mainly by volunteer labour. The Board again wishes to express its appreciation of the continued assistance of voluntary workers, who rendered willing service to the patriotic organization and expending agents in providing comforts and entertainment for servicemen and service-women in various parts of the Dominion.

A summary of the activities of the major expending agents is as follows:—

Catholic War Services Fund Board

Of the seven recreation huts operated by this organization at the beginning of the year, two remained open at 30th September, 1945. Buffet receipts amounted to £3,688, and expenditure to £2,827. Advances totalling £5,000 were made by the Board.

Church of England Military Affairs Committee

This Committee operated four recreation huts and seven Air Force chapels in New Zealand, two huts in Italy, one hut at Base Camp, Maadi, and three marquees and one hut at Norfolk Island. The capital value of huts and chapels in New Zealand operated at the end of the year was £11,722, and furniture £3,270. Buffet expenditure was £5,201, receipts £5,275. Advances made by the Board to the Committee were £8,000.

Salvation Army War Purposes Board

This Board operated eight recreation huts and buffets in New Zealand during the year. The value of huts and equipment was £12,384, and furniture £1,149. The gross buffet takings were £5,603, and expenditure £6,328. The Board advanced £3,000 during the year.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. operated approximately fifty-nine huts or canteens in New Zealand during the year, and thirty-nine at the close. In addition, leave centres and recreation clubs or huts and mobile canteens and cinemas were operated overseas by the Y.M.C.A. on behalf of the Board. These included the Lowry Hut and Central Hut at Maadi, the Hostel at Alexandria, Lowry Hut at Bari, and clubs or hostels at Madonna Di Campiglio, Forli, Riccione, Florence, Venice, and Trieste, and in the Pacific at Fiji, Guadalcanal, and the New Hebrides.

In addition to these, this organization operated in the United Kingdom on behalf of the Board in regard to the repatriated prisoners of war. Details of this are given under the heading "Repatriated Prisoners of War."

The canteen sales of the Y.M.C.A. in New Zealand for the year were £113,487, and the net surplus under this heading was £6,431.

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

This organization commenced the year with a balance of £6,991, and received from the Board during the year £198,106. Sundry receipts were £37,166, and a balance of £3,202 was held at the end of the year. Principal items of expenditure were—

	£
Sick and wounded	27,131
Prisoners of war	172,422
Convalescent homes	19,304
Capital expenditure	14,129

The total number of prisoners of war food parcels packed by the voluntary workers in Wellington since the inception of the scheme to its close in May, 1945, was 1,139,624. During the latter stages these food parcels contained butter, cheese, jam, golden syrup, coffee and milk, condensed milk, dried fruit, meats, tea, sugar, chocolate, cocoa, and oatmeal. Cigarettes and tobacco were sent separately in bulk. Final victory terminated the work of packing these parcels, and the Board desires to place on record its appreciation of the women's organizations who so splendidly assisted the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and New Zealand Red Cross Society day by day, throughout the years, in packing these parcels.

The sick and wounded comforts and amenities given to men in hospitals and hospital ships in New Zealand and overseas was also continued on a liberal scale.

The convalescent homes in New Zealand, mentioned in previous reports, were continued during the year, with the exception of Fairview Home, Mount Eden, which was sold in June, 1945. The patients from this home were transferred to the Evelyn Firth Home, which, during the past two and a half years, had been loaned to our American Allies.

New Zealand Navy League War Council

This Council, which co-ordinates the patriotic work of branches of the Navy League and allied organizations in the Dominion, carried on its good work during the year.

Air Force Relations

Apart from hospitality services and gift parcels and amenities provided direct by the Board and Provincial Patriotic Councils, Air Force Relations, with branches throughout New Zealand, continued to concentrate on the care of Air Force personnel, and this group knitted large quantities of woollen garments for men in this service in New Zealand and overseas.

New Zealand Lady Galway Patriotic Guild

From the inception of this Guild to the end of September, 1945, approximately 8,351 cases of clothing were despatched to the United Kingdom for relief of distress occasioned by the war.

Overseas Seamen's Gift Committee, Wellington

This Committee, together with a similar Committee in Auckland associated with the Auckland Metropolitan Patriotic Committee, continued to provide personnel on overseas merchant ships with gift parcels, woollen comforts, books, periodicals, and other ship-board amenities.

