

WAR PENSIONS PAYABLE OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1938.

	Soldiers.		Wives and Parents of Soldiers.	Dependants.		Annual Liability.
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Temporary.	Widows.	Other Dependants.	
						£
Great Britain..	306	58	46	141	333	51,592
Australia ..	357	149	70	68	102	45,609
Other countries	61	17	6	7	20	5,131
Totals	724	224	122	216	455	102,332

ECONOMIC PENSIONS PAYABLE AT 31ST MARCH, 1938.

Class.					Number.	Annual Value.	Average Annual Grant.
						£	£
Soldiers with permanent pensions	..	..	..	..	1,965	119,663	61
Soldiers with temporary pensions	..	..	..	..	1,481	91,547	62
Widows with children	..	..	..	..	99	3,035	31
Widows without children	..	..	..	..	400	15,453	39
Widowed mothers	..	..	..	..	141	6,516	46
Totals	..	..	..	..	4,086	236,214	58

WAR PENSION APPEALS.

Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1937	..	..	..	..	383	
Appeals lodged during 1937-38	..	..	..	..	717	
						1,100
Appeals dismissed during 1937-38	..	..	..	..	464	
Appeals upheld during 1937-38	..	..	..	..	442	
Appeals withdrawn and struck out, 1937-38	..	..	..	..	24	
						930
Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1938	..	..	..	..		170
Percentage upheld, 47·5.						

The total number of appeals dealt with to the 31st March, 1938, was 9,345, the percentage upheld being 48.

Of the 930 cases dealt with during the past year, 534 were heard at Auckland, 51·5 per cent. being upheld; 104 at Wellington, 29·8 per cent. being upheld; 213 at Christchurch, 45·5 per cent. being upheld; and 79 at Dunedin, 49·4 per cent. being upheld.

Medical treatment of war pensioners during 1937-38 cost £68,559.

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 £2,237 during the year.

The loading paid on life-insurance policies of war pensioners due to war-service disability amounted to £172 for the year.

Temporary war pensions to soldiers decreased by 5 and permanent pensions to soldiers increased by 389 during the year.

The 541 deaths among war pensioners are made up as follows: Soldiers, 229; widows of soldiers, 17; other dependants, 295.

WAR VETERANS' ALLOWANCES.

Since the passing of the War Veterans' Allowances Act in October, 1935, 3,056 cases have been granted, of which 2,204, with an annual value of £159,279 were in force as at 31st March, 1938. These comprised 925 single veterans, 1,218 married veterans, 59 widows, and 2 grants to orphaned children.

The total dependent children in receipt of allowances as at 31st March, 1938, numbered 1,919.