



THE PATRIOTIC FUNDS

and how they are expended

An army is more than camps and guns. An army is *men*. And one of the most urgent problems in New Zealand's all-out War programme is how to provide for our men off duty or if they are incapacitated.

The National Patriotic Fund Board and the eleven Provincial Patriotic Councils have the responsibility of raising the necessary money and providing the services for the welfare and comfort of our fighting men.

Nearly 300 Patriotic huts and marquees have been established in New Zealand and overseas, and these are managed on behalf of the National Patriotic Fund Board by the Y.M.C.A., CHURCH ARMY, SALVATION ARMY and CATHOLIC WAR SERVICES FUND BOARD. Apart from the cost of erecting these, over £200,000 per year is required to service them.

Over 8,000 of our men are prisoners of war, and every week each man receives a substantial food parcel. The cost of extra comforts for these men is considerable. The comforts for sick and wounded require £126,000 for the current year, and is expended by the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and the N.Z. Red Cross Society on behalf of the National Patriotic Fund Board.

Over half a million woollen comforts have been knitted by the women of New Zealand from wool supplied by Patriotic Funds at a cost of £75,000.

Gift parcels, costing £155,000 (including freight) per year, are sent overseas every three months.

Many other services require large sums of money. These include writing material, special comforts for the Navy and Mercantile Marine, Regimental Funds, sports gear, entertainments, allowances to Padres of all denominations, and at times grants to air raid sufferers in the United Kingdom. *The cost of administering this vast expenditure amounts to only 4/5 for every £100 collected.*

What can you do to help? Give to Patriotic Funds. This great comforts organisation, that overrides race and creed, has been entrusted with the responsibility for the service-man's leisure needs.

The men are defending you—do your part—give all you can and help Patriotic organisations to give comforts that you would like if you were on active service.

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