IV. SPECIAL PHASES OF PATRIOTIC WORK

Unaddressed Quarterly Gift Parcels

Undoubtedly the most popular link between servicemen and servicewomen and their home-land was the quarterly gift parcels scheme, which was continued until VJ Day. The parcels were provided and packed by the Provincial Patriotic Councils. A review of the scheme shows that many difficulties had to be surmounted. As the supply position became difficult, the aid of the bulk-buying system of the Ministry of Supply was enlisted, and through the constant efforts on the part of the Board's staff and Provincial Patriotic Councils at no stage were the parcels held up through lack of materials. In all, approximately 1,202,391 such parcels were packed and despatched from New Zealand to Service personnel overseas. The parcels for the naval personnel were packed in Auckland by the members of the Auckland Navy League from materials supplied by the Auckland Provincial Patriotic Council. The parcels for the servicewomen were packed, as previously, in Wellington by Miss Viola Kettle and her representative "Kowhai" group of ladies. These parcels included cosmetics, cake, biscuits, fruit, cream, honey, soup, and sweets.

Radio Telephone Appeal

A radio telephone appeal was again conducted, with the co-operation of the Broadcasting and Post and Telegraph authorities. The following table shows the amounts donated to each of these appeals during the war years :—

	£
1941	50,000
1942	176,000
1944	74,313
1945	66,169
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	£366,482
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In 1942 the appeal lasted one week, with broadcast progress reports each night, and culminated in a direct radio telephone appeal. From 1943 to 1944 names of donors could not be broadcast, for security reasons, and in 1943 no national radio telephone appeal was conducted.

War Library Service

From September, 1939, to March, 1943, the War Library Service, under the honorary control of Mr. G. T. Alley, collected and distributed to camps and stations 206,233 books and 223,016 periodicals. These were mostly the proceeds from donated stocks and patriotic book drives, supplemented by purchases from Patriotic Funds. From March, 1943, to 30th September, 1945, the work was transferred to the Army Education Welfare Service. Book drives were continued, and to the end of the war approximately 72,653 books and 260,779 periodicals were collected and distributed by the Army Education Welfare Service, apart from local issues—making a grand total of approximately 750,000 publications distributed to the Forces. This total is apart from a large number of newspapers and weekly publications supplied direct by the Board to camps in New Zealand and overseas.

Postal Tobacco and Chocolate Schemes

From the inception of both these schemes to 30th September, 1945, 140,321 parcels of cigarettes and tobacco were packed by voluntary women workers and forwarded overseas, and 144,469 packs of chocolate were despatched. The Board would like to place on record its appreciation of the work carried out by Mrs. B. Reid, as convenor of the Ladies' Packing Committee, and to all those ladies who so assiduously assisted her throughout the war years. It would also like to record its appreciation of the assistance given these two schemes by the Retail Tobacconists' Association, the Post and Telegraph Department, Messrs. Cadbury, Fry, Hudson, Ltd., and Nestles Anglo-Swiss Co., Ltd., without whose co-operation the schemes would not have functioned so successfully.

Naval Comforts

Naval Rescue Kits.—With the assistance of branches of the Navy League, the Board supplied each of H.M.N.Z. ships with a stock of rescue kits in three sizes for immediate issue to men rescued from abandoned ships.

Naval Blue Bags.—These were special issues to all naval men proceeding overseas. The bag contained hussifs, balaclava, scarf, mittens, body-belt, seaboot stockings, two pairs socks, handkerchiefs, and a pullover. Individual woollen articles were supplied to men in New Zealand.

General Issues to Naval Men.—The variety of patriotic issues to H.M.N.Z. ships and to visiting Allied Navy and Merchant Navy ships and stations is impressive, and is typical of issues to other Services. These included woollen comforts; indoor games; gramophones and records; playing-cards; books and magazines; pianos and other musical instruments; handkerchiefs; fruit; cigarettes; chairs; billiard-tables;

radios; rowing-boats; electric irons; fishing lines and nets; writing-paper and envelopes; football and hockey jerseys, shorts, and boots; and numerous varieties of sports and other equipment.

Annual Conference of Patriotic Bodies

The annual Dominion Patriotic Conference was held in November, 1944, for the purpose of surveying the work of the year and co-ordinating and planning future activities in the light of the changing war situation. The Conference decided, among other things, to set aside a Welfare Fund of up to £2,000,000 for the Dominion and to adopt a uniform policy in the disbursement of same.

