

APPENDIX No. 4

Forces suffering from insanity and their dependents. While the existing provisions appeared to be satisfactory in the majority of cases, it was felt that should a man recover from his insanity he should receive the difference between the allowances he and his dependents may have received and the allowances which would have been paid to them had his disability been other than mental. Your Committee recommends that Clause 4 of Order in Council, P.C. 1993, 1918, be cancelled and the following substituted therefor:—

“Former members of the Forces who are insane may be divided into three classes as follows:—

- A. Retired or discharged owing to insanity entirely caused by service.
- B. Retired or discharged owing to insanity only partially caused by service; and
- C. Retired or discharged owing to insanity not in any way caused by service.

Each of these classes may be subdivided as follows:—

- (1) With dependents.
- (2) Without dependents.

Classes A and B.—Former members of the Forces retired or discharged owing to insanity entirely caused by service, or partially caused by service.

(1) With dependents: (a) The former members of the Forces shall be maintained by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment. (b) His dependents shall be paid by the Department of Soldier's Civil Re-establishment a sum equal to the amount of pension which would be payable to them if he had died on active service. (c) Should he be certified to have recovered from his insanity the amounts which would have been paid to him and his dependents had he been receiving treatment for a disability other than mental shall be computed and there shall be deducted therefrom the amounts which have been paid to or in respect of his dependents and the amounts which have been paid for or in respect of clothing and comforts and other expenses for the man himself, other than maintenance, and the balance shall be paid to him in one sum or spread over a period at the discretion of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, provided that no amounts other than those set forth in subsection (b) of this paragraph, shall be payable to his dependents or his estate, should he die while undergoing treatment. (2) Without dependents: (a) The former members of the Forces shall be maintained by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment. (b) Should he be certified to have recovered from his insanity, the amounts which would have been paid to him had he been receiving treatment for a disability other than mental, shall be computed and there shall be deducted therefrom the amounts which have been paid for or in respect of clothing and comforts and other expenses, other than maintenance, and the balance shall be paid to him in one sum, or spread over a period at the discretion of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment provided that no amounts shall be payable to his estate, should he die while undergoing treatment.

Class C.—Former members of the Forces retired or discharged owing to insanity not in any way caused by service.

The former members of the Forces shall be maintained by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment. No allowances shall be paid to his dependents, if any, and no amount shall be paid to him should he recover.

2. With regard to suggestion number two, it was ascertained that every care is taken by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and the Board of