

WAR PENSIONS PAYABLE OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1937.

	Soldiers.		Wives and Parents of Soldiers.	Dependants.		Annual Liability
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Temporary.	Widows.	Other Dependants.	
						£
Great Britain..	296	66	44	149	364	52,366
Australia ..	333	167	54	65	119	43,706
Other countries	56	19	4	6	23	4,897
Totals	685	252	102	220	506	100,969

ECONOMIC PENSIONS PAYABLE AT 31ST MARCH, 1937.

Class.	Number.	Annual Value.	Average Annual Grant.
		£	£
Soldiers with permanent pensions	1,883	115,851	62
Soldiers with temporary pensions	1,474	90,834	62
Widows with children	85	2,685	32
Widows without children	331	12,818	39
Widowed mothers	163	7,482	46
Totals	3,936	229,670	58

WAR PENSION APPEALS.

Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1936	328
Appeals lodged during 1936-37	971
	1,299
Appeals dismissed during 1936-37	465
Appeals upheld during 1936-37	424
Appeals withdrawn and struck out, 1936-37	27
	916
Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1937	383

Percentage upheld, 46·3.

The total number of appeals dealt with to the 31st March, 1937, was 8,415, the percentage upheld being 48 per cent.

Of the 916 cases dealt with during the past year, 502 were heard at Auckland, 48·6 per cent. being upheld; 169 at Wellington, 34·3 per cent. being upheld; 113 at Christchurch, 48·7 per cent. being upheld; and 132 at Dunedin, 50·8 per cent. being upheld.

Medical treatment of war pensioners during 1936-37 cost £66,871.

Railway concessions to war pensioners on maximum permanent disablement pension and those with locomotive disabilities on permanent pension in excess of 50 per cent. cost £1,869 during the year.

The loading paid on life-insurance policies of war pensioners due to war-service disability amounted to £173 for the year.

Temporary war pensions to soldiers increased by 181 and permanent pensions to soldiers increased by 346 during the year.

The 484 deaths among war pensioners are made up as follows: Soldiers, 197; widows of soldiers, 20; other dependants, 267.

WAR VETERANS' ALLOWANCES.

Since the passing of the War Veterans' Allowances Act in October, 1935, 2,529 cases have been granted, of which 2,079, with an annual value of £151,713, were in force as at 31st March, 1937. These comprised 854 single and 1,191 married veterans, with 1,994 dependent children, and 34 widows.