Woollen Comforts

The work of providing Navy, Army, and Air Force woollen comforts was continued under the supervision of Mrs. A. A. Stitchbury (Navy), Mrs. D. M. McRae (Army), and Miss C. Morice (Air Force). Large quantities of woollen comforts were knitted and received in the Board's store and Air Force Relations depot, for issue in New Zealand and for despatch overseas. To facilitate issues to naval personnel, 1 lb. of knitting-wool was issued in lieu of garments where naval men could arrange for relatives and friends to knit the wool.

Servicewomen in cold stations were issued with $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. wool, and in special cases where drafts were sent overseas, or to cold stations in New Zealand at short notice, some garments were issued. On the cessation of hostilities repatriated prisoners of war and returning servicemen were issued with woollens where necessary, and after maintaining a reserve for future requirements the balance of knitted garments and wool was made available for the relief of distress overseas.

The following table shows the cumulative number of knitted garments made up and issued to 30th September, 1945:—

*Cumulative Return of Woollen Goods made and issued during Year ended
30th September, 1945*

	Balaclavas.	Gloves.	Mittens.	Pullovers.	Scarves.	Seaboot Stockings.	Socks.	Miscellaneous.
Army	29,881	911	29,620	4,334	70,273	..	63,677	1,720
Air Force Relations ..	43,525	7,156	52,223	74,942	62,207	..	9,948	10,588
Navy League and patriotic issues	32,232	5,928	26,747	20,203	26,514	8,725	29,129	6,633
Overseas (Army, Navy, and Air)	244,922	6,503	164,192	26,594	193,722	3,978	64,650	16,954
Totals	350,560	20,498	272,782	126,073	352,716	12,703	167,404	35,895
Stocks on hand								
Army	1,938	15	2,472	675	5,978	..	4,087	81
Navy	1,747	854	2,435	2,793	2,556	286	4,526	261
Air Force	5,828	380	6,093	4,447	5,840	2	3,206	3,458
Grand totals ..	360,073	21,747	283,782	133,988	367,090	12,991	179,223	39,695

Hussifs—Made and issued: Army, 134,165; Navy, 8,971; Air Force, 36,846; rescue kits, 483; sheep-skin jackets, 1,749 (exported).

Unknitted wool issued to servicemen and servicewomen in lieu of garments: Army, 90½ lb.; Navy, 1,155 lb.; Air Force, 24 lb.

NOTE.—During the year stocks of khaki woollens were returned to the Board from Army camps in New Zealand. The net local issues were reduced accordingly. These stocks were later exported and are now shown under the heading "Overseas."

V. WORK OVERSEAS

Pacific

The Board, through its Commissioners and by direct supply from New Zealand, exercised continued control over the comforts service. The Y.M.C.A. and Church Army continued their good work there as expending agents of the Board, and the results achieved indicated that in this theatre the Board, profiting by its previous experiences, had built up an organization as efficient as any such organization could be made, having regard to the scattered island bases and the frequent movements necessary.

No. 1 Islands Group.—Squadron Leader J. R. Herbert and Flight Lieutenant G. J. Brocklehurst acted as Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner respectively in this theatre during the year. The outstanding success of the Board's work with the No. 1 Islands Group was due, in a very large measure, to the energy and directing capacity of these two officers, to whom the Board would like to record its special thanks.

Experiments in clubs in the Pacific were made with the Third Division when a prefabricated building was sent from New Zealand and erected in New Caledonia. The time taken for the building to be prefabricated, transported, and erected was such that the building had very little use before the Division was withdrawn. Profiting by this experience, rest camps with the Air Force were erected on different lines. The buildings were built entirely of Native construction, with wooden floors. The work was carried out by the Works Division of the Air Force, in conjunction with Native labour, paid for from Patriotic Funds. When erected, a special staff was provided by the Air Force, and the buildings were furnished from Patriotic Funds, complete with tablecloths, curtains, crockery, &c., the effect being that, although of Native construction, the buildings had a touch of home. At these camps personnel were given three days' special leave and enjoyed amenities similar to hotel life in New Zealand.

In addition to these rest camps, snack bars were provided on all air strips used by transit personnel. Again this was a joint effort of the Air Department and the National Patriotic Fund Board.

