

pension, if he is under 60, does not automatically qualify him for War Veterans' Allowance.

Dr. RICHARDSON: I should not try to answer a question about War Veterans' Allowance, but I believe I can assure you that the assessment of eligibility for War Veterans' Allowance is made by officials under the direction of the War Veterans' Allowance authority, and that the payment of a 10 per cent disability pension does not really affect their decision in any way. They assess disability and not the receipt of disability pension, in the case of a man who qualifies for consideration under the Act, by virtue of his service.

Mr. HERRIDGE: Dr. Richardson, how long did it take to review all the files? Are they completed now?

Dr. RICHARDSON: No, sir.

Mr. HERRIDGE: Oh, you are still reviewing them even on the basis of this recommendation?

Dr. RICHARDSON: Yes.

Mr. HERRIDGE: When the pension is awarded, when is it made payable from, or retroactive to?

Dr. RICHARDSON: The specific recommendations?

Mr. HERRIDGE: The specific recommendations of dental disease.

Dr. RICHARDSON: Disability pension is rarely paid for dental disease. I am not aware of any being in payment at the moment to Hong Kong veterans. This recommendation concerned the right to receive treatment at departmental expense.

Mr. HERRIDGE: And nothing further?

Dr. RICHARDSON: That is right.

The CHAIRMAN: Any more questions on this?

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*Recommendations re Arteriosclerotic or Atherosclerotic Heart Disease.*

1. That the Commission take cognizance of the death rate from A.S.H.D. reported in this study and—other information relevant to the problem, insofar as it may provide a useful basis for adjudication on death claims and on lifetime claims;

2. That the Commission consider giving effect to this evidence by conceding the possibility of a partial relationship between factors related to internment in the Far East as comprehended in entitlement for avitaminosis and the appearance of clinical A.S.H.D., such relationship to be assessed in terms consistent with the mortality experience of the group and with the evidence in the individual case, including the veteran's age and other features which in expert medical opinion are relevant to the assessment of relationship;