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STATISTICAL REVIEW.

1. *General summary.*—On the 31st March, 1925, nearly 6½ years after the date of the Armistice, the number of beneficiaries who were currently in receipt of compensation, by way of pension or allowances, from the Ministry of Pensions amounted to no less than

1,905,000, of whom

51,000 were disabled officers and their dependants or the dependants of deceased officers, and

1,854,000 were disabled non-commissioned officers and men and their dependants or the dependants of deceased men.

These figures show that the task of the Department, though naturally decreasing, is still of considerable magnitude. Deaths, re-marriage of widows, attainment by children of the maximum pensionable age of 16 years and improvement in the health of pensioners are the main factors which operate gradually to lessen the Ministry's responsibility as the war period recedes.

Equally striking are the figures relating to treatment provided by the Ministry. During the year 174,589 courses of medical or surgical treatment were provided, as compared with 222,562 courses during the year 1923-1924, the number of patients under treatment at the end of the year being 40,540.

The total cost of pensions, allowances, medical treatment and administrative expenses for the year was £69,122,000, bringing the total expenditure in connection with War Pensions since the establishment of the Ministry in 1917 to the considerable sum of £598,000,000. The cost of official administration (as distinct from the expenditure on benefits) for the year under review worked out at under a shilling in the £1. It may be added that at the end of the year the aggregate number of beneficiaries (including the dependants of disabled officers and men) to whom compensation had been paid under the Warrants since the outbreak of the Great War was 4,560,000.

Statistical tables giving further information regarding the various aspects of the work of the Ministry will be found in the Appendices.

2. *First Awards.*—There has, naturally, been a progressive decline in fresh applications for pension since the year ended 31st March, 1920, in which year there were no less than 680,923 fresh admissions to pension. With the lapse of time, the evidence submitted by applicants in support of their contention that the disability claimed is connected with service, is apt to be less cogent, but the enquiries made in each case are of the most exhaustive character, and every effort is made to obtain the fullest information before a decision is reached. If the claim

cannot be admitted there is a statutory right of appeal to the Pensions Appeal Tribunals.* Of the 50,257 new claims submitted during the year under review 17,811 were allowed by the Ministry. Of this total 6,260 were in respect of death, and 5,648 were first awards of pension for disablement. At the close of the year claims of all classes were still being received at the rate of 1,000 a week.

3. *Aggregate First Awards.*—The fresh admissions to pension during the year brought the total number of first awards made since the beginning of the war, exclusive of allowances and gratuities paid in respect of minor disablements, up to 2,026,000 at 31st March, 1925. Of this number, 1,269,706 were in respect of disabled soldiers, seamen, etc., 59,800 were in respect of disabled officers, 2,400 were first awards to nurses; the remainder, being in respect of death, were awards to widows and dependants.

AWARD OF PENSION, ETC.

4. *Final Awards.*—The process of making final awards under Section 4 of the War Pensions Act, 1921, was continued during the year under review, in which over 70,000 such awards were notified, bringing the gross total of final awards declared since August, 1921, up to 481,000. Of that number 19,000 were officers' cases. The awards current at the end of the year on a final basis represented about 50 per cent. of all the disablement awards in payment.

5. In every case in which an award is made final, the officer or man affected has the right of appeal to the independent Pensions Appeal Tribunals.* During the period in question 23,308 fresh appeals to the Tribunal were lodged (1,019 being from officers) and 26,668 were decided. The Tribunal has statutory powers to increase, decrease, or confirm a final assessment made by the Ministry. As a result of the appeals made during the year under review, in 39 per cent. of the cases the final award was confirmed, and in a further 31 per cent. the assessment was raised. In a few cases the Ministry's award was lowered. The Tribunal also has power, if it considers that the final award was premature, to set aside its finality, and in the remaining 29 per cent. that course was followed. These claimants were thereupon restored to their original position under the Royal Warrant, and the practice was maintained of holding an immediate medical board to determine the correct degree of disablement with a view to making a further award on a conditional basis, if necessary.

* The Tribunals are statutory Courts established in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the War Pensions (Administrative Provisions) Act, 1919, by the Lord Chancellor and working under Regulations made by him. The decisions of these bodies are binding both on the appellant and on the Ministry, and are by Statute final.

6. In cases which had been considered by the Ministry with a view to the making of a final award but were found unsuitable, the policy of making conditional awards for more extended periods was adopted so as to reduce the inconvenience to pensioners of automatic re-boarding.

7. *Erroneous Final Awards.*—A final award represents the considered judgment of the Ministry, on medical advice, as to the final settlement of compensation due in respect of disablement by war service. Subject to the right of appeal to the independent Appeal Tribunal, the award will ordinarily be unalterable. Notwithstanding, however, the care exercised in the making of final awards and the additional safeguard provided by the right of appeal, cases occasionally come to light through the natural medium of medical treatment, in which a final award is found to involve a serious under-estimate of the normal extent or degree of disablement as an assessment for permanent purposes. During the year authority was obtained whereby such cases might be reconsidered although the time limit prescribed for appeal to the Assessment Appeal Tribunal had expired. Under this arrangement a further grant under special sanction was made in 510 cases.

8. *Former war and pre-war disabilities.*—Increases of pension under the Royal Warrants issued in connection with the Pensions Increase Acts, 1920 and 1924, were granted in 349 cases, and 2,844 increases formerly granted were renewed. On the other hand, 295 increases granted during the preceding year were discontinued, in some cases because greater benefit was obtainable under other Warrants, but mainly on account of improvement in the pensioners' means. The number of increased awards in payment under these Warrants was 3,036 on 31st March, 1925.

9. In 318 cases a new award was made, and in 790 cases there was a renewal of an earlier award under the Royal Warrant for former wars of 1st November, 1920, under which awards for disablement sustained in former wars may be granted at Great War rates. In 23 instances, generally on account of decreased disablement, an increase previously granted was discontinued. At the end of the year 2,476 awards under this Warrant were in payment, 1,797 being permanent; of the former number 312 (227 of which were permanent) were awards at the maximum disablement rate.

10. At the end of the year 260 awards (125 of which were permanent) had been made under the Re-Assessment of Pre-War Disability Warrant of 28th September, 1923, which provides for the re-assessment of the pre-war pensions of soldiers who served again in the Great War and incurred a disability attributable to or aggravated by Great War service. Disablement pension is awarded at the rate appropriate to the combined degree of disablement from both pre-war and Great War disabilities, so

long as each disability is assessed at 20 per cent. or over. On the latter disability ceasing, or falling below 20 per cent., the pre-war disability falls to be assessed under the Pay Warrant of 1922. Provision is also made in the Warrant for the award, in addition to disablement pension, of a service allowance based on pre-war service if the pensioner was invalided before the Great War with at least 14 years' service, and was serving on an engagement which would have qualified him for a service pension. Such service allowances were granted in 172 cases during the year.

11. *Widows and children.*—During the year 3,813 awards were made to widows of non-commissioned officers and men and their children. Of these, 2,761 were made under Article 11 of the Royal Warrant, which is applicable to cases where the man died within seven years of removal from duty for the fatal disability or of discharge or demobilisation, and 824 were made under Articles 17A and 17B, relating to the widows of pensioners whose death had occurred outside that time limit.

