

The Corps of Commissioners continue their commendable activity. Of nearly 6,000 uniformed veterans employed, some 2,600 are under contracts with Government departments. Of these, 78 p.c. are upwards of 60 years of age and might otherwise be recipients of War Veterans Allowance. The Special Adviser on Older Veterans acts as liaison officer between Government departments and the Corps, and otherwise assists them in the private employment field. The Corps is a self-supporting non-profit organization.

**Assistance Fund.**—By authority of the Assistance Fund (War Veterans Allowance) Regulations, supplementary financial aid may be provided to recipients under the War Veterans Allowance Act (see p.302) who are in need. Assistance may be given as a continuing monthly grant in accordance with a formula which includes costs of shelter, fuel, food, clothing, personal care and certain health needs, or as single grants to meet needs not covered by the formula. At Jan. 1, 1961, the maximum assistance available from the Fund was \$240 and \$300 per annum, respectively, to single and married WVA recipients who are resident in Canada.

Applications for assistance are made to District Authorities located in the district offices of the Department across Canada. An Assistance Fund Committee, headed by the Deputy Minister, guides the district authorities in dealing with these applications. Approximately 90 p.c. of the applicants qualify for assistance and the great majority of awards are in the form of continuing monthly grants. Fund activity during 1959 and 1960 was as follows:—

<i>Item</i>	<i>1959</i>	<i>1960</i>
Persons assisted.....No.	16,551	19,558
Persons applying during year.....“	6,175	7,051
Applicants assisted.....“	5,488	6,303
Proportion of applicants assisted.....p.c.	89	89
Fund expenditures during year.....\$	2,480,479	2,964,757
Proportion of expenditures given in monthly grants.....p.c.	90	91
Persons in receipt of continuing monthly grants.....No.	13,365	15,290

**Education and Training.**—Except for disability pensioners and a few other special cases delayed by illness, eligibility for training under the Veterans Rehabilitation Act and the Veterans Benefit Act, 1954 has expired because of the time limits imposed by these Acts. The Pensioners' Training Regulations were consolidated in 1959 and now provide essential training for pensioned veterans without affecting or being affected by other benefits they may have received. These regulations also provide for the training of pensioned ex-members of the regular and reserve Forces. The numbers on training strength at Dec. 31, 1959, and Dec. 31, 1960, respectively, were as follows:—

<i>Type of Training</i>	<i>Dec. 31, 1959</i>	<i>Dec. 31, 1960</i>
	No.	No.
<b>University Training—</b>		
World War II veterans.....	46	16
Special Force.....	24	7
<b>Vocational Training—</b>		
World War II veterans.....	16	1
Special Force.....	3	2
<b>Pensioner Training—</b>		
University.....	13	20
Vocational.....	27	28
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<u>129</u>	<u>74</u>

Under the Children of War Dead (Education Assistance) Act, help may be provided for post-secondary school training for children of deceased ex-servicemen whose deaths have been ruled by the Canadian Pension Commission as attributable to, or incurred during, war service or attributable to regular Force service. Eligible students attending approved training institutions receive an allowance of \$25 a month if under age 21 and