

## APPENDIX No. 2

Q. And that is the one used previous to going overseas?—A. Yes.

Q. There is really no examination on that at all?—A. It cannot be completed without examination.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. In what respect at least does that differ from the attestation paper for the men? Have you a copy of that, there in that file?—A. The officers' attestation paper was a declaration that he was willing to serve overseas, and down at the bottom it is signed that he was found fit by the medical officer.

Q. In what respect does the form for the medical board for the officers, differ from the form of the medical board for the private?—A. Till October, 1916, the private did not have a medical board on coming into the service.

Q. He simply had the examination of the medical officer of the battalion?—A. Yes.

Q. And that appeared on his attestation paper?—A. Yes and his medical sheet.

Q. Then in the case of an officer did he always have a medical board?—A. I could not say as to that, our battalion all had it before they went over.

*By Mr. Nickle:*

Q. As a matter of fact, as I understand it, in the early days the officers were given their commissions and went in without any medical examination at all?—A. I would not say they were given commissions without examinations, they were given commissions without a medical board.

Q. I understood some of them went in without any medical examination?—A. I cannot understand that because in the form 287, there is a space on the reverse side to be signed by the medical officer on examination.

*By Mr. Nesbitt:*

Q. There is a form here and I would like to ask what suggestion you could offer for its improvement?—A. In the first place section 7 has two lines at the outside in which the periods that a man has served in other units from such a date to such a date is to be given. That man might have been in six or eight units and there is only room there to specify two. Then in section 8 is an asterisk and it is not shown what it refers to; in small print it says, "see section 11." But turn over to section 11, there is absolutely no connection that I can see between the two. And in section 8 "original disease or disability," the word "injury" would be preferable to "disability"; and in subsection (d) "present disease or disability," and divided into sections.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Is that the present form, or the old form?—A. This is pension form 227, the latest form.

*By Mr. Nesbitt:*

Q. Is there enough room for the statement of the soldier?—A. I think so, especially where the board puts in his complaint under section 9.

*By Hon. Mr. McCurdy:*

Q. In speaking of medical officers employed on part time you stated that there are medical officers in districts who are drawing pay without giving any service to the department. Can you give us some particulars on that?—A. Well, sir, I could, but I cannot in connection with this.

Q. Is it a part of your duties to report such cases?—A. Not at all.

Q. In fact, you would be distinctly outside your duties to report cases of that kind?—A. I have reported the matter to the A.D.M.S.; that is the extent of my duty.

Q. Have you reported it?—A. Yes