12. *Parents and dependants.*—The grounds on which claims to pension submitted by parents of deceased soldiers, sailors or airmen, may be considered are :—

- (i) Total or partial incapacity for self-support due to age or infirmity, and
- (ii) pecuniary need.

The general basis of the scheme for the administration of these need pensions is that the pension shall represent the share in the family responsibility for the maintenance of the parents which reasonably attaches to the State in respect of the deceased son or sons. This principle has always been interpreted in a liberal manner since regard has not been had to the possibility that the son, if single, might have married and become unable to continue his support to the same extent or that he might have been unable to contribute through illness or unemployment. Further concessions were introduced during the year under review whereby the average value of the pension was improved. For example, the minimum pension was increased from 4s. 2d. to 5s. The right of transfer to a surviving parent of a pre-war dependence or flat rate pension formerly in issue to a deceased parent was also restored on the application of the surviving parent. Such amendments of the Warrant as were necessary were made by the Royal Warrant of 2nd September, 1924. The Warrant also made provision for awards to parents of pensioners who died more than seven years after removal from duty, discharge or demobilisation similar to that made for widows in like circumstances. At the beginning of the year under review, 30,000 "Need" pensions to parents were in payment; at the end of the year the number had increased to 37,400. This increase was due to the fact that parents of men who were killed in action or died of wounds and who were granted flat rate

pensions or small dependency pensions or who were ineligible for pension, have since become incapable of self-support by age or infirmity and have applied for and obtained pensions or increased pensions on grounds of need.

13. *Officers. Review of relatives' pensions.*—This review was referred to in the last Annual Report* and had as its object a re-survey of the existing circumstances of the pensioners, as required by the Regulations, and the introduction of a system of periodical awards which, when the system is in full operation, will normally have a currency of three years. Out of 6,498 cases thus examined, more than half the pensions remained unchanged. Appeals, which were comparatively few, were specially considered.

14. *Issue of pensions.*—Certain changes were effected as regards the payment of various classes of pension. Arrangements were made for the transfer of (1) service pensions, formerly paid by Pension Issue Office, to the Service Departments, (2) first class warrant officers' pensions, formerly paid by the Assistant Paymaster-General, to Pension Issue Office, and (3) pensions paid by Pension Issue Office on behalf of the South African Government to the High Commissioner of South Africa. The transfer of individual cases under each class was begun during the year under review.

15. The number of allowance forms paid at post offices on behalf of the Ministry during the year amounted to nearly 56,000,000, out of which number a proportion were specially examined with the object of verifying the accuracy of the payment. With a view to the detection of possible impersonation, a considerable number of pensioners in receipt of permanent awards were specially identified during the year and arrangements were made for the special identification of pensioners residing abroad. Further evidence of the magnitude of the work performed by Pension Issue Office may be deduced from the numbers of incoming and outgoing letters, and other documents, which amounted to 9,440,892 and 5,624,394, respectively.

16. *Pensions payable in Dominions and abroad.*—The making of final awards was extended during the year to all appropriate cases of residents in the Dominions and abroad, and arrangements for the hearing of appeals against these awards were completed in Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. It is expected that similar arrangements for the hearing of appeals against final awards will be brought into force during 1925-1926 for appellants resident in other countries.

Detailed instructions were issued during the year to Dominion Authorities for their assistance and guidance in dealing with Imperial pensioners resident in the Dominions.

* Para. 14.

MEDICAL TREATMENT, ETC.

17. *In-patient treatment.*—The decline in the numbers of disabled men requiring in-patient treatment, which was noted in the previous year, continued, with the result that the total bed accommodation in special institutions for the treatment of war disabilities not adequately provided for otherwise, was reduced from 10,867 to 9,475. The number of these institutions was also reduced from 79 to 69.* The standing arrangements with civil hospitals for the treatment of in-patients continued to prove satisfactory.

18. *Neurasthenia.*—Among the types of case requiring treatment the neurological type remained prominent. The difficulty of restoration to health in such cases has unquestionably been increased by the prevalence of unemployment. Active treatment tends to become less and less efficacious with the lapse of time, and it was found necessary during the year, as was foreshadowed in the last Report,† to increase the facilities for the more prolonged cases formerly only available at the special Ministry institution at Saltash. These additional facilities were provided by converting the General Neurological Hospital at Harrowby Camp into an institution with 160 beds similar to that at Saltash, thus making a total of 610 beds available for this class of case.

19. *Mental diseases.*—The systematic visitation and inspection by Ministry specialists of service patients in county and county borough mental hospitals continued as in previous years, and the close touch with the general and individual interests of these patients which the Ministry has thereby established was fully maintained. The special accommodation provided at the Old Manor, Salisbury, and in the separate block (staffed and controlled by the Ministry) at Storthes Hall Mental Hospital, near Huddersfield, was utilised to the full.

20. *Vocational training of tuberculous men.*—At a number of sanatoria in England facilities were provided for the purpose of courses of vocational training for men suffering from tuberculosis, and about 300 men satisfactorily completed a course of training during the year. The scheme terminated on 31st December, 1924, except in the relatively few individual cases in which the man's full course of training had not then been completed. On 31st March, 1925, only 31 men remained in training.

21. *Clinics.*—The requirements as to out-patient treatment showed a further substantial decline during the year. The number of civil institutions at which pensioners were attending as out-patients on a capitation basis declined from 252 to 182, while it was found possible to close two of the out-patient clinics established and maintained by the Department, the remaining 125 being adequate to meet all demands.

* See Appendices XIII and XIV.

† Para. 20.

22. *Dental treatment.*—The number of cases of dental defect arising from Great War service which called for treatment was relatively small, although there is a residue of cases of severe facial injury affecting the jaw which require periodical attention. In a comparatively large proportion of the cases in which dental treatment was provided the need arose from the adverse effects of an unhealthy dental condition on the treatment of war disabilities of a medical character.

23. *Concurrent treatment and training.*—The demand for accommodation for the provision of concurrent treatment and training diminished to such an extent that it became possible during the year to close the Ministry's convalescent centres at Barry, Blackpool and Epsom. Adequate facilities for concurrent treatment and training remain at the Ministry's centre at Birmingham (400 beds) and at the Enham Village Centre (70 beds). During the year approximately 1,400 men completed a course at the centres.

24. *Artificial limbs and surgical appliances.*—An increased demand for metal legs to replace those made of wood was experienced. In all, 11,102 artificial legs were issued, 9,181 being metal legs as compared with 6,302 of this type supplied during the preceding year. Artificial arms were issued in 1,289 cases, that number being somewhat higher than in 1923-1924, when 1,201 arms were supplied. The bulk of the supply of 12,391 limbs represented renewals of previous issues, but 568 were duplicates and 233 were supplied in respect of post-discharge amputations, of which there were 338 during the year under review. Repairs to artificial limbs were effected in 34,013 cases. At the end of the year the total number of pensioners for whose artificial limbs the Ministry is responsible was 37,203, of whom 1,782 were officers.

