

of which the following were for misconduct:—

Army .....	4,952
Navy (Nov. 30) .....	1,153
Air Force (Nov. 30) .....	1,184

Under the original Board of Review headed by Brigadier Topp, payment under The War Service Grants Act could not be made in cases of discharge for misconduct unless the discharge certificate was altered to an honourable discharge. In the following cases the discharge certificate was altered by the Service on the recommendation of the Board:—

Army .....	6
Navy .....	23
Air Force .....	40

In the following cases the Board of Review made a favourable recommendation but the Department, not concurring, did not alter the discharge certificate:—

Army .....	None
Navy .....	7
Air Force .....	8

The army has appointed a Board of Officers to study all cases of dishonourable discharge with a view to changing the stated reason for discharge where considered advisable. Such cases as the Board of Officers considers the stated cause should not be changed are forwarded to the Board of Review constituted under The War Service Grants Act.

The Board of Review headed by Brigadier Ferguson has power to order payment of benefits under The War Service Grants Act. This Board began to function on February 11, 1946, and at March 9 had considered 161 cases of dishonourable discharge, allowing payment in 131 cases with 30 cases under consideration.

The Interdepartmental Committee on Veterans Affairs points out that, if the Service amends the dishonourable discharge certificate to show an honourable discharge either of its own volition or in those cases where the Board of Review has directed payment of benefits under The War Service Grants Act, no problem arises in respect of eligibility for the several benefits under other rehabilitation legislation. If, however, the discharge certificate remains as written for a dishonourable discharge, the veteran will continue to be ineligible for other legislation, as noted below, requiring honourable discharge. Furthermore, if the decision of the Service to change the discharge certificate or the decision of the Board of Review to pay the War Service Gratuity is applied in respect of other legislation, the veteran may nevertheless be ineligible for benefits under The Veterans Rehabilitation Act and the treatment regulations by reason of the expiration of time limits.

The following measures do not require that the veteran to become eligible shall have had an honourable discharge:—

- Pension Act
- Treatment Regulations (excepting Class 3)
- The War Veterans' Allowance Act
- Veterans' Insurance Act
- The Reinstatement in Civil Employment Act
- Civil Service Act, Section 29 as to pensioners.