

Section 2.—Welfare Services

Welfare services for veterans and, where appropriate, their dependants are provided by the Welfare Services Branch. These include the administration of assigned statutes; the conducting of field work and reporting for other branches of the Department, the Canadian Pension Commission, the War Veterans Allowance Board and Services Benevolent Funds; and the provision of a rehabilitation and welfare program of advice and counselling including referral where indicated to other public or private agencies, veterans organizations, etc.

War Service Grants.—War service gratuities payable under the War Service Grants Act to veterans of World War II and the operations to restore peace in Korea are now payable only in cases where delayed application is acceptable. Re-establishment credit payable under the same Act is available up to Oct. 31, 1968. Payment of the credit, except for a balance of \$50 or less, is not made in cash to the veteran but is released on his behalf for specified purposes. Up to the end of 1964 a total of \$314,979,100 had been paid out and unused balances amounted to \$8,855,909.

2.—Re-establishment Credits Paid, by Required Purpose, 1963 and 1964

Purpose	1963	1964	Purpose	1963	1964
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Homes	208,355	151,708	Business—concluded		
Purchased under National Housing Act.....	93	1,003	Working capital.....	7,461	5,639
Purchased other than under National Housing Act.....	6,638	6,042	Tools and equipment.....	35,475	27,075
Repairs, etc.....	27,620	18,520	Miscellaneous	143,296	123,450
Furniture and equipment.....	168,364	121,983	Insurance, annuities, etc.....	32,038	33,195
Reduction of mortgage.....	5,631	4,160	Special equipment for training.....	2,367	1,304
Business	43,434	32,714	Clothing.....	72,041	59,582
Purchase of a business.....	498	—	Reimbursements.....	36,850	29,369
			Totals	395,085	307,872

Assistance Fund.—Recipients of benefits under the War Veterans Allowance Act and Part XI of the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act living in Canada may be granted help from this Fund provided their total income is lower than the maximum permitted by the Act. Assistance may be granted as a monthly supplement based on shelter, fuel, food, clothing, personal care and specified health costs. Single awards may also be made to meet unusual or emergency needs. Following is a summary of activities during 1963 and 1964. As monthly supplements may be continued from year to year, the number assisted in a given period is greater than the number applying.

Item	1963	1964
Persons assisted.....	No. 19,664	20,513
Persons applying during year.....	“ 6,212	6,309
Applicants assisted.....	“ 5,506	5,572
Fund expenditures during year.....	\$ 3,416,734	3,758,105
Proportion of expenditures given in monthly grants.....	p.c. 92	93
Persons in receipt of monthly supplements.....	No. 14,743	15,519

Education Assistance to Children.—The Children of War Dead (Education Assistance) Act provides help in the form of allowances and the payment of fees for the post-secondary education of children of those whose deaths have been attributed to military service. Assistance is restricted to children attending, in Canada, educational institutions which require secondary school graduation, matriculation or equivalent standing for admission. These include, in addition to universities and colleges, such facilities as