

Officers and committee members in 1924 were - President, H. Catanach; vice-presidents, J. Ross and Mrs Masters; secretary, Miss A. Davis; treasurer, A. Williams; committee, Mrs Bear, G. Webster, A. Old, L. Wales, C. E. Johnston and D. McGorry.

The number of financial members was maintained and the club had a successful and enjoyable year.

Competition was particularly keen between lady members and on several occasions three or more tied for first place. In a trophy competition fired in April that same year, nine ladies tied for first place. Mrs J. Ross, Mrs Masters, Mrs A. Adlam, Mrs L. Wales, Miss Ross, Miss G. Adlam, Mrs Beer, Miss D. Davis and Miss A. Davis each scored an aggregate of 148. The shoot off resulted in a win for Mrs Ross who registered the possible - 50.

The club fired two matches with the Hawera Miniature Rifle Club. The first, in Hawera between Hawera, Manaia and Waverley, was won by Hawera by 10 points. The second match, fired at Waverley, resulted in a win for Waverley. Hawera scored 613 points, Waverley 690 points.

During the year members competed for twenty one trophies, seventeen presented by the club and four donated. The winners were - R. Wilkins (2), A. Old, R. McMillan, F. Breitler, H. Catanach, P. Cunningham, A. Williams (2), Mrs Masters, Mrs Adlam, Mrs Ross (3), Miss A. Davis, Miss D. Davis, Miss H. Parker, Miss Ross (2) and Miss E. Wall (2).

The ladies' and men's championships were won by Mrs Ross and H. Catanach, respectively.

At the end of the financial year the club was in a sound position, the balance sheet showing a credit of £58 13s.

The small number of members attending club nights during the earlier months of 1925 was a matter of concern to the committee. A special meeting was held on May 18, 1925, to discuss the advisability of winding up the club. The *Patea and Waverley Press* reported that 'Mr L. Wales, president, said the attendance at the range since re-opening had been far from satisfactory and it would be impossible to carry on unless members took more interest in the affairs of the club. However, he said, it would be a great pity if the club was allowed to go out of existence. The club had some good shots and had a bright future in Association competitions. The club had been very well treated by Waverley R.S.A., the balance of the debt to the Association having been written off'.

After considerable discussion it was decided to carry on, and trophy matches commenced on club night that same week. A trophy was donated for competition among members under 16 years and in order to encourage shooting in the district boys under 14 years were admitted as members, at a fee of 1/-.

A match fired with the Waverley Troop, Legion of Frontiersmen, resulted in a win for the club, 546 points

to 440 points.

The question of winding up the club was again discussed at a meeting held on May 27, 1926. Several members had left the district and only a small number were attending club nights. After some discussion it was finally decided that the club be wound up.

Members present decided to donate two seats, suitably inscribed, for use of the public at the recreation grounds, the balance in the bank account to be handed to the Waverley A. & P. Association in appreciation of it granting the club the use of the shed in the past.

It was also resolved that the Retailers' Cup, presented to the club, be donated to the Waverley Troop of Legion of Frontiersmen for annual competition in miniature rifle shooting.

### OUTDOOR BOWLS - STRACHAN SHIELD

The first N.Z.R.S.A. outdoor bowling tournament was held in Wellington in 1948. The next two tournaments were held in the South Island.

Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. was represented at the tournament held at New Plymouth on March 10-11, 1951. Thirty-eight teams competed. Unfortunately the tournament was shortened by heavy rain. The final game between Te Kuiti and Rotorua resulted in a decisive win for Te Kuiti, 25-3. The Waverley-Waitotara team comprised: R. J. Howie, A. J. Larsen, J. J. Johnston and W. F. Alexander.

During the 1950s and early 1960s the Association was represented at N.Z.R.S.A. tournaments, each team member paying his own expenses.

In 1961, the Waverley Bowling Club granted the Association the use of its green and facilities for the purpose of holding a tournament for bowlers and interested non bowlers: "Bowls Day" was held after the close of the bowling season. Organised by J. Dellaca and K. O'Leary, the day was very successful with a good attendance of members. "Bowls Day" became a regular fixture and each tournament resulted in a small profit. In 1963, the Association decided that a percentage of the profit from each tournament be set aside and used to assist the team going to the N.Z.R.S.A. tournament with travelling expenses.

Kevin O'Leary remembers that "R.S.A. members who didn't play bowls used to come along and play in the tournaments. Bowls were provided, many became interested in the game and later joined the bowling club. In earlier years the team going to the N.Z.R.S.A. tournament paid their own expenses. In 1964 a grant of £8 towards expenses was made to the team going to the tournament at Tauranga. The following year the tournament was held at Greymouth and we were able to make a grant of £17".

The Association held its first open R.S.A. tournament

on February 13, 1965. There were excellent entries from local and district R.S.A. teams and the day was very successful.

In 1966, Mr Doug Strachan presented to the Association a shield for competition, to be awarded each year to the winning four.

That same year a separate bank account was opened in the name of the Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. Bowling and Golf Day account - for administering the respective tournaments.

At earlier tournaments all the teams comprised R.S.A. members. Kevin O'Leary recalls that "in later years as membership declined, the composition of the teams was changed to 2 R.S.A. and 2 non R.S.A. members. The tournaments have always been popular and successful fixtures and on several occasions there were 32 teams entered. In recent years the number has been steady on 20 teams. Only once can I recall the tournament being rained off, so we went to the R.S.A. hall and played indoor bowls. Over the years teams from Waverley-Waitotara have done well at R.S.A. tournaments, qualifying for Post Section play on occasions."

In later years the annual R.S.A. bowling tournament

has been organised by a committee comprising K.B. O'Leary, S.C. Cutler and M.E. Beck.

At the 45th N.Z.R.S.A. National Bowls Tournament held in Nelson in March 1992, Waverley-Waitotara reached the final. Section play was held at the R.S.A., Nelson, Maitai, Tahunanui and United greens, with post section and finals at Nelson R.S.A. greens. Eighty-four teams entered, 63 from the North Island and 21 from the South.

Waverley-Waitotara had a comfortable win over Mosgiel, 22-13, in the semi-final. Marlborough required only 16 of its 18 ends to beat Waverley-Waitotara 33-9 in the final. The District President, Mr Jim Cook, in presenting the trophies congratulated the Marlborough R.S.A. team, saying it was the first time a team from his district had won the N.Z.R.S.A. shield. Mr Cook also presented the Kippenberger Shield to Waverley-Waitotara, the runners up.

Waverley-Waitotara's team consisted of Alan Fairweather (skip), Lou Karatau, Bryan Belton and Ron Aiken. Kevin O'Leary was to have skipped the team but had to withdraw on account of ill health.



Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. team 1992. Runners-up N.Z.R.S.A. National Bowls Tournament. From left: A. Fairweather (skip), L. Karatau, B. Belton, R. Aiken.

## STRACHAN SHIELD

Presented by Doug Strachan 11/138  
Winners

- 1966 R. Hammonds, J. Knapp, B. Belton,  
D. Strachan
- 1967 J. Knapp, R. Alexander, K. Neilson
- 1968 Marton
- 1969 D. Goldsbury, E. Ross, K. Harris,  
K. Neilson
- 1970 D. Goldsbury, A. Palmer, E. Ross,  
B. Currie
- 1971 S. Brown, A. West, L. Glasier, R. Oakes
- 1972 R. Hammonds, J. Knapp, O. Bloor,  
J. McKenzie
- 1973 G. Robson, H. McLean, K. Carmichael,  
R. England
- 1974 M. Beck, H. Beaumont, L. Duffy,  
M. Tinirau
- 1975 W. Tamekahu, M. Sutton, J. Bradley,  
E. Whyte
- 1976 B. Mackay, L. Newlove, C. Campbell,  
M. Davidson
- 1977 L. Spurdle, C. Spurdle, E. Trigger,  
H. Jenkins
- 1978 L. Newlove, B. McLernon, M. Davidson,  
S. Wilson
- 1979 D. Comrie, W. Howie, B. Patterson,  
R. Aiken
- 1980 M. Beck, W. Howie, J. Simmitt, E. Lennox
- 1981 K. Carmichael, D. Gillespie, B. Brown,  
R. Oakes
- 1982 K. Carmichael, D. Gillespie, B. Brown,  
R. Oakes
- 1983 J. McCarrroll, K. Hartigan, J. Inness,  
K. Hanover
- 1984 Not recorded.
- 1985 F. Macpherson, W. Rush, E. Morrel,  
J. Chadwick
- 1986 P. Bull, H. Hall, J. Rountree, A. Penfold
- 1987 J. Williams, B. McIvor, L. Baylis,  
A. Strong
- 1988 T. Foote, T. Skelton, G. Pedley, C. Prout
- 1989 I. Tippett, D. Guilford, H. Jenkins,  
G. Gorge
- 1990 F. Price, A. Eales, S. Coater, I. McLay
- 1991 R. Neilson, J. Ross, R. W. Scott, B. Belton
- 1992 S. Baldwin, R. Baldwin, N. Williams,  
D. Quickenden
- 1993 A. Tippett, E. Tippett, C. Johnston,  
I. Booth
- 1994 R. Baldwin, L. Baldwin, J. Ashford,  
M. Carter
- 1995 C. Hermon, W. Wilson, O. Sanson,  
L. Pearson

## GOLF

The first Wanganui Returned Soldiers' golf tournament was held on the Belmont golf links on September 6, 1934. It was open to all returned men from Wanganui and surrounding districts who played golf, irrespective of whether they were members of a golf club. A total entry of 80 players, including several from Waverley took part. The Gallipoli Bogey handicap (open) was won by D. H. Strachan of Karioi, formerly of Waverley.