As stated in previous reports, transport difficulties were one of the main problems to be overcome in the Pacific. These were met to a certain extent by the ready and able assistance given by the Air Department in transporting supplies from one island to another.

In every island, Y.M.C.A.s and picture plants were provided, in addition to the usual sports gear, gift parcels, &c.

Flight Lieutenant Brocklehurst returned to New Zealand towards the end of the year.

Fiji.—The New Zealand Forces Club, Suva, and the Catholic Club, together with the Garrick House Rest Centre, continued to function.

On account of the extension of work on this island it became necessary to appoint a full-time Commissioner, Captain J. K. B. Fountain, to assist the Board's honorary representative, Mr. F. L. Smith.

The Board continued to render assistance to the Fijian Comforts Fund in the purchase of amenities in New Zealand for the Fijian Forces.

Canada and the United States of America

The cessation of the Empire Air Training Scheme resulted in a reduction of the patriotic effort amongst New Zealanders in Canada and the United States. New Zealand Government representatives continued to assist in entertaining the reduced number of New Zealand servicemen passing through, and they were ably assisted by various branches of the Anzac Division of the British War Relief Society and by Canadian and American Service clubs, to whom the Board expresses its deep appreciation for their service.

United Kingdom

The work in the United Kingdom, mentioned in previous reports, continued to be carried out as before. The year under review, however, was mainly notable for the commencement of the repatriation of the prisoners of war, and the Board's work in this connection is set out later in this report.

The New Zealand War Services Association continued, as reported previously, to carry out the distribution of comforts throughout the United Kingdom and also the management of the New Zealand Forces Club.

The following grants were forwarded to the High Commissioner for New Zealand to assist in the relief of distress in Great Britain caused by flying bombs, &c. :—

£10,000 sterling for the Women's Voluntary Services, England, to assist in the rehousing of blitzed personnel and for post-natal hospital work.

£1,000 for the Navy League Seafarer's Comforts Supply, London.

£2,000 for the British Y.M.C.A. for services rendered in connection with amenities for released prisoners of war.

£500 to the Lady Frances Ryder Organization to assist in the work of providing hospitality for New Zealand Service personnel.

Middle East and Italy

Brigadier A. S. Falconer, who was relieving Colonel F. Waite as the Board's Commissioner in the Middle East during Colonel Waite's furlough, returned to New Zealand in March, 1945, and Colonel Waite resumed his duties.

Major C. Meachen was appointed by the War Purposes Committee of the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and New Zealand Red Cross Society as Sick and Wounded Commissioner in the Middle East, in the place of Major W. Tweedy, who had completed three years' service.

The lines of communication in the Middle East and Italy, on account of the fighting, were tremendous, and clubs were established at Bari, Rome, Florence, and Venice. In addition, special hostels under the Y.M.C.A. were arranged at Riccione, Madonna di Campiglio, and Trieste, in addition to those already working in Cairo and Alexandria.

In regard to the clubs, these were not actually maintained by the National Patriotic Fund Board. In the first instance the Cairo Club commenced under a guarantee that any loss sustained would be met by the Board, and an advance of cash was made. Goods were sent from New Zealand, and on account of the fact that these goods were of necessity sold at Naafi prices a considerable profit was made, and as all staff was provided by the 2nd N.Z.E.F. the clubs were actually a profit-making concern and came eventually to be controlled by a special section of the 2nd N.Z.E.F. Patriotic Funds were used to supply the goods, but this money was eventually repaid.

On the cessation of hostilities with Germany special provision was made for sports gear, entertainments, and leave arrangements for the troops.

Repatriation of Prisoners of War

As stated in last year's report, Major S. C. Read was appointed the Board's Commissioner in the United Kingdom. As a result of his preliminary work, in conjunction with Mr. C. Cassells, the Senior Y.M.C.A. Secretary, arrangements for the reception of the repatriated prisoners of war were well in hand when these men started to arrive in the United Kingdom from Germany. In conjunction with the Army authorities, Y.M.C.A.s were arranged throughout the reception depots in the United Kingdom as follows :—

- Puttick Reception Camp, Cliftonville.
- Hargest and Crump Wing, Broadstairs.
- Headquarters and Park Wing, Westgate.
- Miles Wing, Birchington.
- Freyberg Wing, Folkestone.
- Hospital Wing, Haine.

