

5. Treatment is provided for all conditions except tuberculosis, mental disease, alcoholism and drug addiction, to veterans whose financial resources are not adequate for them to obtain this treatment themselves, that is,—a veteran with meritorious service who has dependents and whose income is less than \$1,800 a year receives treatment by the department. If the veteran has no dependents and his income is less than \$1,200 a year, he receives treatment from the department. This treatment is given for any condition except the four types of diseases named above.

6. If a veteran is admitted for emergency treatment in a departmental hospital and does not qualify for treatment in any of the classifications, he is given treatment. If the veteran can afford to pay he is charged \$9 a day for an all-inclusive treatment.

Other examples where this cost of treatment is recovered by the department are when the treatment is given at the request of another government department or where the departmental hospitals have facilities for treatment which do not exist in civilian hospitals; for example, the treatment of paraplegics.

#### B. Hospital costs

The average actual per patient day cost of operation of departmental institutions includes all services (doctors, nurses, etc.). This rate compares favourably and is generally lower than a similar service given in non-departmental hospitals.

Where the department provides treatment for veterans in a civilian hospital it has been found that the total cost per treatment is at least \$9 a day.

C. Copy of synopsis of all treatment regulations follows:

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#### Summary of Treatment Classification under Treatment Regulations

##### Department of Veterans Affairs

(x—Indicates treatment not provided.)

Class 1—(a) Pensionable disabilities; x(b) pension observations for commission; (c) pensionable disabilities—North West Field Force, 1885; (d) pensionable disabilities—service prior to world war I.

Class 2—Treatment within 30 days following date of discharge from active force.

Class 3—Treatment within 365 days of discharge from active force or Class 2 treatment, or during training.

Class 4—(a) Pensioned venereal disease or sequela; (b) venereal disease or sequela contracted on service.

Class 5—(a) Non-pensioned conditions—pensioners or meritorious service in theatre of actual war—includes ex-Imperials. Also trainees; (b) veterans recipients of war veterans' allowance; (c) pensioned condition where uncertainty regarding need for treatment, or for that condition; (d) pensioned condition—veteran under imprisonment; (e) where no entitlement.

Class 6—Veterans care—pensioners or meritorious service in theatre of actual war, or W.V.A. recipients—includes ex-Imperials and allied veterans.

Class 7—Pensionable disabilities, (a) ex-merchant marine; (b) ex-auxiliary services personnel; (c) ex-corps of Canadian fire fighters; (d) ex-air raid precaution worker;

(e) injury during remedial treatment; (f) ex-voluntary aid detachment; (g) ex-overseas welfare worker; (h) ex-civilian member of overseas air crew; (i) ex-special operator; (j) civilian government employees (war) compensation order; (k) arising from flight in course of duty in public service of Canada.

Class 8—x(a) Completion of examination for commission; x(b) completion of examination for department; x(c) completion of examination for W.V.A. board; x(d) completion of examination ex-P.O.W.

Class 9—(a) Emergency hospitalization; (b) employee of department who contracts a communicable disease while on duty; (c) pensioner (25-100 per cent) who suffers injury while employed in industry.

Class 10—Persons who are total responsibility of Department of National Defence.

Class 11—(a) Pensionable disabilities—permanent force and R.C.M.P.; (b) pensionable disabilities—peacetime army.

Class 12—(a) Medical services requested by other governments or by responsible bodies; (b) medical services requested by any department of the government of Canada; (c) medical services to ex-Imperial or allied veterans requested by government concerned.

The hon. member for Trinity spoke of a reduction in 1936 of comforts allowances from \$10 to \$5 a month. I said I did not realize that there had been a reduction, but I would look into it. I find there was no such reduction. Perhaps the veteran who advised my hon. friend was confusing this payment with something else.

The hon. member for Vancouver South asked for figures to the end of 1947 showing the number of pension applications declined as pre-enlistment conditions not aggravated. The hon. member has figures as at June 30, 1947. I am sorry that in the time available it has not been possible to bring the figures to a later date, but I will provide them as soon as possible.

In reply to the hon. member for Bruce, 1 may say that 2,807 veterans of the world war were granted new awards of war veterans allowance during the fiscal year 1947-48, and, in addition, 999 widows were given an allowance for the first time during the same period.

Answering the hon. member for Calgary East (Mr. Harkness) and the hon. member for Nanaimo, no war veterans allowance payments are made to the Indian Affairs branch because the veteran is an Indian. However, in a number of cases administration is deemed to be in the veteran's interest whether he is an Indian or not. If he should happen to be an Indian, the logical person to administer the money in such cases is the Indian agent. Such cases number less than twenty.

The war veterans allowance board does not receive information as to the individual distribution of band funds if such is done. Pay-