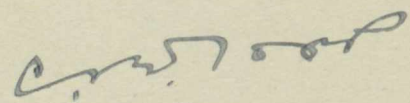


In acknowledging your letter I believe Col. Belton pointed out that the Federal Appeal Board is without jurisdiction under present legislation to consider questions of assessment such as this one. Our function is simply to decide whether the disability is related to service. In this case it is, of course, fully admitted that Mr. Heinekey's disability is directly attributable to his service, hence the Federal Appeal Board is not in a position to alter the finding of the Board of Pension Commissioners.

If you require any further information in connection with the matter I should be only too glad to do anything I can to procure it for you.

Yours faithfully,



C. B. Topp
Secretary