These Y.M.C.A.s were completely outfitted with comfortable furnishings (such as easy chairs, oak tables, floor coverings, &c.), information bureaux, home hospitality service, canteens, ironing-rooms, libraries, billiard and table-tennis tables, indoor games, writing-rooms, cinemas, and sewing and mending rooms where a group of voluntary ladies undertook the repair of clothing for the men.

The Y.M.C.A.s were barely established before the first repatriates began to arrive. Many of them had been on forced marches through Germany and were in very poor shape. In some drafts as many as 35 per cent. went directly to hospital, mostly suffering from starvation and exposure. They arrived at all hours of the night and day, some scarcely able to walk and too ill to eat. The Y.M.C.A. Secretaries did a sterling service in making and serving hot cups of milk and keeping the men round a good fire until the ambulances could convey them to the hospital.

On arrival at the reception camp each man was issued by the National Patriotic Fund Board with the following: 40 cigarettes; 1 patriotic parcel; 4 pairs socks; 1 pair pyjamas; 6 handkerchiefs; 1 toilet outfit; 1 scarf; and 200 cigarettes were issued to each man monthly.

The following amenities were provided at the Y.M.C.A.s free of charge: cafeteria service (morning and afternoon teas and suppers); writing-paper, envelopes, pens, and ink; concerts and cinema programmes; libraries; indoor games; sewing and mending uniforms.

The quantity of food sent by the Board and given free of charge in all Y.M.C.A. cafeterias is shown as follows: 29,200 lb. fruit cake; 16,500 lb. biscuits; 7,200 tins coffee and milk; 4,800 tins unsweetened milk; 4,800 tins sweetened condensed milk; 7,200 tins Highlander milk; 1,600 lb. cocoa. In addition, the sum of £1,405 was expended on the purchase of tea, sugar, and fresh milk.

The British Y.M.C.A. made available six tea-vans for the New Zealand Y.M.C.A., and these were used to serve refreshments at sports gatherings and at all railway-stations where repatriated prisoners of war left for ports of embarkation.

Fernleaf Club.—Apart from the activities mentioned above, the Fernleaf Club was established in London. This was the direct result of the visit of Lady Freyberg and Colonel Waite from the Middle East, and was started from funds drawn from the club funds of the 2nd Division. The Fernleaf Club was staffed almost entirely by 2nd N.Z.E.F. personnel and W.A.A.C.s specially selected for the purpose. The club consisted of about six houses taken over with the consent of the British authorities, and contained sleeping accommodation, dining, library, and entertainment rooms, and information bureaux.

Mention of the successful repatriation of our prisoners of war would not be complete without drawing attention to the wonderful hospitality extended to our men by the people of England. Their homes were thrown open over the length and breadth of Great Britain, and, despite very short rations, they entertained our men royally. To allow gifts to be made to these people, the repatriated prisoners of war were able to purchase canteen goods specially sent for the purpose—chocolates, sweets, and tinned and other goods—over and above the ordinary ration scale.

In addition, a consignment of New Zealand paua shell and disabled soldiers' work was sent from New Zealand and was available to New Zealand repatriated prisoners of war for presentation purposes.

India

The Anzac Welfare Centre, Calcutta, jointly controlled by the Australian Comforts Fund and the Board, continued to provide comforts for New Zealanders in India. Mr. C. R. C. Gardiner, the Board's honorary Commissioner, ably supervised the Board's work there and elsewhere in India.

Australia

In Sydney the organizations mentioned in last year's report continued their good work in extending hospitality to New Zealanders.

A club was opened in Melbourne in association with the New Zealand Association there and was staffed by the Haeremai House Committee.

Major L. M. Graham, the New Zealand Army Liaison Officer, Perth, was appointed the Board's representative in West and South Australia to care for the welfare of New Zealand Forces *en route* to and from New Zealand.

Africa

The Australian and New Zealand Association of Africa—Capetown, Durban, and elsewhere—continued rendering sterling service caring for New Zealand Service personnel visiting Africa. The main point of contact with the Board was Mr. Frank Jempson, Hon. Secretary, Durban, whose interesting bulletins recorded the valuable work performed by the Association. The Board regrets to record the passing of Mr. Jempson, and pays a tribute to the outstanding work he has performed. Mr. Alan Gorrie, who succeeded the late Mr. Jempson, continues to keep the Board advised of activities in his sphere.

