

15. When the form is received in the Pay Office it will be numbered and dealt with strictly in order of receipt. Owing to the very large number of cases it will be some time before they can all be investigated, so that applicants must not expect payment at once. The application will be examined by the Pay Office and the gratuity calculated. The amount due will be remitted to the Postal Department for either—

- (a.) Depositing to the credit of the applicant's present account in the Post Office Savings-bank; or
- (b.) Depositing to the credit of a Post Office Savings-bank account which will be specially opened if the applicant has no other bank account; or
- (c.) Lodgment at any bank or private savings-bank in New Zealand at which the applicant has a current account as shown in the application; or
- (d.) Payment to or for the person entitled under paragraph 11 hereof.

In no case will the amount be paid direct to the member by the Pay Office.

SEPARATION ALLOWANCE. N.Z. EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (FOREIGN SERVICE BRANCH).

1. It has been approved that the present rate of 3s. a day separation allowance payable to the wives of warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Foreign Service Branch of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, or to the guardians of their motherless children, and the present rate of 1s. 6d. per day paid on behalf of their children, shall apply with retrospective effect from the date of the commencement of the war—i.e., 4th August, 1914—within periods of service with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

2. These allowances are payable only on behalf of soldiers who left New Zealand for overseas service, and will commence to run from the date of issue of the first military pay in each case, provided the soldier was attached to an overseas draft. No payment will be made for any period in New Zealand whilst the soldier was performing Home Service duties. Where the date of marriage or the date of birth of a child is later than the date of the issue of first military pay the married allowance will run from the date of marriage, and children's allowance from the date of the birth of the child.

3. Owing to the incomplete records in 1914 and 1915, and the consequent difficulty in ascertaining the actual dates of the first issue of pay, the following dates will be adopted for the purposes of this order as the dates on which pay was first issued to men belonging to the under-mentioned portions of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force:—

Advance Party (Samoa) ..	8th August, 1914.
Main Body and 1st Reinforcements ..	12th August, 1914.
2nd Reinforcements ..	4th October, 1914.
3rd Reinforcements ..	11th December, 1914.
4th Reinforcements ..	6th January, 1915.
5th Reinforcements ..	10th February, 1915.
6th Reinforcements ..	18th April, 1915.
Rifle Brigade (1st and 2nd Battalions) ..	3rd June, 1915.

4. Married allowance has already been paid as under:—

Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men.

Wives—

1s. a day from 1st June, 1915, to 31st December, 1917.

3s. a day from 1st January, 1918.

Guardians of motherless children—

1s. a day from 1st June, 1915, to 30th April, 1918.

3s. a day from 1st May, 1918.

Arrears are therefore payable as follow:—

Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men.

Wives—

3s. a day from dates shown in paragraphs 2 and 3 to 31st May, 1915.

2s. a day from 1st June, 1915, to 31st December, 1917.

Guardians of motherless children—

3s. a day from the dates shown in paragraphs 2 and 3 to 31st May, 1915.

2s. a day from 1st June, 1915, to 30th April, 1918.

5. Children's allowance at the following rates has already been paid as under:—

6d. a day from 1st June, 1915, to 30th June, 1916.

9d. a day from 1st July, 1916, to 31st December, 1917.

1s. a day from 1st January, 1918, to 30th April, 1918.

1s. 6d. a day from 1st May, 1918.

Arrears are therefore payable as follow:—

1s. 6d. a day from dates shown in paragraphs 2 and 3 to 31st May, 1915.

1s. a day from 1st June, 1915, to 30th June, 1916.

9d. a day from 1st July, 1916, to 31st December, 1917.

6d. a day from 1st January, 1918, to 30th April, 1918.

6. The retrospective principle as regards married allowance of 3s. a day is also applicable to officers holding the rank of Lieutenant or 2nd Lieutenant up to the 31st December, 1917, on whose behalf married allowance has been payable from the 1st January, 1918, to the 31st March, 1918, when the rate of officers' pay was increased and the allowance ceased. Arrears are therefore payable to their wives or to the guardians of their motherless children at the rate of 3s. a day from the dates shown in paragraphs 2 and 3 up to the 31st December, 1917, inclusive. Children's allowance, whether retrospective or otherwise, is not payable on behalf of any officer.

7. The payee generally will be identical with the person who is drawing or has already drawn separation allowance. In case of misconduct, desertion, or decease of the original payee, the Department reserves the right not to make any payment, or to pay to a person or society considered to be able to distribute the money in the best interests of the soldier's family. Any such amount shall not be claimable by the soldier.

8. In the case of a deceased soldier payment will be made up to the date of decease, or to the date to which separation allowance or allotment was continued if later, but not after the 31st December, 1917, for married allowance, or the 30th April, 1918, for children's allowance.

9. Payment will only be issued on application, which should be made by letter addressed to the Officer in Charge War Expenses, Wellington. The following particulars are required:—

Regimental number, rank, and full name of soldier.

Reinforcement to which attached.

Date of discharge or decease.

Full name and address of applicant.

10. There will be deducted from amounts payable under this order any payments already made under the authority of Special General Order 188 of 1919, which is hereby cancelled.

11. Widowed mothers and other dependants of warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men (except wives and children) who have not applied for or received any dependants' allowance, may now apply by letter to the Officer in Charge War Expenses, Wellington, for an allowance.