

(iv) ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEMOBILIZATION

Appended hereunder is a table giving under broad class headings the various causes which have occasioned the cessation of military service, either overseas or in New Zealand, of the 19,294 servicemen and women who have been demobilized sick and wounded to date.

The considerable number shown under the heading of "Miscellaneous" represents largely those who have later returned to military service and whose disabilities have not been analysed for the purposes of the table. Under this heading appear also men who have returned "burnt out," over age, repatriated prisoners of war, or on compassionate grounds, &c.

Specific comment has been made in another section of this report on certain aspects of a number of the disabilities covered in this table.

Analysis of Causes for Demobilization of all Sick and Wounded Ex-servicemen and Ex-servicewomen as at 31st March, 1943

Cause.	Returned.				Ex Camps, New Zealand.			
	Pakeha.		Maori.		Pakeha.		Maori.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Psychiatric	1,011	2	21	..	1,053	5	10	..
Amputees—								
Legs	89	..	9	..	10	..	..	..
Arms	41	..	4	..	3	..	..	..
Digital	32	..	3	..	31	..	..	..
T.B.	99	..	19	..	295	1	79	..
Other chest complaints..	454	15	28	1	812	9	20	..
Arms, hands, and shoulders ..	520	..	42	..	379	..	17	..
Thighs, legs, and feet ..	869	2	37	..	2,211	12	49	1
Hearing	330	3	17	..	552	..	5	..
Sight	286	..	18	..	483	..	7	..
Abdominal	987	16	7	..	1,519	4	15	..
Multiple wounds	636	..	30	..	93	..	..	..
Cardiac	255	..	5	..	368	..	2	..
Pelvis and spinal	393	..	6	..	347	1	6	..
Skin	313	2	3	..	264	..	..	..
Miscellaneous	1,179	22	41	..	2,668	17	97	2
Totals	7,494	62	290	1	11,088	49	307	3

N.B.—In connection with the numbers of men and women demobilized on account of sight or hearing disabilities, very few of these are either totally blind or deaf.

(6) THE REHABILITATION SERVICE

From being an administrative Secretariat to the Board, the Rehabilitation Division of the National Service Department has developed into a Rehabilitation Service operating under the jurisdiction of the Board. As such it is responsible not only for the provision of employment—its original function—but also for the general welfare and re-establishment of all sick and wounded ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen.

District Offices of the Rehabilitation Service are at present operating in twenty-three centres as follow, and at these a Rehabilitation Officer and staff are in attendance :—

Whangarei.	Napier.	Lower Hutt.	Christchurch.
Auckland.	Hastings.	Wellington.	Timaru.
Paeroa.	New Plymouth.	Blenheim.	Oamaru.
Hamilton.	Wanganui.	Nelson.	Dunedin.
Rotorua.	Palmerston North.	Westport.	Invercargill.
Gisborne.	Masterton.	Greymouth.	

In addition, sub-rehabilitation offices with the District Agents of the Social Security Department acting as Sub-Rehabilitation Officers are operating at the following twenty-five centres :—

Kaitaia.	Whakatane.	Levin.	Alexandra.
Kaikohe.	Wairoa.	Hokitika.	Riverton.
Dargaville.	Dannevirke.	Rangiora.	Taihape.
Pukekohe.	Stratford.	Ashburton.	Taumarunui.
Thames.	Hawera.	Gore.	Waimate.
Te Kuiti	Feilding.	Queenstown.	Waipukurau.
Tauranga.			

The Service, after effecting liaison in each ex-serviceman's or woman's case, maintains contact until the case is satisfactorily closed.

On behalf of the Board the Service has, where necessary in the interests of individual ex-servicemen, acted in the following ways :—

Discharges, Service Pay, Leave, &c.—Rehabilitation Officers have represented points of difficulty and oversight to the mutual advantage of the ex-serviceman and the Service Departments concerned.

War Pensions, Rehabilitation Allowances, &c.—Confusion in the minds of men regarding pension procedure and rights has been dispelled by reference to the local Registrars of War Pensions, while ex-servicemen encountering difficulties in applying for restoration of cancelled or reduced pensions and those appealing against decisions of the War Pensions Board, have been advised in general terms, and in specific matters have been placed in touch with the District Officers of the War Pensions Branch of the Social Security Department.