

by their coastal or inter-Island services on payment of single fare only. The conditions on which these are issued may be obtained from the shipping companies, from Base Records, or from any Defence Office.

Mufti Allowance.

A mufti allowance of £5 5s. is payable to the soldier upon the return of his greatcoat to the nearest Defence Group Office in his district. This must be done within five weeks of the date on which he received notice of discharge, and the warrant must be cashed within four weeks. If the greatcoat is not returned, a deduction of £2 os. 6d. is made from the mufti allowance. Soldiers on returning their greatcoat by post should forward their discharge and clearly indicate their name and address on the parcel.

Medical Treatment.

A soldier of the Expeditionary Force injured or sick on service is first treated in the hospitals attached to or belonging to his division. He is medically boarded periodically. Ultimately he is returned to New Zealand, and his papers come with him. On the voyage home he is again medically boarded, so that when he lands a full history of his case from the date of his injury or disability is available for reference.

On landing he is dealt with according to his condition. He is either sent as an in-patient to a hospital or convalescent home, or as an out-patient to hospital, or to be under the care of the Assistant Director of Medical Services of his district, or he is discharged. Up to discharge he is continually under the care of the Defence Department.

Out-patients' Allowance.

Soldiers who are not provided with board and lodgings while undergoing hospital treatment are granted an allowance of 4s. per day, subject to observance of the regulations and to good behaviour.

They are required to wear the proper badges indicating that they are undergoing medical treatment, and are liable to stoppages of pay for neglect of this regulation, or for other offences which are prejudicial to their successful treatment or recovery.

Artificial Appliances.

Soldiers entitled to artificial limbs, artificial eyes, surgical boots, trusses, splints, elastic stockings, or other surgical appliances, or who require them to be replaced, should apply in writing to the nearest Assistant Director of Medical Services of the district, who will investigate the claim and make arrangements to supply the article. A fully equipped artificial-limb factory has been established in Wellington, and arrangements have been made for repairs and renewals in all the four centres.

Trusses, splints, and elastic stockings will be supplied free of charge for one year after the soldier's discharge. The soldier's travelling-expenses are paid if it is necessary for him to travel in order to be fitted with any appliance.

Surgical boots are made, adjusted, and repaired at the principal orthopaedic hospitals.

Soldier made dentally fit.

The Government undertakes to make good any dental deficiencies caused through the soldier's service. He is dentally treated in hospital in England, and often on the voyage out. If the treatment is not completed on arrival the soldier is instructed by post, by the Deputy Assistant Director of Dental Services of the district to which he belongs, where to apply for the completion of such treatment.

Any soldier who arrives in New Zealand without having been examined prior to or subsequent to embarkation will forward his address to the Director of Dental Services, Headquarters, Wellington, who will arrange for his examination and any treatment