

In February, 1946, the unemployed Second World War and dual-service veterans formed 8.6 p.c. of the number discharged to that time, while in March, 1947, the numbers unemployed formed 5.2 p.c. of those discharged.

Out-of-Work Allowances.—This Allowance has been the means of assisting up to Mar. 31, 1947, some 145,869 veterans towards becoming re-established in civil life. As would be expected, the majority of these veterans made use of the Allowance during the calendar year of 1946 when they were being discharged from the Armed Forces in such large numbers. The record of the number of veterans assisted in this manner is as follows:—

5.—Veterans Receiving Out-of-Work Allowances, by Sex, Years ended Mar. 31, 1943-47

Years Ended Mar. 31—	Men	Women	Total
	No.	No.	No.
1943 ¹	2,045	Nil	2,045
1944.....	823	123	946
1945.....	3,145	83	3,228
1946.....	39,176	436	39,612
1947 ²	98,055	1,983	100,038
Totals	143,244	2,625	145,869

¹ November, 1941, to Mar. 31, 1943.

² Apr. 1, 1946, to Feb. 28, 1947.

The number of veterans receiving the Allowance at any given time is gradually decreasing compared with the number of veterans unemployed. From March to June, 1946, the number was from 60 to 70 p.c. of those registered as unemployed; for January and February of 1947, it was 41 p.c. There are three main reasons why this situation exists: (1) the individual may not receive the Allowance for the first nine days of unemployment; (2) the individual may not receive the Allowance for the period covered by the Rehabilitation Grant (becoming less important as the number of discharges decreases); (3) the limited period of entitlement (becoming increasingly important as the number discharged 18 months or more increases).

Experience has shown that, although it has been necessary to carry some individuals on the Allowance for a period in excess of 40 weeks (the maximum allowable is 52 weeks) the majority of veterans receiving this type of assistance require it for a period of less than 10 weeks.

6.—Veterans in Receipt of Out-of-Work and Awaiting Returns Allowances, Classified by Sex, by Months, January, 1946, to March, 1947

Year and Month	Out of Work			Awaiting Returns		
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1946						
January.....	21,569	129	21,698	3,615	13	3,628
February.....	32,568	249	32,817	5,318	17	5,335
March.....	43,185	339	43,524	7,691	26	7,717
April.....	48,104	417	48,521	10,654	36	10,690
May.....	42,948	483	43,431	14,757	48	14,805
June.....	32,957	395	33,352	19,766	58	19,824
July.....	25,502	401	25,903	23,558	69	23,627
August.....	22,059	410	22,469	24,762	72	24,834
September.....	19,057	295	19,352	18,840	60	18,900
October.....	17,560	235	17,795	16,428	61	16,489
November.....	16,112	256	16,368	13,534	64	13,598
December.....	17,651	242	17,893	12,447	62	12,509
1947						
January.....	22,056	234	22,290	12,285	60	12,345
February.....	24,482	285	24,767	11,986	64	12,050
March.....	24,058	297	24,355	12,162	60	12,222