

craft, barges, tug boats, and other craft essential to the successful prosecution of an amphibious campaign in the Philippines and lesser islands over thousands of miles of ocean. Ship-building, virtually a new enterprise for New Zealand, has, as a result of this activity, already reached the rank of a substantial industry. As a further reverse lend-lease contribution, more than five hundred ships have been repaired and refitted in New Zealand without cost to the United States. By June 30, 1944, well in time to meet General MacArthur's needs for the invasion of the Philippines, 9,500 landing crafts of varying types had already been delivered by Australia and New Zealand under reverse lend-lease.

In clothing alone, New Zealand has made a large contribution towards the equipment of United States forces in the Pacific. This includes 240,000 Army blankets, 675,000 pairs of socks, 25,000 leather field jackets, and more than 15,000 pairs of gloves. New Zealand has also provided the United States Army with 6,000 tents and with nearly 50,000 mattresses.

New Zealand has provided hospital beds, mainly in specially constructed and equipped hospitals, for no fewer than 8,000 United States servicemen, at a time when accommodation in the Dominion for civilians in both public and private hospitals totalled only 13,000 beds. Camps, hospitals, warehouses, and other buildings constructed for the United States forces in New Zealand at a cost approximating \$29,000,000 have utilized more than one-half of the annual building-capacity of the Dominion.

New Zealand, like Australia, provides under reverse lend-lease all rail, air, motor, and water transportation costs, including freight, port and harbour charges, stevedoring and wharf handling charges. She also pays the cost of telephone, telegraphic, and cable services under reverse lend-lease.

From the point of view of tonnage, the food provided by Australia and New Zealand has been by far the most important supply item handled by the Quartermaster Corps. To June 30, 1944, Australia and New Zealand have supplied about 1,850,000,000 lb. of food for United

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