25. *Surgical boots* numbering 18,470 pairs were supplied during the year, 1,180 of these being first issues and the remainder renewals. In addition, 18,847 pairs of surgical boots were repaired. Arrangements were made with 107 firms in various parts of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland for the supply at agreed rates of surgical boots and appliances and their repair. Other surgical appliances, such as leg and arm instruments, belts, trusses, spinal supports, aural appliances, etc., were supplied in 16,053 cases, 3,987 being first issues, and in 1,895 further cases repairs were effected. The demand for surgical boots and appliances remains practically constant.

26. *Spectacles and artificial eyes.*—4,707 artificial eyes were fitted to 3,310 pensioners. In 1,647 cases the eye was of a special nature and had to be made at the Ministry's Optical Appliances Depot. Spectacles were supplied to 733 pensioners, 155 being of a special type for cases of facial injury or of greatly

injured vision. In addition, the depot supplied on behalf of other Government Departments 79 eyes and 1,132 pairs of spectacles.

27. *Hand-propelled tricycles and invalid chairs.*—First issues of 210 hand-propelled tricycles and 181 invalid chairs were made to seriously disabled pensioners and 137 tricycles and 11 chairs were renewed. Since the establishment of the Ministry 4,873 hand-propelled tricycles and invalid chairs have been issued, including 3,281 tricycles, 960 Merlin chairs for indoor use, 454 bath chairs, 128 spinal carriages and 50 chairs or machines of special type. Spare machines and chairs are kept at various centres throughout the country for temporary loan to pensioners whose own machines have to be withdrawn for overhaul or repair. It is estimated that 2,493 pensioners are using hand-propelled tricycles supplied by the Ministry, 147 being officers.

28. Under the arrangement referred to in previous Reports,* made with the Joint Council of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and the British Red Cross Society, motor attachments for use with the Ministry's hand-propelled tricycles were furnished by the Society to 73 pensioners during the year, making in all 180 cases in which these attachments have been supplied.

29. *Medical boards.*—The total number of examinations carried out by medical boards during the year amounted to 288,012, a reduction of 169,543 on the previous year's figures. Of this total the boards specially constituted with a view to the possibility of making a final award examined 227,282 cases (15,268 officers and 212,014 other ranks), while re-survey boards and boards for the examination of Article 9 claims were responsible for 51,067 cases (3,840 officers and 47,227 other ranks). These figures fall short of the previous year's totals by 102,772 and 62,167 respectively. Medical appeal board examinations numbered 9,663, as compared with 14,267 similar examinations during the preceding year.

30. *Examining medical officers and medical referees.*—On the 31st March, 1925, the names of 1,597 examining medical officers and medical referees were on the list of medical practitioners approved for employment by the Ministry. The number for England was 1,031, for Scotland 293, for Ireland 196, and for Wales 77. Approximately 83 per cent. of these numbers are ex-service practitioners. During the year these officers made 27,090 examinations, as compared with 39,337 during the preceding year.

31. *Supplies to institutions, etc.*—The number of hospitals and other institutions supplied during the year with food, laundry and transport services was reduced from 38 to 33, the number of individuals concerned falling from 11,500 to 8,623. The number of vehicles attached to hospitals and institutions

* See Sixth Report, para. . 9.

at the close of the year was 25 of which 20 were ambulances built with special bodies enabling them also to be used as general utility vans. Supplies of medical and surgical stores were obtained for hospitals, clinics and medical boards by way of direct delivery from contractors to institutions as and when required. This procedure has superseded supply from the Central Depot Medical Stores and has operated effectively. The distribution of stump socks, arm mitts, crutches, walking sticks and rubbers, the total issues of which exceeded 170,000 articles, was made from the central appliances store at the Ministry's Hospital at Orpington, Kent. Arrangements were continued with the British Red Cross Society for the supply of games and comforts.

SPECIAL GRANTS COMMITTEE.

32. *Allowances and grants.*—Allowances, as follows, were awarded by the Committee :—

Allowances to supplement pension—

Officers, officers' widows and dependants ...	914
Nurses, and nurses' dependants	4
Men, men's widows and dependants	328

Allowances where no pension was payable—

Officers' widows and dependants	23
Men's widows and dependants	42

The value of the allowances in payment at 31st March, 1925, was £116,261 a year in respect of 2,759 cases of officers and their dependants, £455 in respect of 14 nurses and their dependants, and £792 a week in respect of 1,664 men and their dependants.* The Committee made 1,800 new grants towards the cost of education of the children of deceased and disabled officers and men and at the end of the year 6,930 such grants were in issue. Similar grants under the Royal Warrant in respect of the children of deceased and disabled officers are, as a matter of convenience, administered with those under the regulations of the Committee and at the end of the year 2,810 such grants were in issue. These grants, which are in respect of school fees and expenses, represent a total annual expenditure of approximately £180,000.

33. *Questions of fact, forfeiture, etc.*—The Committee gave 152 decisions during the year on questions of fact. On questions

* The apparent disproportion as between officers and men is explained by the fact that allowances for wives and children of disabled officers are granted by the Committee on a discretionary basis, whereas, in the case of men, allowances are paid under the Royal Warrant.

of forfeiture, in 632 cases (including 64 in which there had been administration in trust) the Committee decided that pension had become forfeited; and in 628 instances (252 being cases in which pension had previously been suspended) administration in trust was recommended. In 303 cases it was found possible to re-issue pension direct, 8 after suspension and 295 after a period of administration. There were 1,542 fresh cases involving the question of forfeiture referred to the Committee during the year. It was held in 608 of these that the allegation had not been substantiated, or that the facts did not necessitate either forfeiture or administration in trust.

34. *Care of children.*—Under Section 9 of the War Pensions (Administrative Provisions) Act, 1918, it is the duty of the Minister to make provision for the care of children of men who have died as a result of their service, in cases where they are found to be suffering from neglect or want of proper care. As authorised by the Act, the Minister delegated these functions to the Special Grants Committee. The number of children under care at the end of the year was 3,320, as against 3,181 at the end of the preceding year. Of these, 596 had been committed to care by Orders of Court under the Children Act, 1908, 479 having been committed under Section 21, and the remainder under Section 58 of that Act. The general policy of the Committee to place children in private families under supervision was continued wherever that course was practicable and desirable in the interests of the children, and at the end of the year 2,599 were so placed. Of the remainder, 98 were in special institutions because of mental or physical infirmities, 561 were in general institutions, either temporarily or for some particular reason, such as training, whilst 62 were similarly under the care of local authorities.

35. *Motherless children.*—There were 17,757 motherless children under general supervision at the end of the year, a decrease of 400 on the number at 31st March, 1924. The majority, viz., 14,906, were in the care of relatives; 1,397 were with guardians who were not relatives, whilst the remainder were in schools, training homes, or other institutions.

EXPENDITURE.

36. *General expenditure.*—The expenditure of the Ministry for the year amounted to £69,115,489, viz., £3,332,436 less than that for the year 1923-1924, and £37,530,027 below that for the maximum year, 1920-1921.* Details for the year under review, with comparative figures for the preceding year, are as follows:—

* The approximate total expenditure to 31st March, 1925, was £598,000,000.