One of the objects of the "Diggers" tournament was to pave the way for a Returned Soldiers' National golf tournament.

On September 5, 1935, 126 golfers teed off on Belmont links at the first annual Returned Soldiers' national golf tournament. The championship was won by J. Goss, (Wanganui, New Zealand Rifle Brigade) who returned a gross score of 72. J. W. McKenzie (Field Artillery), vice-president of Waverley R.S.A. won the trophy for the highest score. The *Wanganui Chronicle* reported that 'the score was not disclosed but it was voluminous shooting'.

In subsequent years, the annual Diggers' golf tournament at Belmont links, was supported by Returned Soldiers', representative of almost every unit in New Zealand. Trophies were awarded to the winner in each of ten events:- R.S.A. championship, Anzac Stroke handicap, Gallipoli Bogey. First Wellington match, second Wellington match, Footsloggers match (Auckland, Canterbury, Otago Infantry), Gunners match (Artillery and Machine Guns), Medical Corps and N.Z. Mounted Rifles match, N.Z. Rifle Brigade match, Other Units match. In cases where a competitor won more than one event his name was removed from the lower competition and the player next to him was given the trophy.

Golf was a popular form of recreation among returned servicemen of World War II. During the early 1950s the possibility of holding an R.S.A. tournament at Waverley was discussed by members, at annual meetings. In March 1955, a sub-committee consisting of Messrs N. Lupton, R. Hammonds and C. Prout was appointed to organise the first Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. golf tournament. Held on the Waverley Golf Club links on May 21, 1955, the tournament was supported by local and visiting R.S.A. golfers.

In subsequent years, the annual R.S.A. golf tournament was a popular fixture among golfers and non golfers.

The Symes Cup, a handsome trophy donated by Mr A. E. Symes for the Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. golf championship, was competed for in 1960. That same year the first N.Z.R.S.A. national golf championship (open to all returned servicemen) was held at Greymouth.

In 1965, it was decided to put the profit from the tournament into a special golf day fund. The following year

a bank account was opened in the name of the Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. Bowling and Golf Day Fund. The fund gradually built up and from 1971, grants towards expenses were made to members competing at the N.Z.R.S.A. golf tournament.

Entries from R.S.A. golfers showed a marked decline in the early 1970s. In an effort to attract more entries the 1972 tournament was held as an open day. The last tournament was held in 1976.

Bryan Belton, from Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A., won the junior championship and Bishop Casket at the N.Z.R.S.A. national golf tournament held at Kaikohe, Kerikeri and Waitangi golf courses in November 1979.



Mr W.D. Leuchars, N.Z.R.S.A. Dominion President, presenting the Bishop Casket to Bryan Belton.

At that tournament, Monty Hartwell, a former member of Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A., was awarded third prize in the World War I veterans' competition. He was one of a small group of World War I veterans still competing at N.Z.R.S.A. golf tournaments. In 1984, Monty won the McWilliams Cup (World War I veterans 36 holes) at the N.Z.R.S.A. national golf tournament held at Tauranga.

Alan Fairweather (Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A.) and Murray McLeod, (Taupo R.S.A.) were runners-up in the Senior Foursome (net) at the 35th N.Z.R.S.A. national golf tournament held at Mt. Maunganui in November 1994.

## SYMES CUP

Presented by Mr A. E. (Bert) Symes  
Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. Golf Championship  
For Annual Competition

Winners

1960	T. W. Armitage	Manaia
1961	T. W. Armitage	Manaia
1962	M. R. Jacobs	Waverley
1963	T. W. Armitage	Manaia
1964	K. A. McDonald	Waverley
1965	A. O. Fairweather	Waverley
1966	K. McDonald	Manaia
1967	B. Ropiha	Waverley
1968	M. Le Pine	Hawera
1969	A. O. Fairweather	Waverley
1970	C. Dallison	Waverley

In 1980 Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. handed the Symes Cup over to the Waverley Golf Club for annual competition.

## WAVERLEY-WAITOTARA R.S.A. INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

The inaugural meeting of the Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. Indoor Bowling Club was held in the R.S.A. hall in March 1956. Officers and committee elected were :- President, R. Howie; vice-president, F. S. Harpham; secretary, A. Fairweather; committee, C. Prout, B. Wells, L. Birchall, R. Blake, W. Edsor, Mrs G. Lee, Mrs J. Knapp and Mrs K. Harpham.

It was decided that members would pay £1 entrance fee on joining the club. The annual subscription was 10/-.

The club affiliated with the Patea and District Indoor Bowls Association. Indoor bowls was a popular sport in the district and thirteen clubs were affiliated with the Association - Alton Men's, Alton Ladies', Kakaramea, Patea Oddfellows, Patea Druids, Patea St. George, Whenuakura Men's, Whenuakura Ladies', Waverley, Waverley Druids', Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A., Ngutuweru and Waitotara.

Mats and sets of bowls were purchased, and each club night, members paid a fee to defray expenses.

Club nights were held weekly in the R.S.A. hall. During the season which lasted from March to October, team competitions, championship fours, pairs and singles, handicap fours (Birchall Cup) and handicap singles (Holmes Cup), were played.

In 1959 the club helped towards raising money to level the floor in the R.S.A. hall. The total proceeds of a raffle, £80, was donated and in 1964 a further contribution was made.

When the club was formed, membership was restricted to R.S.A. members and their wives. The need to increase membership was raised at the annual general meeting in 1962. After lengthy discussion it was decided to remove the restriction and invite anyone interested in playing indoor bowls to join the club.

Over the years, members competed in Wynne Memorial, Chisnall Shield, and association and provincial tournaments.

The club won the Wynne Memorial in 1959.

The Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. hall was sold in 1977, and from August that same year, club nights were held in the Druids' hall.

During the 1980s the decline in membership was a matter of concern and the club discussed the possibility of amalgamation with other clubs.

The number of members continued to dwindle and in 1992, owing to lack of support, it was decided to discontinue club activities.



**Gordon Bennett was elected to the Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. Indoor Bowling Club committee in 1957 and served continuously as an officer and committee member for thirty five years.**

**Gordon was a committee member, 1957-58, president, 1958-59, committee member, 1959-61, vice-president 1961-63 and president 1963-90. He was a club selector and delegate to the Patea and District Indoor Bowls Association and that Association's delegate to the Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre.**

**In recognition for his considerable contribution to indoor bowls, Gordon was made a Life Member of the Patea and District Indoor Bowls Association in 1977, a Life Member of the Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre in 1982, and a Life Member of the Taranaki Indoor Bowls Umpires' Association in 1993.**

## WAVERLEY-WAITOTARA R.S.A. INDOOR BOWLING CLUB OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

R. Howie	1956-57
L. Birchall	1957-58
G. Bennett	1958-59
G. Meads	1959-60
K. Ward	1960-63
G. Bennett	1963-90

### VICE-PRESIDENT

F. S. Harpham	1956-57
K. O'Leary	1957-58
E. Hurley	1957-59
G. Meads	1958-59
A. R. Lee	1959-60
J. Dellaca	1959-60
A. Fairweather	1960-61
G. Bennett	1961-63
Mrs E. Howie	1963-64
R. Blake	1964-65
R. Pryce	1965-67
Mrs P. O'Leary	1970-71
Mrs J. Hickford	1971-72
A. Reed	1972-74
C. Wadsworth	1974-75
T. Hickford	1975-76
D. Rees	1976-78
J. Ham	1978-79
W. Davis	1979-83
D. Rees	1983-90
V. Danby	1990-91

### SECRETARY

A. Fairweather	1956-57
Mrs J. Knapp	1957-61
Mrs G. Huff	1961-63
Mrs J. Bloor	1963-65
Mrs M. Clark	1965-67
G. Magee	1967-69
Mrs M. Clark	1969-71
L. Gray	1971-72
Mrs P. Hickford	1972-78
Mrs E. Aiken	1978-79
Mrs C. Parker	1979-80
Mrs C. Lister	1980-82
Mrs J. Beck	1982-83
Mrs C. Lister	1983-84
Mrs P. Hickford	1984-87
Mrs D. Wadsworth	1987-89
V. Danby	1989-91

## CRICKET

For many years the cricket match between Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. and Patea R.S.A. was an annual fixture. The first match was played in March 1957. In 1959 Mr W. F. Alexander donated a shield for competition between the Associations.

Bryan Belton's property, opposite the Kohi school was a popular venue for matches. On the cricket ground, the teams had the advantage of playing on a concrete pitch, laid down by the Kohi Cricket Club.

Interest in cricket gradually faded and eventually the fixture was abandoned.

In later years the Alexander Shield was utilised in an outdoor bowls competition between the two Associations. Patea R.S.A. won the Shield the last time the fixture was held.

## WAVERLEY-WAITOTARA R.S.A. TRUST FUND

The Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. Trust Fund was established in 1982.

The purposes of the Trust Fund as set out in the Trust Deed are:

- To assist indigent, aged, sick, disabled or infirm Returned Servicemen and Ex-Servicemen and their wives and dependants.
- To assist indigent, aged, sick or infirm widows of Returned Servicemen and Ex-Servicemen.
- To assist aged or infirm or disabled indigent persons.
- To assist any public charity or any organisation dispensing charity or relieving or caring for the aged or sick or infirm.
- To contribute to any medical research fund or to any school fund or to the education of any person or persons.
- For other charitable purposes as defined in Part IV of the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 and Section 61(a) thereof or in any Act passed in substitution for the said Act.

