

the recipient's financial circumstances, the number of people assisted in any fiscal year is greater than the number applying during that period. Fund activity during the years ended Mar. 31, 1959 and 1960 was as follows:—

Item	Years Ended—	
	Mar. 31, 1959	Mar. 31, 1960
Persons assisted.....No.	14,055	16,705
Persons applying during year.....	6,158	6,389
Applicants assisted.....“	5,539	5,642
Proportion of applicants assisted.....p.c.	90	88
Fund expenditures during year.....\$	2,005,521	2,599,688
Proportion of expenditures given in monthly grants.....p.c.	88	91
Persons in receipt of continuing monthly grants.....No.	11,063	13,346

Education and Training.—Eligibility for training under the Veterans Rehabilitation Act and the Veterans Benefit Act, 1954 has lapsed except for disability pensioners and for a few special cases delayed by personal illness. Effective July 27, 1959, Pensioners Training Regulations were consolidated and now provide essential training for pensioned veterans without affecting, or being affected by, other benefits that may have been received. They also provide for training of pensioned ex-members of the regular and reserve forces.

Training activities at Mar. 31, 1959 and Mar. 31, 1960, respectively, were as follows:—

Type of Training	Mar. 31, 1959		Mar. 31, 1960	
	No.		No.	
University Training—				
World War II veterans.....	46		46	
Special Force.....	29		24	
Vocational Training—				
World War II veterans.....	18		16	
Special Force.....	10		3	
Pensioner Training—				
University.....	12		16	
Vocational.....	32		33	
TOTALS.....	147		138	

The Children of War Dead (Education Assistance) Act provides help with post-secondary school training for children of deceased ex-servicemen whose deaths have been ruled by the Canadian Pension Commission to have been attributable to or incurred during war service, or attributable to regular force service. Eligible students who attend approved training institutions receive an allowance of \$25 a month if under age 21, and \$60 a month if over that age but not over 25 years of age. Prescribed fees not exceeding \$500 for any one academic year may be paid on behalf of each student. Up to Mar. 31, 1959, 1,406 applications were approved under this Act. At Mar. 31, 1960, the number had risen to 1,736.

Awaiting Returns Allowance.—This allowance is a sustenance grant designed to assist in the maintenance of the veteran and his family during the early stages of a venture when the income therefrom is negligible or insufficient for that purpose. Because of the time limit imposed under the Veterans Rehabilitation Act, only veterans who settle under the Veterans' Land Act and who apply for the allowance within one year of date of establishment thereunder are now eligible. The maximum entitlement to the benefit is 52 weeks, available within two years of the date of initial award. The allowance is payable for periods when the net income plus the allowance does not exceed the maximum rate of \$50 per month for a single veteran and \$70 per month for a married veteran plus additional allowance for up to six children and/or \$15 per month for each dependent parent.

Up to Mar. 31, 1960, 63,039 veterans, including 65 ex-members of the Special Force, were approved for the allowance, 90 p.c. of whom were discontinued as established. The total amount expended on this benefit from inception to Mar. 31, 1960 was \$27,324,131. At that date there were 94 active cases.