

More than £50,000,000 worth of defence work was carried out during the course of the war. The following two tables show how this cost was spread through time and how it was distributed amongst the various Services, &c. :—

Period.					Public Works Department.	Housing Construction Department.	Total.
					£	£	£
September, 1939, to March, 1940	..	..	..	..	3,568,215	..	3,568,215
April, 1940,	..	..	..	..	3,384,158	..	3,384,158
1941,	..	..	..	..	5,340,505	..	5,340,505
1942,	..	..	..	..	16,507,422	700,444	17,207,866
1943,	..	..	..	..	11,485,447	1,737,972	13,223,419
1944,	..	..	..	..	4,760,761	290,847	5,051,608
1945,	..	..	..	..	2,577,969	123,118	2,701,087
Total	..	..	..	..	47,624,477	2,852,381	50,476,858

Armed Service, &c.					Public Works Department.	Housing Construction Department.	Total.
					£	£	£
Army	..	..	..	..	15,569,932	742,462	16,312,394
Navy	..	..	..	..	3,570,464	..	3,570,464
Air Force	..	..	..	..	15,218,907	479,720	15,698,627
U.S. Forces	..	..	..	..	6,163,230	1,101,019	7,264,249
* Civil Defence, &c.	..	..	..	..	7,101,944	529,180	7,631,124
Total	..	..	..	..	47,624,477	2,852,381	50,476,858

* Includes air-raid protection works, munition-factories, &c.

Apart altogether from aerodrome construction—

17,104 acres of land were used for military camp construction.

292 miles of roading were metalled and sealed.

1,023 acres of ground were levelled.

604 acres of ground in the precincts of camps were metalled and sealed.

145 miles of sub-surface and storm-water drains were laid.

302 miles of water-piping were laid.

167 miles of sewerage-pipes were laid.

160 miles of fencing were erected.

Military hospitals, with an aggregate capacity of 9,400 beds, were erected, their total floor area being 1,863,285 square feet. In addition, convalescent depots and camp hospitals for 1,100 patients were constructed, apart from alterations and extensions to existing public hospitals. The greater part of this work was done for the United States Forces.

More than 20,000,000 square feet of defence buildings were erected, as follows:—

On aerodromes	..	4,764 buildings, covering	5,393,008 square feet.
Others	..	28,296 buildings, covering	15,376,282 square feet.

I.e., in all .. 33,060 buildings, covering 20,769,290 square feet.