The trustees appointed were:-  
Gordon Henry Corrish Bennett  
Michael Patrick Condon  
John Fettes Alexander  
Stanley Campbell Cutler  
Kevin Bernard O'Leary

## A NOTE FROM THE PAST

The first badge date attachment was issued to members in 1940. In 1942 the name of the Association was changed to New Zealand Returned Services' Association. Subsequently new badges were issued to all financial members. A different colour date attachment is issued each year to financial members.

**WAVERLEY-WAITOTARA RETURNED  
SERVICES' ASSOCIATION  
PRESIDENT**

E. Ingpen	1920
A. E. Symes	1921-22
C. E. Johnston	1922-27
Rev. W. Kelly	1927-28
Dr J. P. Duncan	1928-31
Dr P. V. Graves	1931-39
F. J. Bilton	1939-44
A. J. Larsen	1944-45
Dr P. V. Graves	1945-51
M. H. Dickie	1951-58
R. I. Lupton	1958-61
P. J. M. Coleman	1961-63
C. H. Prout	1963-65
E. J. Hurley	1965-67
J. F. Dellaca	1967-69
A. O. Fairweather	1969-71
N. A. McLean	1971-73
B. E. Belton	1973-75
M. P. Condon	1975-77
J. F. Alexander	1977-81
S. C. Cutler	1981-83
G. H. C. Bennett	1983-86
M. E. Beck	1986-92
J. F. Alexander	1992-95

**VICE PRESIDENT**

A. E. Symes	1920
A. G. P. Wallace	1922-28
Dr P. V. Graves	1928-31
Rev. E. W. Coles	1929-30
Dr J. P. Duncan	1931-35
J. W. McKenzie	1935-38
J. H. Strauchon	1938-39
F. J. Bilton	1939
Rev P. A. Stanley	1940-42
J. H. Barnard	1942-43
A. J. Larsen	1943-44
H. P. Stewart	1944-45
S. F. Morris	1945-46
A. J. Larsen	1947-49
M. H. Dickie	1949-50
N. W. Parsons	1949-50
S. B. Wilson	1950-53
W. F. Alexander	1951-57
T. H. Verry	1953-55
E. J. Hurley	1955-65
R. I. Lupton	1957-58
P. J. M. Coleman	1958-61
C. H. Prout	1961-63
J. F. Dellaca	1963-67

S. Hyland	1965-68
A. O. Fairweather	1967-69
N. A. McLean	1968-71
J. McGorman	1969-73
B. E. Belton	1971-73
M. P. Condon	1973-75
J. A. Elmslie	1973-74
J. F. Dellaca	1974-75
J. A. Elmslie	1975-76
J. F. Alexander	1976-77
W. R. Lewis	1977-78
S. C. Cutler	1978-81
G. H. C. Bennett	1981-83
H. G. Powell	1983-84
M. E. Beck	1985-86
K. B. O'Leary	1986-95

**SECRETARY**

H. Catanach	1920-21
F. Christensen	1921-22
A. Conway	1922-23
F. Kingsford	1923-24
D. D. Forsyth	1924-30
L. R. Neilson	1930-32
W. Berridge	1932-35
F. W. Sheppard	1935-40
J. H. Strauchon	1940-42
J. E. Coutts	1942-44
D. K. Chamberlain	1944-46
H. R. Hammonds	1946-53
G. Couchman	1953-57
K. B. O'Leary	1957-95

**TREASURER**

A. Williams	1920-21
L. Wales	1921-22
P. Shipman	1922-23
H. Catanach	1923-25
R. C. Tilley	1925-27
J. H. Pepper	1927-28
J. McQueen	1928-29
G. Mulholland	1929-38
Dr J. P. Duncan	1938-39
J. E. Coutts	1939-44
F. J. Bilton	1944-48
P. J. M. Coleman	1948-53
G. Couchman	1953-57
J. Johnston	1957
M. Jacobs	1957-62
N. T. Clancy	1962-63
H. R. Hammonds	1963-68
G. H. C. Bennett	1968-83
S. C. Cutler	1983-95

**COMMITTEE**

W. A. Hurley	1920-24
	1940-45
L. Wales	1920-21
	1922-26
A. G. P. Wallace	1920-22
J. Thorpe	1920-21
C. E. Johnston	1920-22
	1927-34
J. H. Pepper	1920-21
	1925-26
	1928-29
N. McLean	1920-21
L. Irvine	1920-21
H. Catanach	1921-23
C. H. Bourke	1921-23
A. Williams	1921-22
J. Ross	1921-26
A. Conway	1921-22
H. Rook	1922-23
A. E. Symes	1922-24
	1926-27
D. McGorrery	1922-23
	1927-32
	1937-40
F. J. Christensen	1922-23
A. S. Hone	1923-26
W. F. Alexander	1923-24
	1926-28
	1944-51
J. Prouse	1923-26
S. C. Johnston	1924-27
	1935-36
A. Old	1924-25
J. Morrison	1924-25
H. A. Williams	1925-27
	1929-32
G. Stewart	1925-27
	1928-32
Rev. W. Kelly	1926-27
T. Bourke	1926-27
F. Evans	1926-27
J. Featherson	1926-27
T. Mulcahy	1927-29
W. A. Dalrymple	1927-28
D. Stewart	1928-32
C. H. Gutteridge	1929-31
V. S. McMurray	1930-32
	1936-38
J. E. Stevens	1930-32
J. D. Newland	1930-32
	1942-47
L. H. Neilson	1932-37

R. H. Blackiston	1933-34
Dr J. P. Duncan	1935-38
	1940
C. E. Mountfort	1935-37
L. Hurley	1935-36
Rev. P. A. Stanley	1936-40
	1942-44
J. M. Hartwell	1936-41
J. H. Strauchon	1936-38
	1940-44
F. C. Christensen	1936-41
T. Wilson	1937-39
	1942-45
J. Morehau	1938-39
F. J. Bilton	1938-39
	1948-51
R. M. Boyne	1938-44
C. H. Harden	1938-56
J. Sullivan	1940-41
S. F. Morris	1942-45
D. Palmer	1942-43
A. J. Larsen	1942-43
	1945-47
	1949-55
D. G. Thompson	1942-45
L. Walker	1943-44
W. Potts	1943-45
D. Lupton	1943-45
E. C. Hone	1943-45
F. W. Sheppard	1944-45
L. T. Hurley	1946-47
D. K. Chamberlain	1946-51
G. Couchman	1946-48
W. Farquharson	1946-48
D. W. Lance	1946-48
R. I. Lupton	1946-48
	1951-57
	1961-66
G. Armstrong	1946-49
N. Parsons	1946-49
M. H. Dickie	1948-49
	1958-64
R. Lampitt	1948-49
R. E. McGregor	1948-49
S. Wilson	1948-50
A. Pokau	1948-51
Rev. D. de Candole	1948-50
L. M. Fairbrother	1949-55
M. Halley	1949-51
L. Birchall	1949-50
	1951-59
C. H. Prout	1949-50
	1955-61
	1965-68
	1971-72

C. W. Pollard	1950-53
	1956-57
H. J. Slater	1950-51
	1952-53
R. L. Bond	1951-56
L. Gray	1951-54
	1957-60
N. S. Lupton	1951-57
J. T. Casey	1951-60
J. F. Dellaca	1952-53
	1959-62
	1969-74
	1976-79
	1990-94
S. Harpham	1955-58
R. Booker	1955-64
H. R. Hammonds	1955-63
	1976-92
K. B. O'Leary	1956-57
M. Lockett	1957-59
A. Alexander	1957-63
B. Dryden	1957-59
	1961
N. A. McLean	1958-61
	1964-65
	1967-68
	1973-74
J. Davis	1959-60
G. H. C. Bennett	1960-68
	1986-95
N. T. Clancey	1960-62
S. C. Cutler	1960-63
A. O. Fairweather	1960-67
	1971-79
	1983-86
	1987-88
	1991-95
C. Dallison	1962-63
J. A. Elmslie	1962-64
	1966-73
	1974-75
J. Smith	1962-64
P. J. M. Coleman	1963-66
A. R. Lee	1963-77
	1986-87
S. Hyland	1963-65
	1968-69
	1970-71
W. S. Rinkin	1963-66
B. E. Belton	1964-71
	1976-79
	1986-91
	1992-95
W. R. Lewis	1964-70
	1972-75

K. Neilson	1964-70
J. McGorman	1965-69
	1973-74
R. A. Aiken	1966-78
	1979-83
E. J. Hurley	1967-70
M. P. Condon	1968-73
	1977-95
J. F. Alexander	1968-76
	1981-92
H. G. Powell	1969-76
	1977-83
A. G. Isbester	1970-75
D. W. Morrison	1970-74
	1975-79
E. Elmslie	1974-76
T. C. Simson	1974-79
M. M. Tinirau	1974-77
	1978-81
H. G. Walker	1978-85
M. E. Beck	1983-85
P. N. Soloman	1985-88
W. Henderson	1988-90
J. R. Thorpe	1988-91
D. B. Fairweather	1992-95

#### HONORARY AUDITOR

J. C. Gray	1922-56
S. F. Besley	1956-57
D. A. H. Canham	1958-76
J. Healy	1977
W. Buckman	1978-82
R. B. Walkinton	1983-95

#### HONORARY SOLICITOR

G. H. Graham	1922-45
P. J. M. Coleman	1945-74
J. A. Coleman	1975-95

#### LIFE MEMBERS

1948	R. J. McDonald
	W. A. Hurley
	F. Johnston
	J. Prouse
1958	J. H. Pepper
1963	Dr P. V. Graves
1993	S. C. Cutler
1995	M. P. Condon

