

**Section 2.—Welfare Services**

Much of the legislation designed to assist with the rehabilitation of war veterans has expired but the following programs are still of significant importance.

**War Service Gratuity.**—A cash payment was authorized by the War Services Act, 1944 for each veteran of World War II, the amount varying according to length of service and the theatre in which it was performed. In 1954, under the Veterans Benefit Act, this gratuity was made available to veterans of the Korean operation. Since most of the veterans of World War II had received their benefits under the former Act during the first few years following the end of the War, payments were discontinued after Dec. 31, 1954, except for those with overseas service who, because of unusual circumstances, could not apply before that date. The yearly amounts paid in gratuities up to the end of March 1955 are shown in the 1956 Year Book, p. 306. Those paid subsequently, with cumulative totals to Dec. 31, 1960, are:—

| Calendar Year                                  | World War II Veterans | Special Force Veterans |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|
|  | \$                    | \$                     |
| 1955.....                                      | 52,201                | 29,766                 |
| 1956.....                                      | 13,623                | 8,712                  |
| 1957.....                                      | 16,640                | 1,603                  |
| 1958.....                                      | 6,296                 | 1,999                  |
| 1959.....                                      | 9,047                 | 433                    |
| 1960.....                                      | 4,615                 | 1,985                  |
| <b>CUMULATIVE TOTALS TO DEC. 31, 1960.....</b> | <b>470,041,437</b>    | <b>6,694,470</b>       |

**Re-establishment Credit.**—This benefit, also authorized by the War Service Grants Act, is equal in each case to the War Service Gratuity less the supplementary gratuity paid for overseas service. It is not given in cash to the veteran, except for balances of \$50 or less, but is released on his behalf for specified purposes. World War II veterans have until Sept. 30, 1962, and veterans qualified on the basis of service with the Korean Special Force have 15 years from the date of their discharge from the Special Force to apply for this benefit. At Dec. 30, 1960, unused re-establishment credit balances totalled \$13,245,496. The amounts paid during 1959 and 1960, with cumulative totals to Dec. 31, 1960, are shown in Table 1.

**1.—Re-establishment Credits Paid, by Required Purpose, 1959 and 1960, with Cumulative Totals**

| Purpose  | Calendar Year 1959 | Calendar Year 1960 | Cumulative Totals to Dec. 31, 1960 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
|  | \$                 | \$                 | \$                                 |
| <b>Homes.....</b>                                    | <b>1,307,577</b>   | <b>1,450,904</b>   | <b>242,733,794</b>                 |
| Purchased under National Housing Act.....            | 5,685              | 4,696              | 3,350,411                          |
| Purchased other than under National Housing Act..... | 60,154             | 32,147             | 32,545,054                         |
| Repairs, etc.....                                    | 140,228            | 191,326            | 17,091,148                         |
| Furniture and equipment.....                         | 1,077,246          | 1,188,527          | 185,183,121                        |
| Reduction of mortgage.....                           | 24,264             | 34,208             | 4,564,060                          |
| <b>Business.....</b>                                 | <b>263,560</b>     | <b>287,430</b>     | <b>55,969,538</b>                  |
| Purchase of a business.....                          | 1,847              | 699                | 3,679,413                          |
| Working capital.....                                 | 30,553             | 28,551             | 25,327,327                         |
| Tools and equipment.....                             | 231,160            | 258,180            | 26,962,798                         |
| <b>Miscellaneous.....</b>                            | <b>532,773</b>     | <b>1,218,568</b>   | <b>12,188,588</b>                  |
| Insurance, annuities, etc.....                       | 248,266            | 421,784            | 9,912,347                          |
| Special equipment for training.....                  | 9,271              | 10,295             | 757,471                            |
| Clothing.....  | 103,574            | 333,284            | 642,615                            |
| Reimbursements.....                                  | 171,682            | 453,225            | 876,155                            |
| <b>Totals.....</b>                                   | <b>2,103,910</b>   | <b>2,956,902</b>   | <b>310,891,920</b>                 |