

Included in the above table are the following pensions payable outside of New Zealand :—

	Number.	Annual Value. £	Average Pension. £
Soldiers (permanent and upwards of twelve months) ..	53	3,198	60
Soldiers (temporary)	56	3,022	54
Widows (including pensions of children) ..	56	5,464	97
Parents and other dependants of deceased soldiers ..	65	1,756	27
Dependants (temporary on account of disablement of soldiers)	2	97	48
	<u>232</u>	<u>£13,537</u>	<u>£58</u>

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS, 1915-16.

	£
Paid through Post Office	13,235
Lump sums	675
Total	<u>£13,910</u>

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS, 1916-17.

	£
Paid through Post Office	176,982
Less payments on account of Commonwealth Pensions	£4,077
Less payments on account of Imperial Government for dependants of munition- workers	81
	<u>4,158</u>
	172,824
Paid by High Commissioner in London	3,454
Other foreign payments	213
Paid by Commonwealth Government	152
Lump sums paid	700
Special payment validated by 1916 Act	37
Allotments paid after casualty	3,009
	<u>£180,389</u>

WAR PENSIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

The following figures have been taken from the last published statement, being that for the year ended 30th June, 1916 :—

Total claims lodged	14,995
Total claims rejected	1,732
Total claims awaiting decision	4,209
Total pensions granted	9,054
Total deaths	36
Total cancellations	264
	<u>300</u>
Total soldiers' pensions	3,025
Total dependants' pensions on account of death	4,314
Total dependants' pensions on account of disablement	1,415
	<u>8,754</u>
Total pensions in force at 30th June, 1916	8,754
Total pensions for children (included in above)	2,299
Annual liability at 30th June, 1916	368,800*
Average pension	42
Average soldier's pension	61
Average dependant's pension	32
Expenditure for year	137,920
Cost of administration	10,187

* Recent cable advices show that the total number of war pensions granted in Australia to 30th June, 1917, was 44,994, with an annual liability of £1,638,699, the average pension being £31.

(For further tables see appendix.)