#### GOLD STAR BADGE AWARD - K. B. O'Leary CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AND 'M' BADGE

P. V. Graves	H. R. Hammonds
K. B. O'Leary	

### WAVERLEY-WAITOTARA RETURNED SERVICES ASSOCIATION (Incorporated)

#### MEMBERSHIP AT DECEMBER 31, 1995 Returned Members

R. A. Aiken	A. O. Fairweather
J. F. Alexander	R. Fieldes
C. W. Anstis	N. C. C. Hodge
W. J. A. Barnes	A. G. Isbester
R. J. Bates	W. R. Lewis
M. E. Beck	E. S. Lupton
B. E. Belton	K. B. O'Leary
G. H. C. Bennett	J. A. Smith
R. S. D. Campbell	W. K. Staite
M. P. Condon	J. R. Thorpe
S. C. Cutler	M. M. Tinirau
J. F. Dellaca	A. Wallace
L. S. Duffý	B. A. Walker
J. A. Elmslie	M. E. Wilson

#### Service Members

D. F. Clark
D. B. Fairweather
L. Karatau
G. F. Keene
G. E. Lee
E. R. Lennox
T. G. Luff
P. J. McDonald
M. J. Morrison
J. Neil
R. Neil
D. G. Rees
J. R. Smailes
P. M. Soloman
S. Stevens
H. T. Symes



Members of the Wanganui Provincial R.S.A. Women's Section at the Provincial picnic held at Dr and Mrs Graves garden, February 1962.

### WAVERLEY-WAITOTARA R.S.A. - WOMEN'S SECTION

Among reports of Waverley RSA activities in 1920 are references to the Ladies' Committee decorating the Town Hall for R.S.A. dances and providing supper for the dancers.

The committee organised the first Poppy Day appeal at Waverley in 1922 and was involved in fund raising for the Waverley War Memorial Clock Tower.

Down through the years successive ladies' committees provided the supper for the annual R.S.A. dance and was responsible for organising the Poppy Day appeal.

Since 1956, Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. has been supported by the Women's Section. At the inaugural meeting Mrs Mollie Graves was elected president, Mrs Ruby Hammonds, secretary and Mrs E. Booker, Treasurer.

The Women's Section was part of the Wanganui and District R.S.A. Provincial Women's Section until the Council was disbanded in 1966. In November 1962 the Section hosted the annual meeting of the provincial council at Waverley.

For many years the Section was involved in catering for the annual R.S.A. dinner, senior citizens' afternoon teas, R.S.A. balls, cabarets and R.S.A. golf and outdoor bowls tournaments. Mrs R. Hammonds was in charge of the catering arrangements for thirty years. Nowadays the Section caters for the R.S.A. outdoor bowls tournament and after service funerals.

The Section also assisted the R.S.A. with the children's Christmas party, picnics and combined Christmas party for members.

Another activity has been assisting with the annual Poppy Day appeal. From time to time the Girls' Life Brigade and Boy Scouts helped the Section on Poppy Day.



Mrs Ruby Hammonds

The first Women's Golf tournament organised by the Section was held on July 18, 1963. That year the tournament was restricted to local members. In later years members from neighbouring Sections were invited to take part. The last tournament was held in 1974.

From its inception Women's Section birthdays have been celebrated with either a social, luncheon or dinner. The birthday parties have always been very well supported by members and visitors from Wanganui, Hawera and Eltham.

Over a period of 27 years Mrs P. Bell and Mrs. M. McGorman have delivered flowers and cards to members in hospital, or ill at home. Their visiting to "say it with flowers" has been greatly appreciated. They have also been responsible for floral arrangements and making sprays for special occasions.

Officers who have given many years of dedicated service to the Women's Section are: Mrs Gwen Lee, president, 1962-67 and 1970-93; Mrs Jean Fairweather, secretary, 1971-95; Mrs Joan Tomasi, treasurer, 1963-95 and Mrs Mavis Bennett, secretary 1962-71. The officers have been assisted by many willing members, who have served on the committee.

#### WAVERLEY-WAITOTARA R.S.A WOMEN'S SECTION

Membership at December 31, 1995.

J. Aiken	J. Fenton	B. Morrison
A. Archer	J. Galbraith	R. Neilson
M. Aiken	E. Gullery	B. Neil
P. Bell	E. Hughes	P. O'Leary
M. Bennett	M. Herbert	N. Powell
E. Beck	M. Hobbs	M. Paddison
L. Belton	P. Hickford	E. Phillips
M. Buckman	N. Herman	J. Quickenden
M. Bradley	J. Hayman	M. Rolfe
C. Bidwell	L. Hurley	S. Simson
M. Coleman	J. Karatau	R. Struthridge
E. Comrie	M. Kahu	S. Stowell
B. Casey	N. Lawrence	D. Simpson
M. Clark	G. Lee	J. Tomasi
V. Dellaca	A. Lupton	K. Turner
M. Doherty	P. Lewis	S. Verry
E. Dryden	J. Lord	J. Wallace
P. Deacon	G. Lennox	I. Willis
J. Fairweather	M. McGorman	P. Williams
V. Fieldes	M. Morrison	V. Wilson
N. Finlay	P. McKenna	

#### WAVERLEY-WAITOTARA R.S.A. WOMEN'S SECTION OFFICERS 1995



At back from left: Marge McGorman, Pearl Bell (flower ladies for 27 years), Peg Hickford, Betty Neil (flower ladies).

At front from left: Jean Fairweather (secretary), Voila Dellaca (president), Gwen Lee (vice-president), Joan Tomasi (treasurer).

#### THE HOME FRONT 1939-1945

##### NEW ZEALAND RED CROSS WAVERLEY SUB-BRANCH



The Waverley sub-branch of the New Zealand Red Cross Society was formed at a meeting held on September 26, 1939.

Mr Ira Bridger, organiser for the New Zealand Red Cross Society, addressed the meeting and outlined the history of the movement. "The original purpose of the society was relief of distress only, but its purpose had been enlarged down the years. Twelve months ago the society saw how ill-prepared New Zealand was with regard to trained workers. In 1938, they had only 400 trained and only one third of these could be called upon." He said the society wanted a branch in every town and he was keen to see Waverley organise.

The committee elected at the inaugural meeting were:- President, Miss B. Elmslie; vice-presidents, Mrs J. D. Newland, Mrs F. Sheppard, Mrs A. B Cunningham; secretary, Miss P. Gray; committee, Mesdames J. J. Johnston, E. Gray, H. S. Barrow, E. Ross, W. Macfarlane, Messrs A. Elmslie, Kenny and D. Chamberlain.

Wanganui Red Cross Centre came into being in November 1939. In accordance with New Zealand Red Cross Society constitution and rules, branches became known as sub-centres. The Wanganui Centre then included sub-centres located at Wanganui, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka, Ohingaiti, Raetihi and Waverley. During the war another nine sub-centres were established.

Home nursing lectures were arranged at Waverley and in response to an urgent request from the Wanganui Centre, the sub-centre collected and forwarded a parcel of hospital linen and bandages.

At short notice the sub-centre arranged a farewell dance to soldiers of the First Echelon, 2 N.Z.E.F. The *Wanganui Chronicle* in its issue of December 22, 1939, reported that "On Wednesday evening the Waverley Town Hall looked very patriotic with flags draped around the walls and men wearing uniforms. During the evening Mr J. J. Johnston, chairman, Waverley Town Board, and

Mr W. G. Belton, chairman, Patea County Council, made short speeches and wished the men good luck and a safe return.

Mrs W. Macfarlane, a member of the committee, apologised for the absence of the president of the society, Miss B. Elmslie, on account of illness. On behalf of the district she made a presentation of a wrist watch each to Major P. V. Graves, Lieutenants H. P. Stewart and W. Davis, Privates B. Baskin, D. F. Dewar, H. Holtham and J. Dewar.

Major Graves replied on behalf of his comrades and thanked the citizens for their gifts and said they would do their utmost to uphold New Zealand's record of the last war.

At the first annual meeting held on April 8, 1940, Miss Elmslie reported that although the sub-centre had only been in operation for six months it now had a membership of 74. During this time, lectures in first aid were given by Dr Duncan to the local territorials. No examination was held, the lectures being part of the weekly parade. Home nursing lectures, organised by Miss B. Elmslie, were given by Mrs D. G. Thompson assisted by Mrs W. Valentine and Mrs H. Cowdell.

The twenty students who sat for the examination were all successful in passing, gaining high marks.

The students were: Mesdames Burnett, Elsie Howie, Olive Wall; Misses Barbara Barnett, Barbara Elmslie, Olga Christensen, Shirley Dallison, Barbara Edwards, Ann Elmslie, Joan Fowler, Margaret Holmes, Audrey Hair, Patricia Linehan, Marcia O'Reilly, Catherine O'Reilly, Jean Stewart, Margaret Williams, Edith Wall, Elsie Rounthwaite and Joyce Stewart.

One of the students, Joan Fowler, lived on a farm at Okotuku, five miles from Waverley.

"The First Aid and Home Nursing lectures were held at Waverley in the evenings and I used to bike into town and then home again. As well as lectures on Home Nursing, we had to do 60 hours nursing at the Patea Hospital. Ann Elmslie and I were the first students from Waverley to do our nursing training. Our day started at 6 am and we would work through till mid afternoon. Then the Matron would take us through our First Aid work.