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Heading of expenditure.	Total, year ended 31st March, 1925.	Comparative total, year ended 31st March, 1924.
	£	£
(i) Salaries, wages and expenses of staff, including fees to medical referees and members of medical boards, and incidental expenses of members of war pensions committees.	2,983,530	3,461,387
(ii) Pensions and gratuities (officers and their dependants).	5,662,812	5,815,375
(iii) Pensions and gratuities (nurses and their dependants).	92,335	90,852
(iv) Pensions and gratuities (men and their dependants).	54,166,711	55,923,541
(v) Treatment and allowances in excess of pension to pensioners undergoing treatment.	5,836,912	6,652,125
(vi) Expenses of pensioners attending medical boards or undergoing treatment.	283,587	363,694
(vii) Miscellaneous	89,602	140,951
TOTALS	£69,115,489	£72,447,925

37. The decrease in expenditure under heading (i) was due to a reduction in the number of staff following a diminution in the work of the Ministry and in particular, through the closing of Regional Offices and the centralisation of the work at Headquarters. There was also a material reduction in the cost of medical boards owing to the smaller number of pensioners to be re-boarded. As regards (ii) and (iv), the decreases were due to the continued diminution in the number of beneficiaries. An increase which occurred in the average degree of disablement of nurses in receipt of conditional pensions was responsible for the slightly higher expenditure under heading (iii). The decreases under (v), (vi) and (vii) were principally due to the smaller number of pensioners requiring treatment, medical examination, etc.

38. *Expenditure on hospitals and clinics.*—Expenditure on the Ministry's hospitals, convalescent centres and clinics continued to decline, as the following comparative figures show :—

	Year ended 31st March, 1925.	Year ended 31st March, 1924.	Year ended 31st March, 1923.
	£	£	£
Hospitals	1,016,000	1,105,000	1,460,000
Convalescent Centres ...	112,000	183,000	220,000
Clinics	139,000	168,000	250,000
	£1,267,000	£1,456,000	£1,930,000

The average cost per occupied bed per day in Ministry hospitals was slightly higher than for the preceding year:—

	1924-1925.		1923-1924.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Staff salaries, wages and allowances	5	2-20	5	0-82
Food (patients)	1	5-52	1	4-79
Laundry, heating, lighting and water		9-90		9-89
Miscellaneous	1	2-88	1	1-82
	8	8-50	8	5-32

This increase was mainly due to the decline in the number of beds occupied and the difficulty of reducing staff and overhead charges in exact proportion thereto. The increased cost per head of the food issued to patients was also a factor in the total increase.

Payments in respect of the treatment of pensioners in civil hospitals amounted to £489,000, as compared with £576,000 during the preceding year and £739,000 during 1922-1923.

39. *Contract supplies.*—The value of hospital supplies purchased by contract during the year amounted to £286,944, as compared with £332,932 in the preceding year. Of the former amount, £248,898 was in respect of food and £38,046 in respect of medical stores.

40. *Accounting.*—Considerable progress was made during the year towards the centralisation of the control of area and hospital accounts. The accounting functions hitherto exercised locally by Regional Finance Officers at London, Bristol, Manchester, Birmingham, Cardiff and Newcastle-on-Tyne were centralised at Ministry Headquarters with a resultant saving in the cost of administration.

ESTABLISHMENT.

41. *Regional system.*—The process of re-centralising the work of the various Regional Headquarters, rendered practicable by the decline in the volume of work, has been steadily pursued. In April, 1924, the London Region, which embraced the Eastern and South-Eastern counties as well as the Metropolitan Area, was abolished, and the same policy was carried out with the South-Western and Wales Regions in May, 1924, and February, 1925, respectively.

42. *Staff.*—The decline in the volume of work mentioned above was accompanied by a corresponding reduction of staff. At the end of the year the staff of the Ministry numbered 15,630, or 3,317 less than the number employed at the corresponding

date in the previous year. The total staff included 10,162 men and 5,468 women, of whom 929 men and 685 women were permanent civil servants. Of the men employed 9,898 (97·4 per cent.) had served with the forces, and of these 4,786 (48·4 per cent.) were in some degree disabled through war service. 6,700 ex-service and 1,058 non-service staff were employed in substitutable posts, as defined by the Lytton Committee on the appointment of ex-service men to posts in the Civil Service, the proportion of non-service personnel, which stood at 32·9 per cent. in April, 1922, being thus further reduced to 13·6 per cent.

The individual output and quality of the work of the staff maintained a high level.

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION.

43. *War Pensions Committees and area offices.*—Whilst the number of war pensions committees remained unaltered during the year a material reduction in the number of local offices was called for by a decrease in the volume of work, the numbers of committees and offices in existence at the 31st March, 1925, being as follows:—

Region.			Number of committee areas.		Number of area offices.	Number of sub-offices.		
						Whole-time.	Part-time.	
Scotland	...	...	16	...	11	...	7	16
Northern	...	...	29	...	20	...	12	18
North-Western	...	...	22	...	20	...	13	22
Wales	...	...	7	...	6	...	20	17
Midlands	...	...	24	...	15	...	6	18
South-Western	...	...	11	...	8	...	3	12
London	...	...	55	...	46	...	14	65
Ireland	...	...	6	...	5	...	18	45
Total	...	...	170	...	131	...	93	213

44. *Voluntary workers.*—A substantial increase in the number of voluntary workers was effected, and at the end of the year the total was 15,850, as compared with 14,148 for the previous year. Of the former number, 12,564 were not members of committees. The service given by voluntary workers has been of the greatest value both to the ex-service community and to the Ministry.

45. *Amalgamation of area staffs, etc.*—The policy of amalgamating the staffs of adjacent areas and placing them under the control of one chief area officer was continued. During the year 12 such amalgamations were effected after consultation with the war pensions committees concerned. The contraction of the Ministry's work also made it necessary to reduce to part-time 13 whole-time sub-offices and to close altogether 61 part-time sub-offices. Five new part-time sub-offices were, however, established during the year in order to meet the needs of pensioners and applicants. In every case the war pensions committee concerned was consulted before a change was effected.

46. *Advisory Councils.*—The 12 Regional Advisory Councils, the establishment of which is mentioned in the Third Report,* were brought to an end in May, 1924, and, in their place, eight Advisory Councils were constituted. Each council is composed of a representative of each war pensions committee within its area, together with direct representatives of the ex-service community and members of Parliament whose constituencies lie within the council area, but its constitution excludes from membership officers of the Ministry.

ROYAL WARRANTS, ETC.

47. *Service allowances.*—On the 8th December, 1924, an Order in Council was issued corresponding to the Royal Warrant of the 26th August, 1922. The object of the Order in Council was to provide for the grant of service allowances to men invalided during the Great War with at least 10 years' service, in the case of continuous service men of the Royal Navy, or 14 years' service in other cases, who, because of such invaliding, were prevented from completing the full period necessary to qualify for a service pension. In practice, however, many of the awards so authorised had already been made under covering authority previously obtained.

48. *Officers' widows.*—An amending Warrant was issued, dated the 2nd September, 1924, amending Article 16 of the Warrant of the 2nd July, 1920, by substituting two Articles (16A and 16B) to provide, on lines already adopted in the case of men's widows, for cases of death occurring more than seven years after removal from duty or termination of service.

49. *Parents and dependants.*—A further Royal Warrant of the 2nd September, 1924, introduced certain concessions with regard to parents' need pensions, and also made provision for awards to parents of men who died more than seven years after removal from duty, discharge or demobilisation, similar to that made for widows in like circumstances. The main provisions of this Warrant are set out in paragraph 12.