Far East

Following the victory over Japan, large quantities of cigarettes, as well as supplies of razors, razor-blades, handkerchiefs, shaving-brushes, toothbrushes, toilet soap, toothpaste, &c., were provided for prisoners of war repatriated from Singapore. Flying Officer R. Knowles, the Board's honorary Commissioner in the Far East, who had been held prisoner since the fall of Singapore, was released, but had not returned to New Zealand by the end of the Board's year.

VI. DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

Overseas

With the prospective collapse of Germany, the Board's Secretary, Mr. G. A. Hayden, made a comprehensive tour of the United Kingdom, Northern Europe, Italy, Greece, Egypt, and India in connection with the winding-up of the Board's activities and the disposal of its assets, and to make final arrangements for the provision of comforts, &c., for our troops before repatriation.

It was arranged that all the Board's assets, with the exception of band instruments, would be sold locally.

New Zealand

In New Zealand an Assets Realization Committee was set up and the assets disposed of by tender or public auction throughout the Dominion or sold direct to ex-servicemen on the recommendation of the Rehabilitation Department.

Disposal of assets to the sum of £155,410 during the year has entailed a considerable volume of work.

VII. CONSTITUTION OF BOARD

The constitution of the Board was altered during the year to allow each Provincial Patriotic Council to have a direct nominee on the Board, and new appointments were made accordingly.

At the close of the year the personnel of the Board was—

His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir Cyril Newall, Chairman.
 Hon. William Perry, M.L.C., Deputy Chairman.
 Mr. L. O. H. Tripp, O.B.E., Wellington.
 Mr. T. A. Duncan, Hunterville.
 Mr. F. W. Schramm, M.P., Auckland.
 Mr. W. W. Mulholland, Darfield.
 Mr. J. Roberts, Wellington.
 Mr. J. T. Paul, Wellington.
 Mr. B. C. Ashwin, Wellington.
 Mr. H. E. Combs, M.P., Wellington.
 Mr. E. E. Brooking, Wellington.
 Mr. C. A. Wilkinson, Eltham.
 Mr. J. A. C. Allum, Auckland.
 Hon. Vincent Ward, M.L.C., Wellington.
 Mr. I. J. Goldstine, Auckland.
 Mr. W. S. MacGibbon, Christchurch.
 Mr. E. R. Neale, Nelson.
 Mr. B. J. Jacobs, Palmerston North.
 Mr. A. H. Allen, Dunedin.
 Mr. D. C. Cameron, Dunedin.
 Mr. T. W. Hercock, Napier.
 Mr. W. F. Sturman, Invercargill.
 Mr. I. J. Quigley, Gisborne.
 Mr. W. Jones, Whangarei.
 Mr. P. Thomson, Stratford.
 Mr. H. D. Caro, Hamilton.

OBITUARY

It is with regret that the Board records the passing during the year of Mrs. J. Fraser and Mr. T. Jordan, both of whom were original members of the National Patriotic Council, and, on the abolition of that Council, were appointed to the Board. Both had rendered outstanding service to the patriotic effort throughout the war years, and their passing was a very deep loss not only to the Board, but to the whole of New Zealand.

APPRECIATION

The Board wishes to express its appreciation for the co-operation and assistance given by the Provincial Patriotic Councils and their Committees and welfare organizations throughout New Zealand. It also wishes to thank its Commissioners and representatives overseas, and its expending agents in New Zealand and overseas. Thanks are also due to the executives and staffs of the Broadcasting and Post and Telegraph Departments, and other Departments, the Service chiefs, and the press, whose co-operation has been of great value. The Board also desires to thank the thousands of voluntary workers and the generous public who subscribed the funds and thus made the above record of service possible. Finally, the Board wishes to thank its office staff for the loyal and efficient service rendered, and the Government for meeting the office salaries and rent and for assistance in other directions.

For and on behalf of the National Patriotic Fund Board.