After we finished our 60 hours and had come home, Dr Duncan phoned me and said I would have to go back because I hadn't seen anybody after they came out of the operating theatre. So it was back to Patea hospital.

My first patient was Mr Ratana, the Member of Parliament. He had had an operation and I sat by his bed until he came around. I remember that the first thing he asked for was a cigarette.

Later there were Hygiene and Sanitation lectures and these were held in the Patea Town Hall. Mrs Eva Bates, whose husband owned a carrying business in

Waverley, used to drive the bus and take us to Patea for the lectures. Then it was back to Waverley and I biked home from there."

The official opening of the new Farmers Co-op building in Waverley took place on July 12, 1940, when the ceremony was performed by Mr H.G. Dickie, M.P. In the evening a dance was held in the large storeroom in aid of Red Cross funds. The room was decorated with flags and coloured lights. There was an attendance of over 200 people and a total amount of £43 6s was handed over to the Red Cross committee. The music was supplied by Fairweather's Dance Band from Patea.

In World War II, Waverley was probably the first country district in New Zealand to establish its own emergency hospital.

The project arose from the action of the Waverley-Waitotara sub-area of the Home Guard in equipping trucks to act as ambulances and in training transport personnel in first aid. The Home Guard considered an advanced dressing station was necessary and in December 1940, asked the Waverley sub-centre of the Red Cross Society to co-operate. The members were willing and set up a committee drawn from the district and Waitotara. The result was that an emergency station of 26 beds was organised, 20 beds from Waverley district and six from Waitotara.

The Patea Hospital Board was approached and that board approved the station as an emergency hospital under the Emergency Precaution Scheme with a capacity of 45 beds. The board appointed two members to act with the Red Cross committee in the affairs of the emergency hospital. From Headquarters Company of the Home Guard, a base organisation of men was formed under the leadership of Mr W. G. Belton, to assist the hospital.

A garden party was held at Mrs H. P. Mitcalfe's residence, Waverley, on February 13, 1941, to collect funds for the purpose of equipping the emergency hospital. Weather conditions were perfect and there was a large attendance of the public. Waverley responded generously with the result that £88 16s 9d was taken during the afternoon. As expenses were very small, practically the whole amount was available for the purchase of equipment.

The president, Mrs W. Macfarlane and committee, appointed Mrs D. G. Thompson as matron of the emergency hospital, Mrs C. Pearce as her deputy, and a nursing staff of 11 V.A.D. helpers. Six of these had nursing experience and the other five were finishing their training.

Miss Nesta Mathieson was in charge of the domestic staff with Mrs G. Lupton as her deputy, and a staff of 10. Many women offered part time service in this department. Laundry work was in charge of Mrs W. Jefferies and Mrs J. C. Gray.

That same month the *Wanganui Chronicle* reported the first trial emergency call.

'Within three hours of receiving a trial emergency call the Waverley emergency hospital was prepared to receive ten patients and little more preparation would have been required to have a much larger number of beds ready for casualties.

It was the first trial which the Waverley emergency hospital has undertaken and the results provided ample proof of efficient organisation. The call was sent out at 8.30 am to members on the staff of the "hospital" to be prepared to receive patients by 11.30 am, an allowance of three hours to get ready. Within five minutes of the call the first of the staff was at the Town Hall, closely followed by the others. Long before the three hours were up the hospital was prepared to receive ten patients and if necessary could have been ready to receive its full quota in a short further period of time.'

Joan Fowler remembers taking part in the training exercises, setting up the emergency hospital.

"As I lived out in the country and wouldn't hear the siren the sister in charge would ring me at home. I would dress in my nurses uniform and drive into town. Our first job was to sweep out the town hall then we would set all the beds up. At the same time the women in the kitchen would be making soup. Everybody had their jobs to do.

When the patients were brought in we would bandage up head injuries and broken limbs and make them comfortable. I remember one time a man was brought in and he had the D.T's. We had to cope with him and ended up tying him up.

When the exercise was over, the beds would be taken down and everything put away. The soup would be ready, and we always had some before going home. Constable Baskin, the local policeman, would bring along a small bottle of petrol to put in the car so that I could get home again. Petrol was rationed to motorists from early in the war. After Japan came into the war, the ration was down to 2 gallons a month."

At the second annual meeting held in April 1941, the president, Mrs Macfarlane thanked all who had helped the sub-centre during the year - the Evening Sewing Circle, W.D.F.U. and Citizens' Committee, the Rangiruru Ladies Club and pupils of Waverley District High School. Altogether 678 yards of material and 895 skeins of wool, had been made up since the last annual meeting.

At the annual meeting in 1943, the president, Mrs W. Macfarlane, reported that 'in spite of the difficulty in securing wool and material, a total of 551 articles required for sick and wounded, had been forwarded to headquarters, Wellington. These articles required in all 1,560 skeins of wool and 729 yards of material. A

number of books and magazines and old linen had also been sent'.

Officers and committee elected in 1943 were :- Patroness, Miss B. Elmslie; president, Mrs W. Macfarlane; vice-presidents, Mesdames R. Boyne and D. G. Thompson, Messrs E. C. Dallison and C. J. Dickie; secretary, Mrs A. B. Cunningham; treasurer, Mr Hillmer; committee, Mesdames C. J. Brown, G. Milne, J. Gray, D. Milne, A. Castle, F. J. Bilton, Messrs A. Elmslie and F. J. Bilton.

During that same year, classes continued in home nursing and hygiene and sanitation. In home nursing, 27 elementary and six intermediate candidates sat for the examination, all passing, 19 with honours. In hygiene and sanitation, 18 sat and all passed, nine with honours. Of those passing the examinations, eight had done 60 hours nursing at the Patea Hospital.

As the war with Japan moved north, classes in home nursing, hygiene and sanitation were substantially reduced.

The sub-centre, with assistance from other local patriotic organisations, continued making up articles from wool and material.

During 1944, the Waverley sub-centre organised a series of dances to raise funds for the purchase of wool and material. The dances were a great success with large numbers attending. Music was supplied by Vinsens' Ambassadors at each dance.

At a dance held on July 5, 1944, the Waverley Citizens' Committee took the opportunity to welcome home Private Theo Holmes, the first repatriated prisoner-of-war to return to Waverley. Pte. Holmes, replying told of the great work the Red Cross was doing in getting patriotic parcels to prisoners-of-war. He said that had it not been for these parcels the prisoners-of-war, at times, would have barely survived.

Each year during the war, members organised a special appeal in Waverley, to coincide with the Red Cross Society national appeal. The W.D.F.U. and Citizens' Committee, the Waverley branch W.D.F.U. and Waverley R.S.A., helped with each appeal.

After the war, the sub-centre continued sending comforts to the Red Cross Society in Wanganui, to distribute to 1914-1918 war patients and men from World War II in hospital.

One of the peace time tasks of the Red Cross Society was in connection with U.N.N.R.A., the organisation set up by United Nations to help people in the distressed countries of Europe with food and clothing. In May 1947, Red Cross members and Waverley W.D.F.F. co-operated in a house-to-house collection of clothing for Europe. As a result six cases of clothing were packed and sent to headquarters in Wellington.

During the war, three thousand British nurses were killed or died as a result of enemy action. Six sisters

and five voluntary aids of the New Zealand Army Nursing Service, died during their service overseas. To commemorate the lives of these women, it was decided to establish a living memorial with a tangible token in the form of a chapel in Westminster Abbey. The memorial was to take the form of a fund under the name of the British Commonwealth and Empire Nurses War Memorial Fund. The interest from the fund was to be used for post graduate scholarships to be awarded to registered nurses for study throughout the world. In England the committee organising the appeal were already within reach of their target of £100,000. So that New Zealand nurses might also benefit from these scholarships, a committee representing various interested organisations was set up, under the chairmanship of Sir Howard Kippenberger. Its aim was to raise £16,000 to enable one registered nurse to be sent overseas every second year. The appeal was sponsored by the New Zealand Registered Nurses' Association, the Red Cross Society, St. John Ambulance Association and N.Z.R.S.A. In October 1950, the sub-centre and Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. held a combined appeal for the Fund.

The sub-centre remained active until 1955 when it went into recess. In April 1979, the remaining members decided to wind up the Waverley Red Cross sub-centre and funds of \$249.19 in the A.N.Z. bank, Waverley, were handed over to the Wanganui Red Cross Centre.

Since 1975, the annual appeal at Waverley in support of the work of the New Zealand Red Cross Society has been organised by the Rotary Club of Waverley-Aotea.

**WAVERLEY WOMEN'S  
DIVISION FARMERS'  
UNION AND CITIZENS' COMMITTEE**

The W.D.F.U. and Citizens' Committee was formed at a public meeting held on March 1, 1940. The committee, which was separate from the W.D.F.U. played an active role in patriotic work during World War II.

Officers and committee elected were: President, Mrs J. D. Newland; secretary, Mrs J. H. Strauchon; treasurer, Mrs J. Coutts. The committee comprised members of the Waverley branch W.D.F.U. committee with the addition of Mrs O. Wall and Mrs M. McKinnon.

The Legion of Frontiersmen offered the committee the use of their rooms free of charge and in the early years of the war, members met in the rooms every Friday afternoon. Later, the venue for meetings was changed to the Waverley Town Hall supper room.

At each meeting members knitted and sewed for war work and received articles from the public. A bring and buy stall was held and a cup of tea could be purchased for a small charge.

Early in April the committee held a street appeal to raise money to buy material. There was a ready response from the public. Three raffles were organised, £18 was raised and donations amounting to £2 17s 6d were collected. That same afternoon, a sheep guessing competition held by Waverley R.S.A. at the saleyards, raised £8 10s for the fund.

