



★ FIRST WORLD WAR ★

CHANGING THE FABRIC OF OUR NATION

1911 CENSUS POPULATION

1,058,312



52.8% MALE
47.2% FEMALE

NORTH ISLAND 563,783 SOUTH ISLAND 444,785



GROCERY BILL (NEW ZEALAND PENNIES)

MILK
¼ gallon
3.8

EGGS
1 dozen
16.0

HONEY
1 pound
4.8

KEROSENE
4 gallon tin
51.0

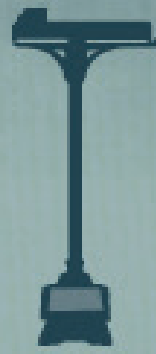


20-40 years

eligible age

Under 76kg

eligible weight



1914



10 troop ships in the main body of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force on 16 October 1914.



8,500

troops

4,000

horses



14,000

volunteered in the first week.



Over 500

troops left in what was called the Native Contingent on board the SS *Warrimoo* in February 1915.

GALLIPOLI

APRIL-DECEMBER 1915

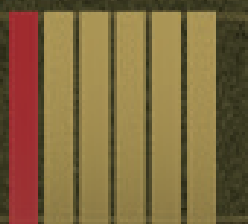


2,779

troops died at Gallipoli.



1 in 6 of NZ WWI deaths



1916 CENSUS POPULATION

1,149,225



50.3% MALE
49.7% FEMALE

42,666 TROOPS ABROAD ON CENSUS NIGHT NOT INCLUDED IN CENSUS FIGURE



GROCERY BILL (NEW ZEALAND PENNIES)

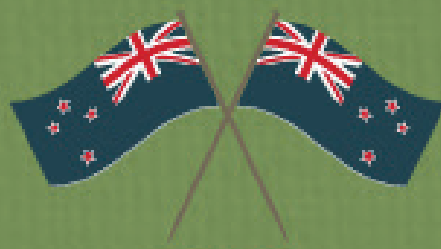
MILK
¼ gallon
4.8

EGGS
1 dozen
20.5

HONEY
1 pound
7.6

KEROSENE
4 gallon tin
61.8

FATAL CASUALTIES OF WAR



Over 900

fundraising groups raised nearly £5 million for European relief funds.



24,000

parcels a month sent to troops through the Dominion Parcels Scheme.

£5,695,321

raised by patriotic societies by 1920 (\$700 million today).



£557,536

of goods sent to troops by patriotic societies by 1920 (\$66 million today).

NUMBER OF PARCELS SENT TO EXPEDITIONARY FORCE



8,600

people in New Zealand died in 1918 flu pandemic



- almost 50 percent of the total number of NZ war deaths for 1914-18.



MORE THAN

120,000

New Zealanders were enlisted.



OVER

32,000

of the enlisted were conscripted.

OVER

100,000

New Zealanders departed for overseas service.

MORE THAN **2,600** of these troops served in identified Māori units.

MORE THAN

41,000

instances of troops getting wounded or falling ill were recorded.

ABOUT

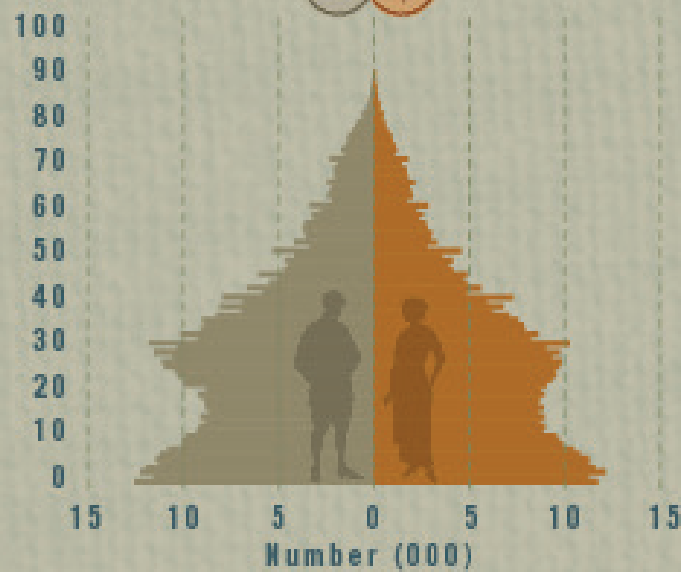
18,500

New Zealanders died.



