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**PAY AND ALLOWANCES.**

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(Paymaster).

## Article No. 5.

The matter of pensions for soldiers of the C.E.F. has been placed under the direct control of three men called the Board of Pension Commissioners for Canada. This Board has the final "say"; there is no appeal from its decisions.

Pensions, apart from those for death, will be awarded without reference to a man's occupation prior to the war, but simply on the disability of the applicant, and even if the pensioner has started to work and is earning enough for his living it makes no difference to the pension.

The amount of the pension is decided by the class into which the pensioner is entered. There are twenty such classes:—Class One calling for one hundred per cent, and Class Twenty for five per cent of the pension allowance.

Each class represents five per cent. For example, Class Ten gives fifty-five per cent; Class Nine, sixty per cent; Class Eight, sixty-five per cent, and so on.

In schedule A, the full (100 per cent) pensions for disability are as follows:—

Rank and file, \$600.00 per annum.

Squad, Battery or Company Sergt. Major, Q. M. Sergt., Staff Sergt., Colour Sergt., \$637.50 per annum.

Master Gunner (not W. O.), R. S. M. (not W. O.), Regl. Q. M. Sergt., \$775.00 per annum.

Warrant officer, \$850.00 per annum.

Lieutenant, \$900.00 per annum.

An additional pension is allowed for each child, the maximum being \$96.00 per annum per child for Class One; declining by three dollars per annum for each class up to class nine, then by six dollars per annum per child for each class up to Class Twenty, with the minimum at \$6.00 per annum.

These pensions are the same for all ranks mentioned above. (Child includes step-child.)

Members of the forces permanently disabled to a LESS degree than five per cent are entitled to a gratuity not exceeding \$100.00.

To those up to the rank of Lieutenant, who are totally disabled and helpless, an additional allowance of \$300.00 a year may be made.

The WIDOW of a soldier killed or dead as the result of injuries received, or disease contracted or aggravated, while on active service shall be entitled to the following pension:—(Schedule C)

Rank and file, \$480.00 per annum.

Squad, Battery or Company Sergt. Major, Q. M. Sergt., Staff Sergt., Colour Sergt., \$510.00 per annum.

Master Gunner (not W. O.), R. S. M. (not W. O.), Regl. Q. M. Sergt., \$620.00 per annum.

Warrant Officer, \$680.00 per annum.

Lieutenant, \$720.00 per annum.

For each child, for all the above ranks, an additional \$96.00 per annum will be paid.

On the re-marriage of the widow her pension ceases, but she shall be entitled to a gratuity of an amount equal to one year's pension.

If the pensioner was a widower, but leaves child or children, such child or children shall receive \$16.00 per month each.

In the case of co-habitation of man and woman, the Commission has power to award pension to the woman as if she were his accredited wife.

No allowance will be made in the case of boys over 16 years or girls 17 years of age, unless mentally or physically infirm; in which case the Commission may continue allowance until the child is 21 years of age. No allowance shall be paid after marriage of child.

A parent wholly or mainly dependent upon a member of the forces killed, or dead as above, (provided the soldier has neither wife nor children) shall be entitled

to the same pension (from ONE soldier) as a widow receives. On the re-marriage of a dependent female parent the pension shall cease, but she is entitled to an amount equivalent to one year's pension.

Brothers under 16 and sisters under 17 years of age, wholly or mainly dependent upon a member of the forces killed, or dead as above, (provided the soldier has neither wife nor children) shall be entitled to the same pension as a widow.

If a member of the forces, receiving pension for disability under classes one to five, dies, leaving a widow, she shall be entitled to pensions under Schedule C (and allowances for children) until re-marriage—when she is entitled to one year's pension. Orphan children of such member of the forces are entitled to \$16.00 per month each.

The pension and allowances of a disabled soldier shall take effect from the date of his discharge.

The pension to widow or dependent, and allowances to children, (on account of death of soldier) shall take effect from the first day of the month following the month the soldier was officially reported missing or dead (in cases where separation allowance and assigned pay, if any, were discontinued) or, in other cases, from a day fixed by the Commission.

In cases where officers, warrant officers or N.C.O.'s serve as privates, or in a rank lower than that which they held on arrival in England, (or in cases where officers and N.C.O.'s have reverted) no reduction in Separation Allowance shall be made;—and, in case of death, the pension shall be granted for the rank they held on arrival in England, unless promoted to a higher rank during service. (Reduction of rank as punishment does not apply).

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