50. *Pensions Increase Warrant.*—The Pensions Increase Warrant of 13th March, 1925, amended the Pensions Increase Warrant of 26th September, 1921, by raising certain percentages of increase, and extended the provisions of that Warrant to pensioners resident overseas.

51. *Commutation.*—Regulations governing the conditions under which pensions awarded in respect of disablement may be commuted were issued on 23rd July, 1924, in pursuance of the powers contained in Section 7 of the War Pensions Act, 1921. Tables of values are appended to the Regulations for the

* Para. 14.

purpose of calculating the sum payable in lieu of the part of the pension commuted.

52. *War Pensions Committees*.—Certain changes were introduced by the War Pensions Committees (Amendment) Regulations of the 23rd July, 1924, amongst which may be mentioned the provisions for the enlargement of the membership of the general purposes and children's sub-committees, for the summoning of special meetings without prior reference to the Ministry, and for the removal of the obligation to hear individual cases in private session. Committees have very generally taken advantage of these changes.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

53. *Central Advisory Committee*.—The changes made in the constitution of Regional Advisory Councils have already been indicated (see paragraph 46). Similarly, the Central Advisory Committee was reconstituted, the term of office of most of the original members having expired. The new members included a representative from each Advisory Council besides representatives of ex-service men, members of Parliament, and officers of the Ministry. The Committee was unable to meet until February, 1925, when the discussion centred on some of the more important matters which had engaged the attention of the new Advisory Councils at their earlier meetings.

54. *The Standing Joint Committee for Ex-Service Questions*, composed of representatives of Government Departments and ex-officers and men, continued in existence during the year. Four meetings of the other ranks panel were held, while the panel particularly concerned with officers' questions also met on one occasion.

55. *The Officers' Friend* branch of the Ministry was continued during the year and proved helpful to officers and their relatives.

G. C. TRYON,

Minister of Pensions.

15th December, 1925.

APPENDIX I.

Staff of the Ministry at 31st March, 1925.

Nature of duties.	Permanent staff.	Temporary staff.	Total.
	(1)	(2)	(3)
General administration (including establishment and central registry) ...	104	398	502
Award of pensions ...	350	1,464	1,814
Finance ...	241	465	706
Issue of pensions ...	626	2,089	2,715
Medical services* ...	45	560	605
Typing ...	133	991	1,124
Miscellaneous (Special Grants Committee, 120 ; Local administration, 57 ; Officers' Friend, 17) ...	57	137	194
General work at regional headquarters ...	10	125	135
Area staffs (excluding doctors, typists, messengers and cleaners) ...	35	2,677	2,712
Messengers and cleaners ...	12	928	940
Totals ...	1,613	9,834	11,447
Institutions† ...	1	4,182	4,183
Grand totals ...	1,614	14,016	15,630
Totals at 31st March, 1924 ...	1,686	17,261	18,947
Decrease ...	— 72	— 3,245	— 3,317

* Includes 3 permanent and 212 other medical officers. Staff employed on medical services at areas (other than doctors) are included with area staffs.

† Includes 146 full-time and 92 part-time medical officers.

APPENDIX II.

NAVY.—*Summary of Awards of Pensions to Disabled Seamen and Marines, and of Allowances for their Children, from the beginning of the War to 31st March, 1925.*

PERIOD.	PENSIONS TO DISABLED SEAMEN AND MARINES.							ALLOWANCES FOR THE CHILDREN OF DISABLED SEAMEN AND MARINES.		
	PERMANENT PENSIONS.			TEMPORARY PENSIONS.			Total of permanent and temporary pensions.	Children of seamen and marines totally disabled.	Children of seamen and marines partially disabled.	TOTAL.
	For total disablement.	For partial disablement.	TOTAL.	For total disablement.	For partial disablement.	TOTAL.				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
4th August, 1914, to 31st March, 1917...	5	144	149	884	4,866	5,750	5,899	961	5,509	6,470
1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918 ...	24	422	446	1,050	4,814	5,864	6,310	572	3,783	4,355
1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919 ...	13	253	266	1,077	5,733	6,810	7,076	573	3,877	4,450
1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920 ...	13	104	117	556	5,966	6,522	6,639	379	4,069	4,448
1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921 ...	2	154	156	562	3,497	4,059	4,215	44	536	580
1st April, 1921, to 31st March, 1922 ...	—	110	110	426	1,015	1,441	1,551	32	228	260
1st April, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ...	—	143	143	238	304	542	685	52	87	139
1st April, 1923, to 31st March, 1924 ...	—	14	14	206	224	430	444	35	41	76
1st April, 1924, to 31st March, 1925 ...	1	11	12	171	245	416	428	23	19	42
TOTALS	58	1,355	1,413	5,170	26,664	31,834	33,247	2,671	18,149	20,820

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APPENDIX II—continued.

ARMY AND AIR FORCE.—Summary of Awards of Pensions to Disabled Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men, and of Allowances for their Children, from the beginning of the War to 31st March, 1925.

PERIOD.	PENSIONS TO DISABLED WARRANT OFFICERS, N.C.O's. AND MEN.							ALLOWANCES FOR THE CHILDREN OF DISABLED WARRANT OFFICERS, N.C.O's. AND MEN.		
	PERMANENT PENSIONS.			TEMPORARY PENSIONS.			Total of permanent and temporary pensions.	Children of soldiers and airmen totally disabled.	Children of soldiers and airmen partially disabled.	TOTAL.
	For total disablement.	For partial disablement.	TOTAL.	For total disablement.	For partial disablement.	TOTAL.				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
4th August, 1914, to 31st March, 1917	533	4,303	4,836	21,653	117,478	139,131	143,967	23,571*	114,841*	138,412*
1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918...	432	6,407	6,839	30,074	141,031	171,105	177,944	26,802	156,249	183,051
1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919 ..	1,157	11,345	12,502	23,665	276,819	300,484	312,986	14,255	210,892	225,147
1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920...	505	6,059	6,564	9,990	456,391	466,381	472,945	6,915	368,598	375,513
1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921...	112	1,857	1,969	5,844	83,808	89,652	91,621	2,986	56,655	59,641
1st April, 1921, to 31st March, 1922...	7	435	442	2,804	17,201	20,005	20,447	997	9,147	10,144
1st April, 1922, to 31st March, 1923...	—	152	152	1,740	5,873	7,613	7,765	397	1,703	2,100
1st April, 1923, to 31st March, 1924...	2	65	67	1,176	2,851	4,027	4,094	59	197	256
1st April, 1924, to 31st March, 1925...	1	49	50	1,204	3,436	4,640	4,690	64	123	187
TOTALS	2,749	30,672	33,421	98,150	1,104,888	1,203,038	1,236,459	76,046	918,405	994,451

* The earlier figures relating to children's allowances are in some measure based upon estimates.

APPENDIX III.

NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE.—Summary of Awards of Pensions to Widows and Children from the beginning of the War to 31st March, 1925.