G. A. HAYDEN, Secretary-Treasurer.

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT, 1ST OCTOBER, 1944, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1945

<i>Receipts</i>		£	<i>Payments</i>		£
Amounts received on deposit	..	17,559	Amounts on deposit paid over	..	10,210
Interest on investments—			Freight and cartage	..	43,187
General	..	1,508	New Zealand Forces Club, Middle East: Goods supplied	..	264,817
Sick and wounded	..	10,359	Equipment for offices and stores	..	53
Recoveries of freight and cartage: Grant from Government	..	11,847	Huts and furniture for camps, &c., in New Zealand	..	22,385
Recoveries of Customs duty and sales tax	..	54,359	Purchase of convalescent homes: Rammerdale Home	..	4,524
New Zealand Forces Club, Middle East, for goods supplied	..	36,081	Supplies for Provincial Patriotic Councils and others	..	1,571
Prisoners of war food parcels and expenses: New Zealand Government grant	..	240,386	B.M.A. War Service Fund	..	4,808
Prisoner of war food parcels, &c.: Payments by next-of-kin	..	100,000	Advances to Commissioners and agents overseas	..	704,202
Refunds of unexpended advances to agents	..	9,135	Advances to expending agents in New Zealand—		
B.M.A. War Service Funds	..	108,519	Lady Galway Guild	..	28
Postal tobacco service: Sales	..	2,725	Navy Department	..	108
Postal chocolate service: Sales	..	12,912	Air Force Relations	..	942
Provincial Patriotic Councils: Quotas	..	11,836	Navy League	..	198
Provincial Patriotic Councils and others: Payments for supplies	..	608,098	Church of England Military Affairs Committee	..	8,747
Sales of huts, furniture, &c.	..	31,777	Catholic War Services	..	6,753
Papakura Hostel: Proceeds of sale	..	18,318	Salvation Army	..	8,869
Section at Gisborne: Proceeds of sale	..	1,203	Y.M.C.A.	..	126,918
Donations to be paid over to Provincial Patriotic Councils—		58	Joint Council (sick and wounded and prisoners of war)	..	239,963
Proceeds of patriotic race meetings	..	80,493	Air Department	..	141
Donation by National Council for Reclamation of Waste	..	10,498	Comforts—		
Proceeds of patriotic art-unions	..	15,755	Troops in New Zealand	..	8,673
Donations	..	33,761	Overseas seamen	..	2,749
Hospital fees, &c.	..	9,777	Troops overseas	..	97,298
Allied Nations Appeal receipts	..	17,783	Reinforcements	..	2,554
Helen Ross Estate	..	4,617	Repatriated prisoners of war	..	37,749
Assets written off, now realized	..	12,976	War Library Service	..	2,491
Sundry receipts and recoveries	..	6,942	Musical instruments, &c.	..	2,027
Receipts from buffets in New Zealand—			Wool	..	11,473
Catholic War Service Fund	..	5,165	Stock (for issue as required)	..	23,944
Church of England Military Affairs Committee	..	5,342	Grants, &c.—		
Salvation Army	..	5,663	Patriotic organizations overseas	..	12,500
Y.M.C.A.	..	113,488	Relief of distress overseas	..	1,716
Allied Services Club	..	12,242	Comforts for hospitals in New Zealand, overseas, and hospital ships	..	9,207
			Advertising and publicity	..	4,821
			Allied Nations Appeal: Payments	..	17,152

Buffet and sundry receipts overseas—			
Pacific .. ..	..	13,465	2,201
Canada .. ..	..	38	13,259
India .. ..	..	200	12,429
England	43,638	140,257
Mediterranean area	397,236	16,427
	..		1,092
	..		1,459
	..		114,992
	..		£1,983,954
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	..	£	£
Cash in hand and in bank, 1st October, 1944	..	305,183	363,039
Cash in hands of agents, 1st October, 1944	..	250,835	263,258
	..		£2,610,251
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Expenses for UNRRA clothes drive (recoverable)
 Postal tobacco scheme : Purchases and expenses
 Postal chocolate scheme : Purchases and expenses
 Donations, &c., paid over to Provincial Patriotic Councils
 Allied Services Club : Purchases and expenses
 Sundry expenses
 Administration expenses
 Amounts invested

Cash on hand and in bank, 30th September, 1945
 Cash in hands of agents, 30th September, 1945

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD—*continued*
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, 1ST OCTOBER, 1944, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1945