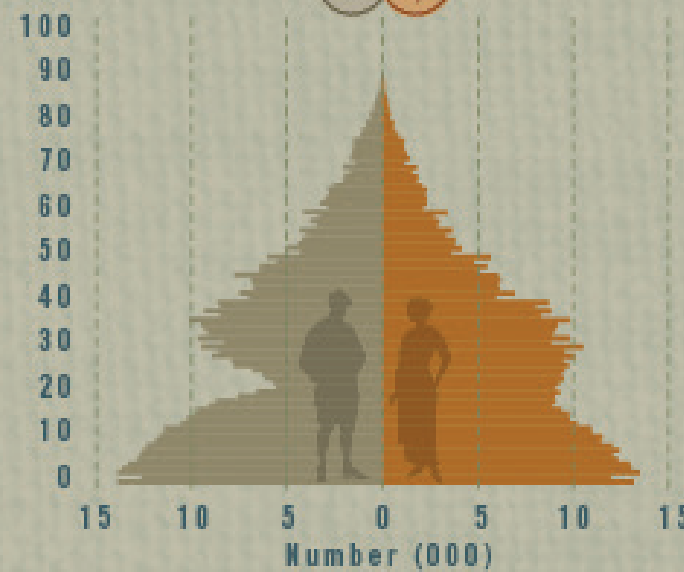
POPULATION AGE STRUCTURE, 1911-21 CENSUSES

Age (years)



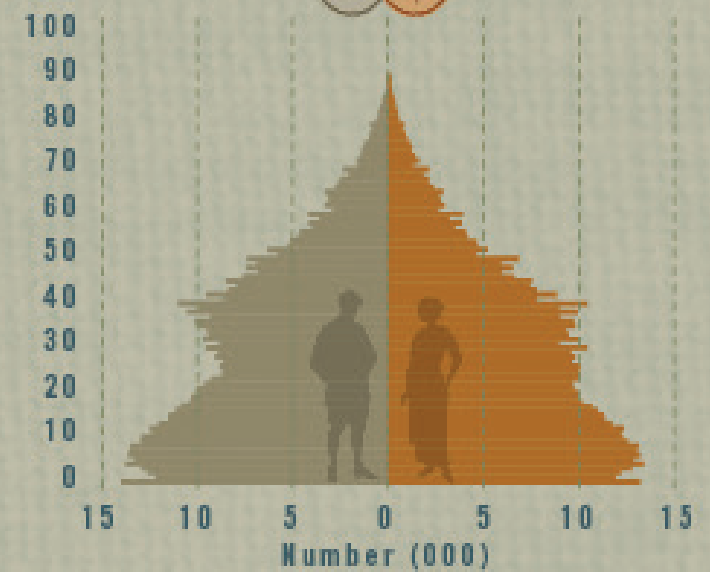
1911

Age (years)



1916

Age (years)



1921

1921 CENSUS POPULATION

1,271,666



51.2% MALE
48.8% FEMALE

NORTH ISLAND 791,000 SOUTH ISLAND 479,800

NEW ZEALAND

1921

GROCERY BILL (NEW ZEALAND PENNIES)

MILK
¼ gallon
8.0

EGGS
1 dozen
31.3

HONEY
1 pound
13.4

KEROSENE
4 gallon tin
149.5

260,216

poppies sold on our first Poppy Day appeal, in 1922.

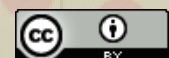


£13,166

raised on our first Poppy Day appeal (\$1.26 million today).

Sources: Statistics New Zealand and Ministry for Culture and Heritage. Thanks to New Zealand Defence Force and Royal New Zealand Returned and Services' Association for their assistance.

Note: Grocery prices are sourced from historical consumers price index average Auckland prices in pennies. The figure given for identified Maori units includes troops serving in the Native Contingent, the New Zealand Pioneer Battalion, and the New Zealand (Maori) Pioneer Battalion. It does not include Maori who served in other New Zealand Expeditionary Force Units. Where applicable, numbers have been rounded.



New Zealand Government