

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Up to 31st May, 1947, His Majesty the King has approved the under-mentioned honours and awards to members of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force for gallant and distinguished service in the field:—

Victoria Cross	..	5	A.R.R.C.	..	..	19
Bar to Cross	..	1	M.C.	..	..	253
K.C.B.	..	1	Bar to M.C.	..	..	13
K.B.E.	..	1	D.C.M.	..	..	108
C.B.	..	6	Bar to D.C.M.	..	..	1
C.B.E.	..	28	M.M.	..	..	591
D.S.O.	..	111	Bar to M.M.	..	..	4
Bar to D.S.O.	..	19	George Medal	..	..	1
O.B.E.	..	85	B.E.M.	..	..	75
M.B.E.	..	150	Mentioned in			
R.R.C.	..	8	Despatches			2,806

From the commencement of the recent war up to 31st May, 1947, His Majesty the King approved the following New Year and birthday honours to members of the N.Z. Military Forces in New Zealand:—

K.C.B.	..	..	1	O.B.E.	..	..	33
K.B.E.	..	..	2	M.B.E.	..	..	67
C.M.G.	..	..	1	R.R.C.	..	..	1
C.B.	..	..	5	A.R.R.C.	..	..	7
C.B.E.	..	..	6	B.E.M.	..	..	44

FOREIGN AWARDS

Foreign decorations have been awarded to members of the N.Z. Military Forces by Allied Nations as follows:—

U.S.A.	..	..	52	U.S.S.R.	..	1
Greece	..	..	67	Netherlands	..	1

DISCIPLINE

The reviewing of all courts-martial proceedings and sentences has been continued. These have mainly originated from Jayforce. Every effort has been made to standardize sentences of imprisonment and to ensure that full and just remissions are made to prisoners who, by reason of good conduct, have earned a remission.

WAR CRIMES

Statements made on repatriation by all New Zealand nationals (Navy, Army, Air Force, and civilian personnel) who had been prisoners of the Japanese were examined, and where there was evidence of gross ill-treatment or atrocities having been either witnessed or experienced, sworn statements were obtained for the use of the Far East War Crimes Tribunal. In all, sworn statements or affidavits concerning Japanese war crimes were obtained from 112 New Zealanders during the year, but to date the results of the trials in which these were to be used are not to hand.

Further sworn statements and affidavits were also obtained during the year for the prosecution of war crimes in the European theatre, and in some cases these have now been finalized. Unfortunately, in a number of cases it has been found impossible to apprehend the accused persons, but in at least