PERIOD.	Widows without children.	Widows with children.	Separated wives.	Temporary pensions, etc.	Total pensions to widows.	Children of widows.	Mother- less chil- dren, etc.	Total pensions to children.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
4th August, 1914, to 31st March, 1917	16,064	51,705	22	—	67,791	116,534	3,791	120,325
1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918... ..	17,043	42,293	165	629	60,130	95,746	3,010	98,756
1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919... ..	19,513	43,803	151	414	63,881	100,075	3,667	103,742
1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920... ..	7,870	20,470	74	722	29,136	45,123	2,567	47,690
1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921... ..	1,691	4,933	37	743	7,404	11,927	858	12,785
1st April, 1921, to 31st March, 1922... ..	1,515	4,670	41	665	6,891	11,055	702	11,757
1st April, 1922, to 31st March, 1923... ..	1,169	3,371	51	289	4,880	7,768	461	8,229
1st April, 1923, to 31st March, 1924... ..	1,049	2,827	31	534	4,441	6,204	379	6,583
1st April, 1924, to 31st March, 1925... ..	1,001	2,373	39	400	3,813	4,917	237	4,319
TOTALS	66,915	176,445	611	4,396	248,367	399,349	15,672	414,186

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ANALYSIS OF COLUMNS 1, 2 AND 6 OF APPENDIX III.

(4th August, 1914, to 31st March, 1925.)

FAMILY.	Warrant officers (Class 1).	Warrant officers (Class 2) and n.c.o.'s (Class 1) coy. sgt. majors, etc.	N.c.o.'s (Class 2) col. sgts., etc. and c.p.o.'s, etc. (Class 4).	N.c.o.'s (Class 3) sgts. etc. 1st class p.o.'s, etc. (Class 3).	N.c.o.'s (Class 4) corporals, etc. 2nd class p.o.'s, etc. (Class 2).	Privates, etc. (Class 5), and seamen, etc. (Class 1).	TOTALS.	
							WIDOWS.	CHILDREN.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Widows without children... ..	105	1,104	1,188	5,216	5,017	54,285	66,915	—
„ with 1 child	59	967	951	4,455	4,160	54,959	65,551	65,551
„ „ 2 children	39	776	688	3,348	3,013	40,884	48,748	97,496
„ „ 3 „	32	466	445	2,087	1,748	26,120	30,898	92,694
„ „ 4 „	23	269	196	1,227	1,002	15,413	18,130	72,520
„ „ 5 „	13	118	89	576	519	7,567	8,882	44,410
„ „ 6 or more children...	4	67	36	280	266	3,583	4,236	26,678
TOTALS	275	3,767	3,593	17,189	15,725	202,811	243,360	399,349

APPENDIX IV.

NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE.—Summary of Awards to Dependants from the beginning of the War to 31st March, 1925 (First Awards).

PERIOD.	Wholly or partially dependent parents.	Parents' special pensions.	5s. flat rate pensions to parents.	Unmarried wives.	Illegitimate children.	Children of unmarried wives.	Other dependants.	TOTAL.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
4th August, 1914, to 31st March, 1917	31,795	—	—	798	277	912	2,325	36,107
1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918	102,272	1,216	—	1,007	1,531	1,518	3,401	110,945
1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919	81,385	5,024	8,834	840	1,685	1,479	3,489	102,736
1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920	31,976	24,484	71,499	430	1,176	528	1,631	131,724
1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921	3,903	2,147	7,918	128	392	48	151	14,687
1st April, 1921, to 31st March, 1922	1,991	1,032	3,938	132	190	180	49	7,512
1st April, 1922, to 31st March, 1923	431	1,199	1,988	82	120	109	17	3,946
1st April, 1923, to 31st March, 1924	17	1,173	65	43	75	55	27	1,455
1st April, 1924, to 31st March, 1925	7	1,677	16	33	54	15	74	1,876
TOTALS	253,777*	37,952	94,258	3,493	5,500	4,844	11,164	410,988

* Includes a considerable number of cases (not shown in columns (2) and (3)) which have been converted into either parents' special pensions of larger amount, or the 5s. flat rate pension.

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APPENDIX V.

N.C.O.'S AND MEN.—*Pensions in payment as at 31st March, 1925. (Navy, Army, Air Force and Mercantile Marine.)*

Class of pension.					Degree of disablement.	No. of pensions	
Disablement pensions—							
Permanent	...	...	...	...	100 per cent.	...	15,042
					90 " "	...	1,944
					80 " "	...	6,373
					70 " "	...	12,809
					60 " "	...	20,315
					50 " "	...	31,423
					40 " "	...	27,450
					30 " "	...	48,110
					20 " "	...	90,020
							253,486
Conditional	...	...	...	...	100 " "	...	15,170
					90 " "	...	1,155
					80 " "	...	9,011
					70 " "	...	9,760
					60 " "	...	14,352
					50 " "	...	23,133
					40 " "	...	29,826
					30 " "	...	46,075
					20 " "	...	52,600
							201,082
Other pensions (alternative, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	22,292

APPENDIX VI.

*Widows' and Children's Pensions in Payment as at 31st March, 1925.**(Navy, Army, Air Force and Mercantile Marine.)*

Class of pensioner.	Number of cases.	Number of children.
Widows only	31,759	—
" with 1 child	34,659	34,659
" " 2 children	25,658	51,316
" " 3 "	13,725	41,175
" " 4 "	5,307	21,228
" " 5 "	1,383	6,915
" " 6 or more	209	1,296
Children's pensions (mothers re-married, etc.) ...	68,882	120,675
Alternative pensions (Art. 13)	30,957	—
Other pensions to widows or children	15,832	23,210
TOTALS	228,371	300,474

APPENDIX VII.

*Dependants' Pensions in Payment as at 31st March, 1925.**(Navy, Army, Air Force and Mercantile Marine.)*

Class of pension.	Number of cases.
Article 21 (1) (a) parents	187,649
Article 21 (1) (b) "	37,336
Article 21 (1) (c) "	99,860
Article 21 (2) (1) (Combined pension in respect of more than one son.)	6,770
Other dependants	14,283
TOTAL	345,898

REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF PENSIONS, APPENDIX VIII.

NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE.—*Return of Officers and Men Pensioned for Disability from the beginning of the War to 31st March, 1925, so far as classified according to nature of disability.*

DISABILITY.	OFFICERS.		WARRANT OFFICERS, PETTY OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN.		TOTAL.	Per- centage of gross total.
	Navy.	Army and Air Force.	Navy.	Army and Air Force.		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Eyesight cases	278	1,110	2,005	27,908	31,301	2·4
Wounds and injuries to legs (necessitating am- putation)	20	777	382	23,132	24,311	1·8
Wounds and injuries to arms (necessitating amputation)	19	404	176	10,316	10,915	0·8
Wounds and injuries to legs (not necessitating amputation)	209	6,884	1,413	162,156	170,662	12·8
Wounds and injuries to arms (not necessitating amputation)	65	3,498	879	92,836	97,278	7·3
Wounds and injuries to hands (not necessitat- ing amputation of whole hand)	95	1,115	771	52,032	54,013	4·1
Wounds and injuries to head	53	2,555	903	42,213	45,724	3·4
Hernia	117	700	326	19,354	20,497	1·6
Miscellaneous wounds and injuries	195	5,956	1,668	89,398	97,217	7·3
Chest complaints, includ- ing bronchitis	186	2,085	6,504	108,916	119,288	9·0
Tuberculosis	242	1,355				
Rheumatism	169	2,125	2,036	80,065	84,395	6·3
Heart disease	303	3,208	3,068	111,776	118,355	9·0
Epilepsy... ..	14	112	533	7,679	8,338	0·6
Nervous diseases—						
Shell shock	27	679	3,731	61,905	74,289	5·6
Neurasthenia... ..	744	5,862				
Miscellaneous	152	1,189	1,177	7,748	9,275	0·7
Insanity... ..	69	281				
Deafness	173	1,587	1,323	30,413	33,496	2·5
Frostbite (including cases of amputation of feet and legs)	1	32	12	6,601	6,646	0·5
Miscellaneous diseases—						
Nephritis and Bright's disease	772	14,370	6,340	302,011	323,493	24·3
Debility						
Ulcer of stomach						
Varicocele						
Enteric and malaria...						
Spinal... ..						
Appendicitis						
Gas poisoning						
Other diseases						
TOTALS	3,903	55,884	33,247	1,236,459	1,329,493	100·0

APPENDIX IX.

NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE.—*Summary of Awards of Alternative Pensions to Disabled Men, up to 31st March, 1925.*

	Degree of Disablement.	Navy, Army and Air Force.
Number of disablement pensions converted into alternative pensions.	100 per cent. ...	2,325
	80 " " ...	390
	70 " " ...	351
	60 " " ...	358
	50 " " ...	584
	40 " " ...	380
	30 " " ...	588
	20 " " ...	467
		5,443
Annual value of disablement pensions converted ...	...	£440,246
Annual value of alternative pensions granted ...	...	£645,130

In addition, allowances on alternative pension scale during a course of treatment or training have been assessed in 6,421 cases, and in 1,000 cases the pre-war earnings have been assessed and recorded for the purpose of any future claim to alternative pension.

APPENDIX X.

NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE.—*Summary of Awards of Alternative Pensions to Widows, up to 31st March, 1925.*

Number of pensions converted into alternative pensions.	Navy, Army and Air Force.	
	Total number of widows.	Total number of children.
Widows without children ...	19,888	—
" with 1 child ...	16,235	16,235
" " 2 children ...	7,568	15,136
" " 3 " ...	2,744	8,232
" " 4 " ...	782	3,128
" " 5 " ...	199	995
" " 6 or more children ...	20	128
	47,436	43,854
Annual value of pensions converted ...	£3,285,862	5s. 1d.
Annual value of alternative pensions granted ...	£4,349,129	17s. 4d.

In addition, in 9,716 cases awards of alternative pension have been authorised which, although not at present to the widows' advantage, will be put into effect should they become so on the cessation of allowances for a child or children.

APPENDIX XI.

NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE.—*Summary of Awards of Retired Pay to Officers (Including Naval Warrant Officers) and of Pensions to Widows, Children and Dependants of such, from the beginning of the War to 31st March, 1925.*

Period.	Retired pay to officers (including naval war- rant officers).	Pensions to widows.	Pensions to children.	Pensions to other dependants.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4th August, 1914, to 31st March, 1917	1,483	3,227	3,674	325
1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918	3,615	2,508	2,549	1,387
1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919	8,932	3,236	3,114	2,512
1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920	34,204	1,112	1,392	2,077
1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921	7,599	472	859	971
1st April, 1921, to 31st March, 1922	2,038	410	451	362
1st April, 1922, to 31st March, 1923	800	208	261	162
1st April, 1923, to 31st March, 1924	634	234	267	107
1st April, 1924, to 31st March, 1925	482	209	277	125
TOTALS 	59,787	11,616	12,844	8,028

APPENDIX XII

Summary of Awards of Pensions to Nurses from the beginning of the War to 31st March, 1925.

Period.	Number of pen- sions.				
4th August, 1914, to 31st March, 1917	...	...	...	...	54
1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918	...	...	...	...	109
1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919	...	...	...	...	347
1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920	...	...	...	...	1,011
1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921	...	...	...	...	531
1st April, 1921, to 31st March, 1922	...	...	...	...	192
1st April, 1922, to 31st March, 1923	...	...	...	...	70
1st April, 1923, to 31st March, 1924	...	...	...	...	53
1st April, 1924, to 31st March, 1925	...	...	...	...	48
TOTAL 	...	...	...	...	2,415

APPENDIX XIII.

Particulars as to Institutions at which In-Patient Treatment was provided.

Region.	Name and address of institution. [A—Institutions directly controlled by the Ministry.] [B—Institutions where accommodation is reserved for the Ministry.]	Nature of treatment provided.*	Total accommodation reserved.
Scotland A	Kilgraston House Hospital, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire.	N.	50
	Craigleith Hospital, Craigleith, Edinburgh.	G.Q.W. Tb.(obs.).	338
	Edenhall Neurological Hospital, Musselburgh, Edinburgh.	N.W.	100
	Bellahouston Park Hospital, Halfway House, Glasgow.	A.E.G.Q.W.	310
	Princess Louise Scottish Hospital, Erskine House, Bishopston.	L.	63
	St. Raphael's Home, 6, Blackford Avenue, Edinburgh.	G.F.	31
B	Ralston Hospital, Paisley ...	P.	50
Northern A	Gretna Hospital, Gretna, Cum- berland.	G.O.	25
	Ministry of Pensions Hospital Castle Leazes, Newcastle-on- Tyne.	A.B.E.G.H. L.Q.S.T.W. Tb.(obs.).	490
	Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Whinney House, Shotley Bridge, Gateshead.	N.W.	332
	Ministry of Pensions Mental Hospital, Kirkburton, Nr. Huddersfield.	Z.	290
	Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Beckett Park, Leeds.	B.G.H.f.Q. W.	252
	Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Oulton Hall, Woodlesford Road, Leeds.	N.W.	125

* The symbols indicate the special forms of treatment available at each institution, viz. :—

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| A. Aural (nose, ear and throat). | Q. Special surgical treatment and affiliation centre for special surgical clinics. |
| B. Cardiac. | R. Rheumatism. |
| D. Disease of the chest. | S. Skin diseases. |
| E. Ophthalmic. | Spa. Spa treatment (only given by authorised institutions). |
| F. Facial injuries. | T. Tropical diseases. |
| G. General, medical and surgical. | Tb.(obs.). Observation of suspected tuberculosis. |
| H. Artificial eye-fitting centre. | T & T. Combined treatment and training. |
| I. Incurable cases. | W. Curative workshops. |
| L. Centre for limb-fitting (legs only). | X. X-Ray. |
| f. " " (arms and legs). | Y. Epilepsy. |
| M. Massage and electrical treatment. | Z. Mental institutions. |
| N. Neurasthenic, neurological, psycho-therapeutic. | |
| O. Surgical, special treatment. | |
| P. Paraplegic. | |
| PT. Pulmonary tuberculosis. | |

