

WAR PENSIONS.

TOTAL CLAIMS LODGED TO DATE.

						From Soldiers.	From Dependants.		
From 1st September, 1915, to 31st March, 1916						798	681		
Year 1916-17						3,958	2,017		
Year 1917-18						8,148	3,754		
Year 1918-19						14,749	5,292		
Totals						27,653	11,744		
						Officers.	Men.	Total.	
Total casualties by death (including missing) to 31st March, 1919						773	15,840	16,613	
Total discharges from Forces to 31st March, 1919						1,517	34,020	35,537	

GROSS ANNUAL VALUE OF ALL PENSIONS GRANTED TO DATE.

					No.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.
						£	£
From 1st September, 1915, to 31st March, 1916					1,214	56,488	46
Year 1916-17					5,316	285,707	53
Year 1917-18					10,587	780,057	73
Year 1918-19					16,954	1,167,081	68
Totals					34,071*	£2,289,333	£67

* The number of pensions granted as shown herein does not include children's pensions, the values of which, however, form part of the pensions payable to parents (or guardians), and are included in the annual values total.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL LIABILITY AT 31ST MARCH, 1919.

Class of Pension.						Number.	Annual Value.	Average Pension.
							£	£
Soldiers (permanent)						1,316	69,669	52
Soldiers (temporary)						18,329	1,097,303	59
Dependants (temporary)						1,076	55,940*	51
Widows of soldiers						1,970	233,451†	118
Other dependants of disabled soldiers						4,736	159,464	33
Totals						27,427	1,615,827	59

* Including the pensions of 1,240 children. † Including the pensions of 2,209 children.

Including the 3,449 children, the average of the grand total of 30,876 pensions in force on the 31st March, 1919, is £52 per annum.

RETURN SHOWING NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN RECEIPT OF PENSIONS AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1919, GROUPED IN FAMILIES.

Number of Children in Family.						Disabled Soldiers.		Deceased Soldiers.	
						Number.	Total Children.	Number.	Total Children.
8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	16
7	..	..	..	..	..	2	14	3	21
6	..	..	..	..	..	6	36	13	78
5	..	..	..	..	..	29	145	20	100
4	..	..	..	..	..	51	204	62	248
3	..	..	..	..	..	85	255	130	390
2	..	..	..	..	..	156	312	301	602
1	..	..	..	..	..	274	274	754	754
Totals						..	1,240	..	2,209

There are 685 widows of soldiers in receipt of pensions who have no children.