The committee was soon busy making clothes for refugees, this work then being passed on to the Red Cross. Later, numerous garments, either re-made or new and hand-knitted, were sent to the Lady Galway Guild. The committee helped the Red Cross in other ways, chief among them being £33 9s 7d which was raised in June 1940, when the Red Cross made a Dominion wide appeal for funds.

The committee also supplied workers for the Y.M.C.A. canteen at the Taranaki Regiment territorial camp for four nights a week over a period of three months.

In October that same year, Mrs Newland resigned owing to ill health. Mrs A. Morrison was elected by the committee to fill the vacancy.

The main items of work during the war years were the sending of addressed parcels to Waverley service personnel overseas, making up unaddressed patriotic parcels, knitting garments for the armed services, and sewing and remaking garments for the Lady Galway Guild.

At the first annual meeting, held in March 1941, Mrs Morrison in her report said that 'every month we have posted an addressed parcel to each of our local men on active service and have now many men on our list. From time to time the Wanganui Patriotic Council has appealed for unaddressed parcels for soldiers and we have supplied 38 of these, besides many other articles made with

material supplied by the Council... 1,657 skeins of wool have been given out to members by the Waverley W.D.F.U. and Citizens' Committee and 139 from the Wanganui Patriotic Council - a total of 1,796 skeins. A total of 940 articles have been sent away, as well as five cases of garments to the Lady Galway Guild in Wanganui.'

It was decided to increase the number of members on the committee - to be made up of the W.D.F.U. committee with the addition of four other W.D.F.U. members and four women representing citizens.

Mrs W. Alexander was elected president for the ensuing year. In April that same year she resigned for health reasons. At a special meeting of the committee Mrs P. V. Graves was elected president.

At that meeting the following were elected to be in charge of the different sections: Afternoon tea, Mrs C. Dickie; bring and buy, Mrs J. Johnston; parcels, Mrs J. Newland; sewing, Mrs W. R. Hunt; refugee sewing, Mrs W. Alexander; wool and knitting, Mrs J. H. Strauchon and Mrs G. Graham.

In May 1941, the National Patriotic Fund Board made a special request that unaddressed parcels be as uniform as possible and contain a selection of articles listed:- 1 tin coffee and milk or milk, 1 cake, shortbread or ginger nuts in tin, 1 packet razor blades, 1 cake chocolate, 1 pair black boot laces, 1 writing pad and envelopes or playing cards and 1 tin of any of these, fruit, oysters, whitebait, honey, soup, lamb and peas or tomato juice.

During the next year generous donations were received, amounting to £90 3s. The bring and buy stall was most successful, the amount raised being £214 6s 7d. Afternoon tea every Friday afternoon was also popular, resulting in the sum of £48 2s 9d. Six hundred and twenty addressed parcels to Waverley servicemen and 100 patriotic unaddressed parcels were sent away. The committee also gave donations to next-of-kin of Waverley men who were prisoners of war, to enable them to put a gift in their quarterly parcel.

That same year, 1,626 skeins of wool were given out and 492 knitted garments sent away. The cost of the wool bought was £73 16s. The committee also sent away 326 garments to the Lady Galway Guild and were now holding boxes of clothing for any local emergency.

New activities in 1942 were the making of camouflage nets for the Army, and the revival of the art of spinning as a patriotic measure. Mr A. G. Wallace made several spinning wheels and the natural wool was spun, then knitted into sea boot stockings and pullovers for the Merchant Navy. Mrs A. G. Wallace was in charge of the spinning section.

The president, Mrs Graves, in a review of the activities of the past year at the annual meeting in 1943 said '...we have sent away 698 addressed and 105 patriotic unaddressed parcels. I would like to say how very de-

lighted we are at all the letters we have received from the men overseas, in appreciation of our gift parcels.'

The committee gave donations to Air Force Relations, the Merchant Navy, the local Patriotic Appeal, the A.N.A. Club, Wellington and next-of-kin of Waverley men who were prisoners of war.

A total of 455 knitted articles was sent away. Members knitted for the Navy, Wanganui Patriotic Council, the W.D.F.U. Wanganui Appeal, the Merchant Navy, Air Force Relations and the Church Army Huts at Trentham and Waiouru. The spinning section had a busy year knitting 35 pullovers and 10 pairs of sea boot stockings.

Another piece of work was in assisting Waverley R.S.A. members by mending 200 books for the War Service libraries.

That same year Mrs J. Coutts retired from the office of treasurer and was succeeded by Mrs J. Johnston. Mrs R. Bates was appointed in charge of the bring and buy section, and Mrs R. Wybourne in charge of afternoon tea.

In February 1944, the Waverley branch, W.D.F.U., organised a street day appeal to assist the funds of the British Sailors' Society. The W.D.F.U. and Citizens' Committee donated the total proceeds from the weekly bring and buy stall, raffle and afternoon tea towards the appeal. A total amount of £84 5s 6d was raised.

Later that same year the committee held a special appeal day for the Red Cross.

Mrs Graves in her annual report in 1944 said '...We again find that the sending away of parcels has been our main item, although other branches of our work have not been neglected'. The committee sent away 776 addressed and 252 patriotic unaddressed parcels - a total of 1,028.

The number of skeins of wool given out was 877, and 324 knitted garments were sent away including scarves, balaclavas, mittens, socks, caps, pullovers, spun pullovers, Air Force cranwells, gloves, slippers, Air Force stockings and spun sea boot stockings. The committee also sent a large box of clothing to the Lady Galway Guild, Wellington.

In March 1945, the committee held a very successful afternoon function in the Waverley Town Hall, when they entertained all the next-of-kin of men overseas or in camp. The *Wanganui Chronicle* reported that as there were over 100 men away from Waverley, a large number of next-of-kin attended and were very interested in seeing the monthly parcels being made up to send overseas.

Mrs Graves, in her speech welcoming the visitors, said that since March 1940, 4,000 addressed and unaddressed

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parcels had been sent away. That was in addition to all the other work done by members.

Mrs M. McKinnon, on behalf of the next-of-kin, thanked the W.D.F.U. and Citizens' Committee for "all the work they had done to assist the war effort during the past five years, and for a most enjoyable afternoon".

The ending of the war with Japan in August 1945, brought to an end the war time activities of the committee. Its funds were left in the Post Office Savings Bank accruing interest. In May 1946, the committee donated £50 towards the "Food for Britain" appeal. The money was forwarded through the Waverley branch, W.D.F.U. to the Wanganui Provincial, W.D.F.U., appeal.

During the Korean War, the committee arranged farewell functions and sent parcels to local men serving in Korea. In May 1952, a street appeal was organised by the committee to raise funds to continue sending parcels to Korea. In conjunction with the street appeal, a bring and buy sale and afternoon tea was held in the Waverley Town Hall. The amount raised totalled £69, including a donation from Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A..

In 1969, four remaining members of the W.D.F.F. and Citizens' Committee, Mesdames C. J. Dickie, J. H. Strauchon, W. R. Hunt and J. J. Johnston, asked the W.D.F.F. committee to accept the funds in the Saving's Bank account, amounting to \$205.39. They requested that it be kept in a separate account, "to be known as the Waverley W.D.F.F. Patriotic Fund and be used at the discretion of the Waverley branch for the benefit of returned servicemen or women or their families, if need arises". The cheque was presented by Mrs Dickie, the advisory member of the 1945 W.D.F.U. and Citizens' Committee.

The purpose of the Fund was changed in February 1974. The remaining available members of the W.D.F.F. and Citizens' Committee requested the Waverley W.D.F.F. to use the funds donated to and held by it, amounting to \$222.12, "for any local charitable purpose which the said committee thinks fit".

Later that same year, the branch gave \$40 from this fund, together with \$60 from its own funds, "to be used by the Waverley Town Board to help needy cases with expenses incurred in sewage connections to their properties".

The W.D.F.F. Patriotic Fund was wound up in 1978. At the Golden Jubilee Celebrations the headmaster of Waverley High School was presented with a cheque for \$217 for the purpose of providing reference books for the school library. Members felt that this gift would be in accordance with the wishes of the original committee, in that it would ensure the use of the money for the benefit of as wide a group as possible in the Waverley-Waitotara district.

### WAVERLEY PATRIOTIC PURPOSES COMMITTEE

An enthusiastic meeting of citizens was held in the Waverley Town Hall on March 5, 1940. The purpose of the meeting was to appoint a committee and discuss methods to be employed in the collection of funds for the Fighting Services Appeal.

Mr A. E. Symes, was appointed chairman, Mr J. E. Palmer, vice-chairman and Mr Kenny, secretary and treasurer. Messers R. Hillmer and N. Bromiley served on the committee.

A committee was elected and the town and district divided into blocks, each in charge of a member who arranged, for his own assistants.

Mr A. E. Symes was chairman of the committee throughout the war. Mr J. E. Coutts took over the duties of secretary in October 1940, and continued in office until April 1944 when he was transferred from Waverley to Papakura. At a meeting of the committee that same month Mr F. W. Sheppard was appointed secretary.

During the war the committee was responsible for organising patriotic purposes appeals and canvassing for Liberty and Victory Loans. The subscriptions to each patriotic appeal and loan exceeded the quota allocated to Waverley and district.

### WAVERLEY EVENING SEWING CIRCLE

The Waverley Evening Sewing Circle originated in the home nursing class of the Waverley sub branch, Red Cross Society.

It was formed in March 1940, and within five weeks the membership stood at 29.

