

The number of veterans and others in receipt of allowances at the end of the years 1956-61, together with the amounts of allowances paid, were as follows:—

| <i>As at Dec. 31—</i> | <i>Veterans in Receipt of Allowances</i> | <i>Others in Receipt of Allowances</i> | <i>Total in Receipt of Allowances</i> | <i>Expenditure</i> |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|--------------------|
| | No. | No. | No. | \$ |
| 1956..... | 39,543 | 15,193 | 54,736 | 40,853,773 |
| 1957..... | 41,820 | 16,601 | 58,421 | 45,187,400 |
| 1958..... | 45,466 | 18,659 | 64,125 | 53,970,728 |
| 1959..... | 47,393 | 20,141 | 67,534 | 56,927,614 |
| 1960..... | 48,521 | 21,421 | 69,942 | 58,207,130 |
| 1961..... | 51,537 | 23,373 | 74,910 | 69,825,747 |

During 1961, 69,654 cases were reviewed by the 19 District Authorities across Canada so that changes in the financial, physical or domestic circumstances of the recipients concerned might be reflected in the allowance being paid; 14,806 cases were reviewed by the War Veterans Allowance Board at Ottawa to ensure uniformity in the application of the provisions of the legislation in all districts; also, 770 appeals from adjudications were dealt with by the Board.

Section 7.—The Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Imperial War Graves Commission was incorporated on May 21, 1917, under the Royal Charter granted by His Majesty in Council on a recommendation made by the Imperial War Conference in April of that year. The name was changed by a supplemental Royal Charter on Apr. 1, 1960, to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The Governments of Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and Pakistan are members of the Commission. South Africa, after becoming a republic, requested and obtained permission from the other Commonwealth Governments to remain a member of the Commission and is represented by an Ambassador in London. The Minister of Veterans Affairs is the Agent of the Commission in Canada and the office of the Secretary-General of the Canadian Agency is in the Veterans Affairs Building, Ottawa.

The Commission is entrusted with the marking and maintenance in perpetuity of the graves of those of the British Empire and Commonwealth Armed Forces who lost their lives between Aug. 4, 1914 and Aug. 31, 1921, and between Sept. 3, 1939 and Dec. 31, 1947, and with the erection of memorials to commemorate those with no known grave. In many of the cemeteries and plots a central feature is the Cross of Sacrifice or the Great Stone of Remembrance.

The area of responsibility of the Canadian Agency is the Continent of North America but it has also certain duties of inspection in Argentina, the Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Brazil, British Guiana, British Honduras, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Falkland Islands, French West Indies, Guatemala, Hawaiian Islands, Jamaica, Leeward Islands, Netherlands Antilles, Panama Canal Zone, Peru, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, Uruguay and Windward Islands.

In North America the Agency has commemorated 18,944 Commonwealth war dead in almost 3,000 cemeteries. Approximately 4,100 servicemen of both Wars, missing in operations while based in North America, are commemorated on memorials erected at Victoria, B.C., Halifax, N.S., and Ottawa, Ont. In Oakwood Cemetery, Montgomery, Alabama, the Agency has erected the only Cross of Sacrifice in the United States.