<i>Expenditure</i>		<i>Income</i>	
	£		£
Comforts supplied—		Donations	10,057
Troops overseas (less buffet and other receipts) ..	206,353	Donations payable to Provincial Patriotic Councils (including profits and Government remission of taxes on patriotic race meetings, and proceeds of art-unions)	129,659
Repatriated prisoners	60,781	National Council for Reclamation of Waste	10,498
Reinforcements	3,458	Budget quotas from Provincial Patriotic Councils ..	140,157
Overseas seamen, Merchant Navy, &c. ..	5,464	Interests on investments	573,400
Troops in New Zealand (including maintenance of Huts) ..	18,885	Customs duty and sales tax recoveries	12,339
Musical Instruments	1,662	Government refunds of salaries of welfare workers ..	15,592
War Library Service	2,187	Prisoners of war food parcel and packing expenses: Grant from Government	33,701
Allied Services (club (less buffet receipts)) ..	9,143	Freight and cartage: New Zealand Government grant ..	87,285
Grants to patriotic organizations overseas ..	3,283	Postal tobacco service: Sales (less purchases and expenses) ..	45,850
Expenditure by New Zealand agents—	15,569	Postal chocolate scheme: Sales (less purchases and expenses) ..	1,829
Air Force Relations	905	Postal chocolate scheme: Sales (less purchases and expenses) ..	491
Navy League	495	Purchase of knitted garments by Air Department ..	2,570
Lady Galloway Guild	53	Assets previously written off, now realized	147
Catholic War Service Fund	1,402	Miscellaneous receipts and recoveries	6,473
Church of England Military Affairs Committee ..	3,313	Reserves not required transferred	53,588
Salvation Army	2,720		
Y.M.C.A.	10,392		
Expenditure in New Zealand and overseas on sick and wounded and prisoners of war, including expenditure by Joint Council—			
Prisoners of war, ex Government Grant—			
Purchase of food parcels	80,581		
Rent and stores expenses	6,704		
	87,285		
Prisoner of war, ex Patriotic Funds—			
Tobacco and cigarettes	21,283		
Books, games, &c.	1,415		
Inquiry office	3,133		
Next of kin parcels	3,116		
Hospitals in New Zealand and overseas (less sundry recoveries)	60,569		
Donations paid over to Provincial Patriotic Councils ..	140,157		
Amounts written off	15		
Store and general expenses	657		
Advertising and publicity	4,621		
Freight and cartage	45,849		
Administration expenses	965		
Surplus for year transferred to Accumulated Fund ..	208,349		
	£983,479		£983,479

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND BOARD—*continued*
BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1945

<i>Liabilities</i>	£	<i>Assets</i>	£
Accumulated funds for all purposes—		Convalescent homes and hospitals: Land, buildings, furniture, and equipment	50,707
Balance, 1st October, 1944	665,069	Recreational huts in New Zealand (residual value)	18,328
Add surplus from Income and Expenditure	268,349	Launch: Rotorua	1,738
Account	—	Furniture and equipment—	
Balance, 30th September, 1945	933,418	Joint Council	632
Sick and Wounded Reserve	400,000	Allied Services (Club)	978
Special funds—		Offices and stores	1,289
B.M.A. War Services Funds	2,496	Investments: Fixed deposits and New Zealand Government stock—	
Commercial Travellers and Warehousemen's Association Funds	9,281	General Fund	80,235
New Zealand Sheepowners Acknowledgment of Debt to British Seamen	8,945	Held against Sick and Wounded Reserve	363,015
Helen Ross (deceased) Estate	5,389	Held in trust	26
Allied Nations Appeal	24,087	Helen Ross (deceased) Estate	3,900
Polish Children's Camp Committee	35	Investments: First mortgage, Helen Ross (deceased) Estate	782
Miscellaneous deposits	377	Sundry debtors—	
Sundry creditors, New Zealand and overseas	143,563	New Zealand and overseas	108,769
Unexpended portion of New Zealand Government grant towards expenditure on prisoners of war	701	Provincial Patriotic Councils for quotas	35,216
		Accrued interest	3,129
		Stocks of comforts in hand or in transit	218,166
		Remittances in transit	15,885
		Cash in hand and in bank, 30th September, 1945	363,039
		Cash in hands of agents, 30th September, 1945	263,258
			<u>£1,529,092</u>

Contingent Assets: Salvage of buildings, furnishings, radios, &c., supplied to clubs and to Army, Navy, and Air Force units in New Zealand and overseas.

NOTE.—Rent of premises and salaries of staff of the National Patriotic Fund Board are met from the Public Account.

A. H. GIBSON, Acting Secretary and Treasurer.

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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