Although it ran independently, its work was mainly for the Red Cross Society as well as for the Services.

Officers and committee elected at the inaugural meeting were:- Patron, Miss B. Elmslie; president, Mrs O. Wall; vice president, Mrs E. Howie; secretary, Mrs M. McKinnon; treasurer, Miss E. Rounthwaite; committee, Mesdames Gaitt, M. O'Leary and Miss O. Bourne.

Later, Mesdames C. Orsman, W. J. Pepper, E. Ross, Campbell and Misses D. Davis, M. Cunningham, L. Walker, A. Davis and A. Wall were added to the committee.

Mrs Olive Wall recalls that "we met together as a group on Tuesday evenings in a fairly large room which was situated behind the Plunket rooms. As well as knitting and sewing, some of the ladies made small cakes, short-bread and biscuits to put in baking powder tins for the parcels we sent overseas."

During the first year 543 garments were made comprising balaclavas, scarves, mittens, socks, gloves, sea boat socks, body belts, kneecaps, bed socks, singlets, handkerchiefs, face cloths and hot water bag covers.

The majority of the garments were forwarded to the Lady Galway Guild, some in parcels to local men overseas, others to the Red Cross Society and the Wanganui Zone Committee. Forty four parcels were forwarded, at intervals, to Waverley men overseas.

A branch of the circle was started at Makakaho, Upper Waitotara Valley, and parcels of knitting and sewing were sent regularly to Waverley.

Elsie Rounthwaite, now Mrs Hughes of Waverley, was treasurer of the circle.

"There were 30 members and we each paid 3d when we met on Tuesday evenings. This money went towards buying wool for knitting various articles and tinned food to include in the parcels we sent away.

Mrs Macfarlane, president of Waverley Red Cross, used to bring in flannelette and I would take it home and cut it out for making bed jackets. When made up they were handed on to the Red Cross.

One night each month we packed the parcels in calico, sewed them up and addressed them to send to local men serving overseas and to people living in England and Scotland. Later in the war we were sending away about 40 parcels a month."

At the annual meeting of the Circle in 1942 the president, Mrs E. Howie reported that 'there were now 47 working members. £89 was handled during the year, this amount being from donations, competitions and the bring and buy stall'.

Four hundred and seven articles were knitted during the year and garments made up for the Red Cross. Woolen articles had also been made from wool provided by the Wanganui Zone committee and when knitted returned to Wanganui.

Mrs Howie said that 189 parcels had been packed and sent to local men overseas and 14 parcels for the National Patriotic Appeal. The Upper Waitotara branch had knitted a total of 126 articles.

A new undertaking in 1942 was the making of camouflage nets. When work began, the Circle was given enough twine to make 28 nets. In May that same year the *Wanganui Chronicle* reported that 'all were completed but no more twine was available'.

Shirley Dallison, now Mrs Verry of Waverley, remembers working on the camouflage nets.

"The nets I worked on at home were hung from nails on a wall. It took a long while to do one row working from one side to the other. We used a board and shuttle, knotting the twine as we moved across the net. It was quite fascinating making the nets but very hard on your hands."

From time to time local organisations gave donations to help the Circle carry on its war effort. Annual reports mention the Waverley R.S.A., Waverley Druids, Makakaho ladies and Waverley school committee, staff and pupils. During 1944 the Waverley Bowling Club

social committee helped run euchre parties to raise funds. Circle members raised funds from raffles, donations from friends, bring and buy stalls and concerts. The concerts were popular and well supported.

The *Wanganui Chronicle* in its issue of June 30, 1944, reported:

"The Waverley Evening Sewing Circle concert held recently was a great success and the Town Hall was filled to capacity. The proceeds were in aid of parcels for the Armed Services. The programme opened with choruses of war time songs by members who were dressed in soldiers' battle dress, sailors' uniforms, air force uniforms and nurses' uniforms and veils. A recitation "Cheap Mutton" by Bill Fity, by Miss Doris Clover was the next item, followed by a Scotch item by Mrs Smith. A play, "Mrs Whippie's Husband", was acted by Miss M. Cunningham, Miss C. Bourne, Mrs M. McKinnon and Mrs Atkinson. "We'll Remember" was sung by Mr S. Morris. Other items were: Pianoforte solo by Miss B. Pepper, a bracket of sailor songs by members, two vocal items by Mr E. J. Kelly. A play, "Soup and Savoury", was presented by Miss M. Cunningham, Mrs M. McKinnon and Mrs Smith. Elocutionary items by Mr C. S. Wood. "All Packed Up in My Little Bottom Drawer", by Mrs Smith. The programme then concluded with several gypsy songs sung in the "moonlight". Numbers in this bracket were: "In a Little Gypsy Tearoom", "Waltz of the Gypsies", "Play to Me Gypsy", "Gypsy Moon", "Gypsy Love Song" and "Where My Caravan has Rested".

The fifth annual meeting of the Waverley Evening Sewing Circle was held in March 1945. The annual report stated that during the year 569 parcels were packed by members and sent to local men serving overseas. Unaddressed parcels sent through Wanganui Patriotic Council numbered 75. Special mention was made of a gratifying number of letters received from men overseas, during the year. The president thanked members for their loyal support and excellent work knitting articles for Circle parcels, Wanganui patriotic parcels and next-of-kin parcels.

Officers and committee elected were as follows:- Patrons, Miss B. Elmslie and Mrs O. Wall; president, Mrs M. McKinnon; vice-presidents, Mesdames F. McGorriery, M. Couchman and Miss M. Cunningham; secretary, Miss A. Johnston; deputy secretary Miss E. Wall; joint treasurers, Misses F. Gray and E. Rounthwaite. Wool convenors, Misses D. and J. Clover; parcels committee Mrs Atkinson, Misses M. Sands, B. Barnett and A. Wall; bring and buy committee, Mrs F. O'Leary and Miss A. Davis; social committee, Mesdames C. Leo and E. Anderson and Misses S. Dallison, J. McDonald and B. Barnett.

After the war, the Circle continued for another three

years, sending parcels to friends in England and Scotland. Local men serving with J Force were not forgotten and parcels were sent regularly until the force was withdrawn from Japan in 1948.

### WAVERLEY CITIZENS' COMMITTEE

The Waverley Citizens' Committee arranged farewell evenings to service personnel on final leave, before they embarked for service overseas.

The committee was formed in April 1940, and an appeal for funds that same year was well supported. During the war years, donations and income at farewell dances covered the expenses of the committee and there was no need to make further appeals to the public for funds.

At farewell dances, held in the Waverley Town Hall, each member of the forces was presented with a gift and speakers wished them a safe return.

Members of the committee were Messrs W. G. Belton, E. C. Dallison, J. D. Newland, J. H. Strauchon, W. Potts, J. H. Barnard, J. J. Johnston, W. R. Hunt, J. Cook, E. C. Hone, W. F. Alexander and F. J. Bilton.

Messrs Belton, Dallison and Johnston, in turn, were chairman of the committee and F. J. Bilton secretary-treasurer.

The ladies' committee, under Mrs J. D. Newland, organised the supper for the farewells and assisted with other functions when the farewell was not actually controlled by the Citizens' Committee.

At a committee meeting, held after the surrender of Japan in August 1945, the chairman, Mr J. J. Johnston said that a total of 197 service personnel had been farewelled from the district and gone overseas. The total revenue of the committee was £627 11s 1d for the whole war period, and just over £600 had been expended.

The *Wanganui Chronicle* in its issue of September 28, 1946, reported that the welcome home dinner and ball for returned service personnel from World War II, was the biggest social event of the year.

The dining room of the Clarendon Hotel, Waverley, was a colourful scene on Tuesday evening. There were three long tables decorated in red, white and blue and heavily laden with good things to eat and drink. Present were 140 of the personnel who left the district for World War II, together with numbers of the Citizens' Committee. A very pleasant part of the evening was the meeting of old comrades and the big room was very soon hearing reminiscences.

After the toast of the King and "Absent Comrades", the chairman of the Citizens' Committee, Mr J. J. Johnston, addressed the gathering, saying that this welcome home dinner and victory ball was the function his committee had been looking forward to for six long years. After thanking the boys for the job

they had done overseas, he wished them good health and happiness.

After apologies for absence had been read by the honorary secretary, Mr F. J. Bilton, Doctor P. V. Graves replied on behalf of the men and women of World War II, thanking the committee and district, and not forgetting the ladies of the district for what had been done for them.

The final toast was to Mr and Mrs Elms who, as "Mine Hosts" had gone to no end of trouble to make the dinner an unqualified success. The company then adjourned to the Town Hall for the victory ball.

The Patea and District Pipe Band again proved very popular at the ball, and played three numbers, always with an encore. The hall was crowded with dancers and many onlookers, and such a night has never been seen in Waverley before. Vinsen's Orchestra supplied the music, and flowers and flags were the decorations. The stage and supper tables were beautifully arranged with great baskets of flowers, and the hall was hung with flags.

The ladies committee, put on a wonderful supper, and it was a great credit to all concerned for the smooth way in which it was carried out for such a huge crowd of hungry people.

Mr J. J. Johnston made a very short speech, thanking everyone for their co-operation and help. He also thanked Mr F. J. Bilton for all his work as honorary secretary of the Citizens' Committee throughout the war.

Mr A. J. Larsen made a lively M.C. and called the evening to a close with a great rendering of "Auld Lang Syne".

The work of the Citizens' Committee did not end with the welcome home dinner and ball.



