

secondary education, economics, personal hygiene, typing, shorthand and commercial training, architecture and building-construction, carpentry, engineering, wool-classing and all branches of farming, tailoring, and book-keeping. The instructors appointed are in nearly all cases returned soldiers.

Technical schools are taken advantage of, especially in the case of out-patients, and special classes for returned soldiers only are established where the numbers warrant them being formed. All instruction is provided free of cost to the soldier.

#### **Workshops at Hospitals.**

Workshops have been built in connection with the hospitals and convalescent homes at Auckland Annexe; Epsom; Devonport; King George V, Rotorua; Rotorua Sanatorium; Napier; Trentham; Chalmers Military Orthopædic Hospital, Christchurch; Hanmer; Cashmere Hills Consumptive Hospital; Timaru; Dunedin Hospital; Invercargill; and others are in course of erection. These workshops are provided by the New Zealand Branch of the Red Cross, who also supply the equipment used.

In hospital workshops special curative instruction is also given in basketmaking, leather-work, toy-making, spinning and weaving, woodwork, and needlework—in most cases by ladies who had voluntarily undertaken this work during the war, and were therefore well known to the soldiers.

Where articles made by soldiers are sold to the public, the proceeds, without any deduction for material, are set aside for the benefit of the recreation fund of the hospital.

#### **Farms.**

Farms are established at Hanmer and Waipukurau, where practical and theoretical instruction is given

in farming, with a view to encouraging soldiers to settle on the land.

#### **Libraries.**

Libraries of technical works have been established at hospitals, in order that soldiers may have access to books dealing with the trades and occupations in which they will be engaged after discharge.

#### **University Fees.**

The Defence Department pays the fees of soldiers attending University classes before discharge.

#### **Pay and Allowances.**

It is unnecessary to go into the details of the whole schedule of pay and allowances to members of the Expeditionary Force at this stage, when they are reaching the point of ceasing to draw them, but it is important to state the position in regard to allowances to soldiers' dependants, as these have been constantly developed and liberalized during the war period.

The Defence Department, in case of death, continues its allowances and the soldier's voluntary allotments of pay to actual dependants after the date on which the member of the Forces died or was reported missing, until such time as the War Pensions Board determines the right to a pension of the person receiving such pay, but not longer than thirteen weeks.

Cases have arisen where New-Zealanders in the Imperial service who have been paid the difference between the New Zealand and Imperial rates have died on active service. In such an event the Minister of Defence has authorized the continuance of this payment up to six months from the date of notification of death, so as to prevent hardship to the dependants pending the grant of a pension by the Imperial authorities.