

Offices in locations as accessible as possible to the veterans. Travelling welfare officers operating from these offices assist veterans to take advantage of those rights and privileges made available to them through the Department.

Section 2.—Discharge Gratuities and Re-establishment Credits

The amount expended as gratuities under the War Service Grants Act continued to show a decrease during the year ended Mar. 31, 1950.

1.—Gratuity Payments under the War Service Grants Act, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1945-50

Year and Service	Navy	Army	Air Force	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1945-1				
Forces.....	973,957	14,663,621	3,468,852	19,106,430
Auxiliary Services.....	—	—	—	—
1945-46—				
Forces.....	27,277,981	121,003,583	64,157,015	212,438,579
Auxiliary Services.....	180	58,646	36,115	94,941
1946-47—				
Forces.....	17,766,165	170,585,767	32,926,652	221,278,584
Auxiliary Services.....	730	327,176	121,253	449,159
1947-48—				
Forces.....	891,968	11,191,667	1,310,435	13,394,070
Auxiliary Services.....	—	309,823	Cr. 5,198 ²	304,625
1948-49—				
Forces.....	140,907	589,132	226,685	956,724
Auxiliary Services.....	—	35,563	—	35,563
1949-50—				
Forces.....	37,595	133,117	168,582	339,294
Auxiliary Services.....	—	9,483	—	9,483
Totals.....	47,089,483	318,907,578	102,410,391	468,407,452

¹ January, February and March only. from 1946 to 1948.

² This credit is the result of a bookkeeping adjustment

Re-establishment Credits.—During the fiscal year 1949-50 the amount of re-establishment credit authorized for use was slightly over \$22,000,000 or approximately three-fifths of that authorized during 1948-49.

To Mar. 31, 1950, 959,909 veterans' re-establishment credit accounts had been opened and 636,465 of these accounts had been closed due to authorization having been given for the complete disposal of the credit. In addition to the \$252,386,462 authorized for use for the purposes listed in Table 2, about \$58,800,000 was written off for veterans who had used the alternative benefit of training, or had made application to settle under the Veterans' Land Act. Of the total re-establishment credit issued to Mar. 31, 1950, more than 82 p.c. was used for homes.

The expenditures made to Mar. 31, 1950, resulted from 1,715,902 individual approved applications for use of the credit.