Souvenir Menu  
of  
**Welcome Home Dinner**  
Tendered to  
Returned Servicemen of the  
Waverley District



CLARENDON HOTEL  
WAVERLEY  
Tuesday  
24th September, 1946

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**DINNER**

SOUP  
Puree of Tomato  
Vegetable

FISH  
Smoked Blue Cod, Parsley Sauce

POULTRY  
Roast Turkey, Bread Sauce  
Roast Chicken, Seasoning  
Roast Duck, Bread Sauce

JOINTS  
Roast Lamb, Mint Sauce  
York Ham

SALADS  
Lettuce Salad

VEGETABLES  
Creme Potatoes Green Peas

SWEETS  
Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce  
Apple Pie Trifle Supreme  
Spanish Cream Wine Jelly

SAVOURIES  
Cheese Straws Oyster Patties

Sweets Fruit Coffee

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On November 24, 1950, the committee held a farewell and dance to two Waverley members of Kayforce - Sergeant K. B. O'Leary and Bombadier H. L. Kitney. The W.D.F.F. and Citizens' Committee organised the supper and Mr J. J. Johnston made a presentation on behalf of the citizens of Waverley.

Subsequently the two committees arranged farewell functions for local men on final leave, before they left for service in Korea.

### WAVERLEY'S TRAILER AMBULANCE

In August 1943, the Waverley Retailers' Dance Committee decided to hold a series of dances, the proceeds of which would be devoted to a fund to purchase a trailer ambulance for presentation to the town and district.

It was felt that a trailer ambulance would fill a long felt need and a number of residents had already signified their willingness to make a donation towards the fund.

The Dance Committee comprising Messrs. J. E. Coutts, R. S. Clarke, W. Fitzgibbon and I. R. Southcombe, had already raised £175 from three dances and this amount had been given for patriotic purposes.

A subscription list was opened, and the district raised a total amount of £123 2s 6d towards the fund.

Early in 1944, Mr Coutts announced that money raised from dances and donations was sufficient to purchase a trailer ambulance.

In March 1944, the trailer ambulance arrived in Waverley and was placed on display. Painted cream with red crosses on the outside, the ambulance was fitted with two stretchers, mattresses, blankets and pillows.

In April that same year, the ambulance was handed over by the Retailers' Dance Committee to a committee with Mr D. Lupton as chairman, and Mr L. F. Butcher, secretary-treasurer.

Motor cars owned by Messrs J. C. Gray, T. R. Wall, A. B. Cunningham and I. R. Southcombe, were fitted with tow bars, and one vehicle was always available, at short notice, to trail the ambulance.

During and after the war, the trailer ambulance was used in the district on many urgent calls. Towards the end of the 1940s Waverley was able to call on the services of the Wanganui Hospital Board ambulance which gave an efficient service to the country districts. By 1950, the trailer ambulance had not been used for some considerable time, and it was felt that the need for it had now passed.

At a public meeting held on October 24, 1950, it was decided by the residents that the ambulance be sold by tender. It was still in good condition, and suited for conversion to a holiday caravan. The proceeds from the sale were donated to the Waverley Red Cross Society sub-centre, Waverley Plunket Society and Wanganui St. John Ambulance.

## WAITOTARA

In World War II, the Waitotara district achieved a reputation for its ready response to any appeal for funds to assist the war effort.

### WAITOTARA LADIES' PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

The Waitotara Ladies' Patriotic Committee was formed at a well attended meeting held in the Waitotara hall on February 19, 1940. The following officers and committee were elected: President, Mrs F. Train (snr); secretary, Miss M. Armstrong; committee, Mesdames E. Parsons, C. D. Handley, I. D. Blackie, W. Dobie and H. J. Wilson. That same month the committee held a bring and buy evening in the hall to raise funds for patriotic purposes.

Later in 1940, the committee was enlarged to include Mesdames A. A. Verry, J. Laird, W. A. Hurley, C. V. Pearce, I. D. Parsons, and J. G. Verry. Miss D. Blackie was secretary of the Ladies' Committee during the Wanganui district Queen Carnival in 1941.

The committee and helpers met in the Waitotara hall on the first Thursday each month, to make up unaddressed patriotic parcels, donated towards the Wanganui Zone quota, and parcels to send to Waitotara service personnel, overseas. During the war the committee made up from 30 to 40 unaddressed and addressed parcels each month. Funds were raised from bring and buy stalls and a series of flag "500" evenings. Balaclavas, scarves and mittens, knitted by members, were sent regularly to the Wanganui Zone committee.

### WAITOTARA PATRIOTIC ALL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Waitotara Patriotic All Purposes Committee, formed in February 1940, arranged farewell and welcome home functions for service personnel. Each year the district campaign for patriotic funds took the form of a direct appeal - a house to house canvass carried out by members of the committee. The Patriotic All Purposes Committee, including representatives from Ngamatapouri, was also the local War Loan committee for Liberty Loans and Victory Loan appeals.

Officers and committee in the early stages of the war were: Chairman, Mr I. D. Blackie; secretary, Mr W. Simpson; committee, Messrs E. W. Lee, A. A. Verry, J. J. Armstrong, H. J. Olsen, N. W. Parsons, J. J. Hurley, H. J. Wilson, E. W. Brewer, C. V. Pearce, S. B. Wilson, S. J. Forsyth, G. C. Wadsworth, A. H. Parkinson, T. E. Wilson, W. A. Hurley, C. S. Wood, I. D. Parsons, F. J. Hopkinson, T. Tarawene and K. Pedersen.

## NGARAURU MAORI WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

From May 1940, till the end of the war, the Ngarauru Maori Women's Institute sent 10 parcels each month to local men, overseas with 28 Maori Battalion, or with Battalion reinforcements in camp in New Zealand. Every three months tobacco was sent through the National Patriotic Fund Board to local men overseas. The Institute also contributed unaddressed patriotic parcels towards the Wanganui Zone quarterly quota.

### NGARAURU MAORI WOMEN'S RED CROSS SUB-CENTRE

The sub-centre was formed in 1940 to assist with the various appeals and activities of the Red Cross Society. Mrs T. Bennett was elected president at the inaugural meeting. The sub-centre organised a concert at Waverley for the All Purposes appeal and concerts at Waitotara for local patriotic funds. In the later stages of the war the Ngarauru Maori Women's Institute assisted the sub-centre to raise funds for the Red Cross.

### WAITOTARA W.D.F.U

From time to time the Waitotara branch, W.D.F.U., donated unaddressed patriotic parcels towards the Wanganui Zone quota and sent parcels to local men serving overseas. The proceeds from bring and buy stalls and afternoon teas were donated to the Ladies' Patriotic Committee to buy articles for unaddressed parcels. The branch donated £10 towards the W.D.F.U. "Spitfire" fund and members knitted articles for the Merchant Navy and comforts for the armed forces.

### UPPER WAITOTARA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Upper Waitotara Women's Institute sent parcels to local men overseas and collected and made up clothes for Lady Galway Guild appeals.

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During the war, children in the district raised money for patriotic purposes.

In June 1940, the Orangimea school held a successful concert and dance which raised £13 1s for comforts for sick and wounded soldiers. The programme comprised choruses, playettes, "Pirate Gold", a musical drama of the South Seas, and songs and hakas presented by the Maori pupils.

The programme was repeated at Waitotara on July 10, when the seating accommodation in the hall was insufficient for the large attendance, many having to stand. The audience was entertained with a programme of

sketches, choruses and songs by the Maori children. Dancing and community singing followed the concert. The proceeds were donated to the Ladies' Patriotic Committee to purchase articles for patriotic parcels.

For most of the war period the Waitotara school had no cleaner. The school children cleaned the school each afternoon during the school terms. From the money they earned they were able to purchase articles for unaddressed patriotic parcels which were donated towards the Wanganui Zone quota.

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Waitotara's patriotic effort in June 1944, was outstanding. A total of 89 parcels were sent away by patriotic and other organisations in the district. Towards the Wanganui Zone quarterly quota the Ladies' Patriotic Committee gave 40 unaddressed parcels; the Waitotara school children gave six parcels for the quota, the Waitotara W.D.F.U. gave six parcels and the Ngarauru Maori Women's Institute gave four parcels. In addition, the Maori Women's Institute sent 10 parcels and tobacco to local members of the Maori Battalion and the W.D.F.U. sent 23 parcels to local men overseas.

The Waitotara district (including Ngamatapouri) quota for the National Patriotic Fund Board appeal was over-subscribed. The money was raised by direct giving and there was no expense.

A Certificate of Achievement was awarded Waitotara on obtaining its National War Savings quota for the year ended March 31, 1944. In June 1944, the Waitotara Post Office qualified to hoist the Victory Flag, having reached the weekly war savings quota on 71 successive weeks.

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## WAR MEMORIALS

NEWS OF THE GALLIPOLI LANDINGS WAS FIRST REPORTED IN NEW ZEALAND ON APRIL 29, 1915.

Casualty lists of the killed and wounded took longer to arrive. These lists became a feature of life in New Zealand for the next four years and every town and country district was affected.

### PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WAVERLEY - WAITOTARA

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

FOR OUR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR

Sunday, June 27, 1915.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in St. Stephens Church, Waverley, at 8.15 a.m.

SPECIAL MEMORIAL SERVICE, Waverley at 11 a.m. Waitotara at 7 p.m.

The offeretories will be devoted to the Fund for New Zealand Sick and Wounded Soldiers and Sailors.

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AT WAVERLEY AND WAITOTARA, MEMORIALS WERE ERECTED AFTER THE FIRST AND SECOND WARS, IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE WARS.