

liaison work with the District Offices of the Department as well as with local Unemployment Insurance Commission offices across Canada where actual contact with the veteran and his family is generally made.

A review of the work of the various Sections of the Branch is given in the following paragraphs.

War Service Gratuity.—The payment of War Service Gratuity was discontinued after Dec. 31, 1954 except in a few cases where the applicant had overseas service and where the Minister was satisfied of the existence of circumstances justifying the delay in making application. Table 1 shows amounts expended up to Mar. 31, 1955.

1.—Gratuity Payments under the War Service Grants Act, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1945-55

Year and Service	Navy	Army	Air Force	Miscellaneous	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1945—					
Forces.....	973,958	14,663,621	3,468,852	—	19,106,431
1945-46—					
Forces.....	27,277,979	121,003,582	64,157,016	—	212,438,577
Canadian Fire Fighters.....	—	—	—	161,760	161,760
Auxiliary Services.....	180	58,646	36,116	—	94,942
1946-47—					
Forces.....	17,766,529	170,658,329	32,949,430	—	221,374,288
Auxiliary Services.....	365	254,616	98,475	—	353,456
1947-48—					
Forces.....	940,778	11,386,313	1,372,651	—	13,699,742
Auxiliary Services.....	—	315,046	Cr. 5,198	—	309,848
1948-49—					
Forces.....	140,907	589,132	226,686	—	956,725
Auxiliary Services.....	—	35,563	—	—	35,563
1949-50—					
Forces.....	37,595	133,117	168,582	—	339,294
Auxiliary Services.....	—	9,483	—	—	9,483
Netherlands.....	—	—	—	91,737	91,737
1950-51—					
Forces.....	21,318	76,348	344,717	—	442,383
1951-52—					
Forces.....	9,708	128,058	124,366	—	262,132
Special Force.....	1,340	18,208	—	—	19,548
1952-53—					
Forces.....	—	—	—	—	112,437
Special Force.....	600,036	2,769,829	26,567	—	3,396,432
1953-54—					
Forces.....	—	—	—	—	113,330
Special Force.....	289,441	2,161,760	25,646	—	2,476,846
1954-55—					
Forces.....	—	—	—	—	69,911
Special Force.....	73,444	675,250	23,019	—	771,713
Total.....	476,636,578

Re-establishment Credit.—On Mar. 31, 1955 the amount of \$25,842,664 Re-establishment Credit for World War II service remained unexpended, and the amount of \$1,741,203 for Special Force service. Of these unexpended amounts approximately \$12,000,000 belongs to veterans residing outside of Canada and is available only for the purchase of Veterans Insurance.