

**Return to New Zealand.**

A soldier discharged in England who returns to New Zealand within twelve months of the date of discharge is entitled to have refunded to him an amount equal to that which would have been paid for transport to New Zealand with a returning draft. This privilege dated from the 6th September, 1918, but has since been made retrospective. Therefore a man discharged in England before the 6th September, 1918, who returned to New Zealand before the 6th September, 1919, is eligible for the refund at rates existing at time of discharge.

A married soldier who returns with his wife and is eligible for the above concession may claim a refund of the amount which would have been contributed by the Government towards the wife's passage to New Zealand. This, in the case of a private, is £16. Claims should be addressed to the Officer in Charge of War Expenses, Brandon Street, Wellington.

**Assisted Passages to New Zealand.**

The Defence Department in conjunction with the New Zealand Department of Immigration provides the following concessions to members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

For all New Zealand soldiers' wives and their dependants, except those who have reached England or Egypt subsequent to the 31st December, 1917, assisted passages are granted. The New Zealand Government contributes the following to such passages:—

From United Kingdom—

£16 towards third-class passages.

£26 towards first- and second-class passages.

From Egypt—

£10 towards third-class passages.

£16 towards first- and second-class passages.

**Soldiers' Fiancees.**

In the case of intended wives of New Zealand soldiers, the Immigration Department accepts nominations for their assisted passage, and makes a contribution of £13 towards the cost of either second- or third-class passage.

Applications for assisted passages should be made to the Secretary, Immigration Department, Union Chambers, Customhouse Quay, Wellington, or (if the applicant is in England) to the Immigration Department of the High Commissioner for New Zealand, London.

**Soldiers' Wives.**

An officer of the Immigration Department meets all ships arriving with soldiers' wives on board, assists them in obtaining accommodation if required, supplies all information, and renders them the same assistance as if they were ordinary immigrants. The Defence Department issues travelling-warrants to soldiers' wives and children to the same destination as the soldier.

**Baggage Allowance.**

Officers, non-commissioned officers, and other ranks, and all other details returning to New Zealand at Government expense, are entitled to have the following quantity of baggage carried free of charge: First-class passengers, 40 cubic feet; second-class passengers, 20 cubic feet; third-class passengers, 15 cubic feet. Children over three years, one-half of the above. Children under three years, one-quarter of the above. All baggage in excess of the above quantities will be charged at ordinary rates.

This applies only to the voyage to New Zealand. On train services within the Dominion 1 cwt. of baggage will be allowed free for each passenger irrespective of rank. All excess baggage must be paid for by the owners.