

WAR PENSIONS PAYABLE OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1939.

	Soldiers.		Wives and Parents of Soldiers.	Dependants.		Annual Liability.
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Temporary.	Widows.	Other Dependants.	
						£
Great Britain ..	309	56	46	140	307	50,411
Australia ..	372	125	68	74	91	46,128
Other countries	59	14	10	9	21	5,861
Totals ..	740	195	124	223	419	102,400

ECONOMIC PENSIONS PAYABLE AT 31ST MARCH, 1939.

Class.	Number.	Annual Value.	Average Annual Grant.
		£	£
Soldiers with permanent pensions	2,328	143,129	61
Soldiers with temporary pensions	1,500	94,181	63
Widows with children	120	3,720	31
Widows without children	442	17,095	39
Widowed mothers	120	5,457	45
Totals	4,510	263,582	58

WAR PENSION APPEALS.

Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1938	170
Appeals lodged during 1938-39	657
	827
Appeals dismissed during 1938-39	321
Appeals upheld during 1938-39	385
Appeals withdrawn and struck out, 1938-39	24
	730
Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1939	97
Percentage upheld, 52·7.	

The total number of appeals dealt with to the 31st March, 1939, was 10,075, the percentage upheld being 48·5.

Of the 730 cases dealt with during the past year, 414 were heard at Auckland, 60·8 per cent. being upheld : 86 at Wellington, 39·5 per cent. being upheld : 136 at Christchurch, 38·2 per cent. being upheld : and 94 at Dunedin, 50 per cent. being upheld.

Medical treatment of war pensioners during 1938-39 cost £68,535.

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 £2,816 during the year.

The loading paid on life-insurance policies of war pensioners due to war-service disability amounted to £170 for the year.

Temporary war pensions to soldiers decreased by 121 and permanent pensions to soldiers increased by 439 during the year.

The 585 deaths among war pensioners are made up as follows : Soldiers, 238 : widows of soldiers, 13 : other dependants, 334.

WAR VETERANS' ALLOWANCES.

Since the passing of the War Veterans' Allowances Act in October, 1935, 3,426 cases have been granted, of which 2,223, with an annual value of £159,031, were in force as at 31st March, 1939. These comprised 917 single veterans, 1,245 married veterans, 60 widows, and 1 grant on account of an orphaned child.

The total dependent children in receipt of allowances as at 31st March, 1939, numbered 1,833.