

Subsection 1.—Discharges, Employment and Allowances

Discharges and Employment.—By Feb. 28, 1947, the work of demobilization was completed. Cumulative discharges from September, 1939, to September, 1947, are given in the following statement. These figures are subject to revision since certain duplications of records have not yet been eliminated.

<i>Service</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
	No.	No.	No.
Navy.....	90,321	6,565	96,886
Army.....	656,158	25,155	681,313
Air Force.....	201,146	16,987	218,133
TOTALS.....	947,625	48,707	996,332

Although the numbers of veterans who have taken advantage of the Vocational Training, Educational Training, and Veterans' Land Act provisions seem large, the majority of veterans have returned to civil employment. Return to civil life was greatly aided by the National Employment Service of the Department of Labour, which, through a policy of veterans preference, made 930,346 placements on behalf of veterans from September, 1943, to March, 1948, 810,816 of these placements being made on behalf of veterans of the Second World War. These figures do not represent the number of veterans placed as two or more placements are often made in an attempt to settle a veteran after discharge.

Unemployment among veterans of the Second World War has not, on the whole, been serious so far. The peak of unemployment was reached during the first quarter of 1946, when it followed the seasonal trend. Table 4 shows the number of veterans registered monthly with the National Employment Service as unemployed from Jan. 1, 1947, to Mar. 31, 1948.

4.—Veterans Registered with the National Employment Service as Unemployed, by Months and Sex, January, 1947, to March, 1948

Year and Month	Veterans of the First World War		Veterans of the Second World War		Veterans with Dual Service	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1947—						
January.....	6,887	2	51,481	1,114	2,165	Nil
February.....	7,129	2	50,569	1,124	2,422	1
March.....	6,784	1	47,617	1,007	2,478	1
April.....	6,453	1	42,368	965	2,500	1
May.....	4,967	1	30,204	868	2,124	1
June.....	4,322	1	22,829	803	1,724	1
July.....	4,263	1	18,653	714	1,495	1
August.....	3,839	1	16,516	718	1,349	1
September.....	3,799	1	15,554	828	1,367	1
October.....	4,066	1	16,704	837	1,375	1
November.....	4,741	1	20,866	890	1,590	1
December.....	5,446	1	25,502	732	1,766	1
1948—						
January.....	6,548	1	34,017	1,006	2,058	1
February.....	6,901	1	36,078	1,066	2,200	1
March.....	4,714	1	20,273	536	1,563	1

¹ Not recorded separately after February, 1947, but included with women veterans of the Second World War.