

4. That the approval of the Commission to the award of any pension be evidenced by the personal signature of at least one of the Commissioners.

5. That the members should promptly be notified by the Commission of their decision.

6. That as far as possible the examining medical boards should be composed of a civilian physician or surgeon of wide experience, an overseas member with actual experience of war conditions and cases, and an experienced representative of the Canadian Army Medical Corps.

7. That it should be impressed, by those in authority, upon the examining medical boards, before whom members appear for examination for the determination of disability, that the relationship between them is that of doctor and patient; that every facility should be granted a member to give an account of the facts of his condition from his point of view; and that the pension forms now in use should be altered to make provision for a record of such statement being taken and forwarded to the Commission for consideration; that such statement, after being read over to the member, as well as a statement as to the number of doctors who were present and made the examination, should be signed by him.

8. That the system formerly in vogue be restored, whereby the examining medical boards reported to the Commission their estimate of the percentage of disability as based upon the disability table of the Commission; and in the event of the estimate of the medical officers of the Commission differing more than ten per cent from the estimate of the examining boards, that the examining boards be advised of such difference and requested to furnish reason to the Commission for their conclusion. To prevent misunderstanding, care should be taken by the examining boards to refrain from giving the members any information regarding the percentage of disability as estimated by them.

9. That no deduction should be made from the pension of any member who has served in a theatre of actual war, other than the United Kingdom. On account of any disability or disabling condition existing prior to enlistment, provided that the pre-enlistment disability or disabling condition had not been wilfully concealed by the said member, or was not obviously apparent in said member at the time of enlistment.

10. That pensions should be awarded for disability in accordance with the rank or acting rank of the member at the time the disability was incurred; that no variation in rank after such disability is incurred should affect any pension. The word "disability" as used in this paragraph means such a disability as unfits a member for service in a theatre of actual war, other than the United Kingdom; and that any award heretofore made should be reviewed and determined for the purpose of future payments in accordance with the provisions herein mentioned.

11. That pensions should be discontinued upon the re-enlistment of a pensioner as a member in the Expeditionary or Naval Forces; and that his case upon re-discharge should be considered anew as if his services had been continuous from his first enlistment: provided, however, that after discharge no pension shall be awarded in respect of any disability incurred while the member was in civil life.

12. That if a medical board, consisting of a physician or a surgeon appointed by the Commission, a physician or surgeon appointed by the member, and, if these two do not agree, a third physician or surgeon appointed by them, is of opinion that the member should undergo medical or surgical treatment in a sanatorium, hospital, convalescent home, or otherwise, for any purpose, for the period during which the said board is of opinion that such treatment is necessary and in his interest, and the said member refuses to abide by such decision, the pension awarded, or to be awarded, may be reduced by not more than fifty per cent; that if the member is unable or neglects or refuses to appoint a physician or surgeon, the Commission shall make the appointment; and, that the reasonable expenses of said board should be paid by the Commission.