Region.	Name and address of institution. [A—Institutions directly controlled by the Ministry.] [B—Institutions where accommodation is reserved for the Ministry.]	Nature of treatment provided.*	Total accommodation reserved.
<i>Northern</i> —cont. B	Dunston Hill House, Dunston- on-Tyne. Sherburn House Hospital, Durham City. Darlington Hospital, Pontefract	G. P. G.P.	40 12 50
<i>North- Western</i> A	Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Knotty Ash, Liverpool. Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Moss Side, Maghull, Liverpool. Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Grangethorpe, Wilmslow Road, Manchester.	L.Q.W. Tb.(obs.). W.Y. H.L.Q.W.	322 300 227
B	Manor Hill Hospital, 6, Manor Hill, Birkenhead. East Lancashire Homes— (1) Broughton House and Palm House, Manchester. (2) Wyebourne Gate, South- port. East Lancashire Pensioners' Hos- pital, "Parkfield," Middleton Road, Crumpsall, Manchester. Cottage Hospital, Fleetwood Road, Southport Hydropathic Hospital, South- port. Druid's Cross Hospital, Waver- tree, Liverpool, Lancashire.	G.P. G.P. G.P. G.T. G.O. G.R. G.	67 76 27 } 103 56 30 50 90
<i>Wales</i> A	Mount Pleasant Hospital, Chep- stow. Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Rookwood, Llandaff.	G.W. G.P.	150 58
B	General and Eye Hospital, Swan- sea, Glam.	A.E.G.	70
<i>Midlands</i> A	Watson Home, Wylde Green ... Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Harrowby Camp, Grantham. Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Victoria Park, Leicester.	Chronic cases. N.W. A.B.G.M.O. T.X.	30 200 250
B	The Birmingham Group of Hospitals— Highbury Hospital ... Sorrento Hospital ... Uffculme Hospital ...	Q.W. G.P. L.	153 37 123 } 313

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Region.	Name and address of institution. [A—Institutions directly controlled by the Ministry.] [B—Institutions where accommodation is reserved for the Ministry.]	Nature of treatment provided.*	Total accommodation reserved.
<i>Midlands</i> —cont. B	Ellerslie House, Gregory Boule- vard, Nottingham.	P.	14
	Devonshire Hospital, Buxton, Derbyshire.	G.B.Spa.	10
	Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Derby.	A.B.E.G.O. T.	20
	Matlock Sanatorium, Matlock, Derbyshire.	P.T. T & T. (Officers).	70
<i>South- Western</i> A	Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Coombe Park, Bath.	H.L.N.Q.T. W.Tb.(obs.).	359
	Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Saltash, Cornwall.	N.	450
B	The Old Manor, Salisbury, Wilts	Z.	150
	Cosham Hospital, Kingswood, Bristol.	G.M.X.	20
	St. Martin's Home, Cheltenham, Glos.	G.P.	25
	Royal Devon and Exeter Hos- pital, Exeter, Devon.	G.	20
<i>London</i> A	Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Ewell.	N.W.	400
	Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Ducane Road, Shepherds Bush, W.12.	Q.W.	362
	The Holborn Red Cross Hospital, "Fernbank," Roehampton, London, S.W.15.	N.	25
	Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Rotherfield Court, Henley-on- Thames.	N.W. (Officers).	43
	Latchmere House, Ham Com- mon, Surrey.	N.W. (Officers).	58
	Ministry of Pensions Hospital, The Spring, Hanwell, Middle- sex.	Nurses G.	20
	Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Orpington, Kent.	A.B.G.N. O.S.T.W. Tb.(obs.).	811
B	St. David's Home, Ealing, Mid- dlesex.	P.	50
	Miss Icombe's Home, Grange Road, Ealing.	I.P.	20
	Dr. Helen Boyle's Nursing Home, 9-11, The Drive, Hove, Sussex.	N. (Nurses).	6
	Epileptic Colony, Lingfield, Surrey.	T.	37

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Region.	Name and address of institution. [A—Institutions directly controlled by the Ministry.] [B—Institutions where accommodation is reserved for the Ministry.]	Nature of treatment provided.*	Total accommodation reserved.
<i>London— cont. B</i>	National Hospital for Paralysed and Epileptics, Queen's Square, Bloomsbury, W.C. Miss Holman's Officers' Home and Club, 46/48, Westbourne Terrace, Hyde Park, W.C. Tropical Diseases Hospital (Sea- men's Hospital Society), Ends- leigh Gardens, N.W.1. St. Katharine's Sanatorium, Hook Heath, Woking, Surrey. Princess Alice Home, Slough, Bucks. Queen Alexandra's Hospital Home for Disabled Soldiers, Gifford House, Roehampton, S.W.15. Queen Mary's Auxiliary Con- valescent Hospital, Roehamp- ton House, Roehampton, London, S.W.15. Queen's Hospital, Frognal, Sid- cup, Kent. Central Red Cross Hospital, Brighton.	D.P.Y. Totally disabled cases (Officers). T. PT. (Officers) P.W. G.P.W. £ F.N. Chronic- spinal cases. G. (Officers).	10 8 50 6 40 68 213 501 42
<i>Ireland A</i>	Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Carysfort Avenue, Black- rock, Dublin. Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Leopardstown Park, Still- organ, Dublin.	£.Q.W. N.W.	396 136
<i>B</i>	Craigavon Hospital, Strand- town, Belfast. Shannakiel Hospital, Sundays Well, Cork.	N. G.O.	74 87

* See footnote on page 27.

APPENDIX XIV.

Particulars as to treatment provided—Year ended 31st March, 1925.*

	Class of Treatment.	NATURE OF DISABILITY.														Total of Columns (1) to (15).	Gross Total.	Total number treated during the year.	
		General Surgical. (1)	Aural. (2)	Ophthalmic. (3)	Paraplegic. (4)	General Medical. (5)	Epilepsy. (6)	Neurasthenic. (7)	Malaria. (8)	Dysentery. (9)	Other Tropical. (10)	Spa. (11)	Tuberculosis. (12)	Limb Fitting. (13)	Convalescent. (14)				Treatment and Training. (15)
Number of men under treatment on 31st March, 1924.	In-patients	8,067	135	49	172	8,049	442	2,216	94	149	21	11	2,416	106	80	8,089	15,046	51,765	174,589
	Out-patients	8,560	8,328	689	59	7,059	204	8,199	1,120	619	88	1	2,727	1,899	—	—	29,047		
	Home treatment	607	17	4	6	1,970	12	124	35	30	5	—	4,848	14	—	—	7,672		
Number admitted to treatment from 1st April, 1924, to 31st March, 1925.	In-patients	13,290	892	407	210	12,604	766	4,758	525	808	70	12	6,124	846	588	1,098	42,948	122,824	
	Out-patients	20,282	3,540	1,250	42	11,778	846	5,876	1,740	1,104	184	2	8,115	5,713	—	—	54,917		
	Home treatment	5,332	125	81	14	11,266	98	1,159	471	818	12	—	6,018	70	—	—	24,964		
Number of men under treatment on 31st March, 1925.	In-patients	2,422	92	55	255	2,568	387	2,149	50	115	13	2	2,061	46	50	467	10,727	40,540	
	Out-patients	6,239	2,964	605	55	5,816	206	2,448	526	421	52	—	2,029	818	—	—	22,179		
	Home treatment	644	12	8	2	2,076	7	79	22	25	—	—	4,755	4	—	—	7,634		

Mental cases are not included in the above figures. There were 6,566 pensioners in mental hospitals at the end of March, 1925.

* These figures do not include officers and nurses.

FROM 1ST APRIL, 1924, TO 31ST MARCH, 1925.