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NEW ZEALAND

CANTEEN BOARD

REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1949

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A REPORT on the operations of the Canteen Board, together with the principal accounts and Balance-sheet, herein is submitted as required by the Defence Canteen Emergency Regulations 1939, under which the Canteen Board was constituted.

During the financial year under review the Canteen Board was reconstituted as the Armed Forces Canteen Council under the Armed Forces Canteens Act, 1948, which came into force on 1st December, 1948. Section 3 (2) of the Act states "the Council hereby constituted shall be deemed to be the same body corporate as the Canteen Board established under the Defence Canteen Emergency Regulations 1939."

As eight months of the twelve months' activities were conducted prior to the change of title and appointments to the new Council did not take place until after 31st March, 1949, this report is presented as the final one in the name of the Canteen Board, but future annual reports and accounts will be presented in the name of the Armed Forces Canteen Council.

During the year ended 31st March, 1949, the affairs of the Board were conducted by—

Hon. F. Jones (Chairman).
 Commander (S) H. R. Sleeman, O.B.E.
 Brigadier R. C. Queree, C.B.E., D.S.O.
 Wing Commander G. Carter, O.B.E.
 D. Barker, Esq.
 K. B. Longmore, Esq.
 Mr. A. G. Hedgman is Secretary of the Board.

The Board in its tenth year of operations has continued to provide canteen facilities on Armed Forces establishments out of its own resources, and by executing its policy through the Secretary who with his officers are members of the Public Service. The Canteen Staff, numbering approximately sixty, are not public servants, but all salaries and wages are met by the Board.

As forecast in the last annual report, the year's activities have not resulted in a large net profit, but it is pleasing to report that after providing a service commensurate with present needs and meeting all commitments a net profit of £3,302 has been earned, and that in each of the ten years' life of the Board (1939-49) no trading losses have been experienced. Profits aggregating £1,231,181 are for the benefit of past servicemen and their dependants and servicemen *pro tempore*.