

The following is a return showing the total war expenditure to the 31st March, 1919 :—

Statement showing Total Amount of Expenditure from War Expenses Account from the Beginning of the War to the 31st March, 1919.

Expenditure under section 8 of the Public Revenues Amendment Act, 1914 (war purposes) :—

	£	s.	d.
Advertising, printing, office equipment, &c.	178,140	16	10
Allowances to wives of Imperial soldiers and Reservists and members of Motor-boat Patrol residing in New Zealand	19,965	11	0
Allotments paid through post-offices in United Kingdom	416,900	0	0
Camps, expenses of (including concentrating)	816,363	4	7
Canteens on transports	Cr. 16,374	12	9
Clerical assistance	394,163	4	7
Commissions of inquiry	6,778	14	2
Discharged Soldiers Information Department—Expenses and grants	20,622	12	6
Distribution of war news and casualty lists in New Zealand	423,188	0	0
Donations refunded and transferred	2,759	14	3
Educational and vocational training	650	11	0
Equipment (including purchase of boots, clothing, G.S. wagons, ammunition-carts, &c.)	4,351,640	3	11
Forage	405,966	9	0
Freight on Great Britain and Belgium relief produce	656	16	11
Grants to regimental funds	3,699	0	0
Grants to soldiers' hostels	17,277	13	10
Grants to War Contingent Association for assistance to fit men on leave in England	4,500	0	0
Half-cost of reinsurance of death benefits of members of friendly societies serving with the Expeditionary Force	7,422	9	5
Home defence (forts, harbour patrols, examination of steamers, guarding cables, wireless stations, railway picquets)	389,442	15	0
Hospital ship "Maheno"	485,900	9	2
Hospital ship "Marama"	507,900	16	11
Maintenance of indigent enemy subjects	102	10	0
Mechanical transport (including motor-cars, bicycles, oil for motors, &c.)	53,909	4	0
Medals and decorations	62	14	1
Medical (including fees, equipment of hospitals, field hospitals and ambulances, surgical instruments, comforts, &c.)	1,224,109	8	10
Military Service Act—Expenses of administration (including Recruiting, Military Service, and Medical Boards)	286,759	19	3
National Efficiency Board—Administrative expenses	15,872	14	3
New Zealand Munitions and Supplies Department	18,479	5	3
Pay and allowances	24,976,347	13	3
Per capita payments to War Office for maintenance of New Zealand troops in field, ammunition, extra transport, &c.	15,735,000	0	0
Postage, telegrams, telephones (including preparing war-news cables for despatch to New Zealand from the United Kingdom, and cable charges thereon)	197,690	5	9
Prisoners of war	102,495	18	9
Purchase of horses	195,081	17	0
Rations	2,114,677	7	5
Soldiers' Financial Assistance Board—Expenses and grants	219,035	2	8
Superannuation paid by Government on behalf of Civil servants serving with the Expeditionary Force	108,501	10	3
Transport of troops (including charter of steamers, meals of men travelling to join, freight, carriage, &c.)	6,063,685	18	0
Travelling expenses and allowances	14,157	13	9
War bonus to civil and military staff	38,877	14	10
Wanganui Detention Barracks	3,125	14	3
Total for war purposes	59,805,537	1	11
Relief purposes	268,438	15	8
Charges and expenses of raising loans	658,746	11	0
Repatriation	8,640	11	9
	60,741,363	0	4
Imprests outstanding—	£	s.	d.
New Zealand	75,176	12	3
London	1,820,180	14	4
	1,895,357	6	7
Grand total of expenditure	£62,636,720	6	11

ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

The Army Service Corps is at present considerably below establishment, due to enlistments in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. It has been impossible, in spite of every effort being made,