

Mr. BURNS: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, that we have no medical information as to whether pensions have been granted as a result of the condition which Mr. Nesbitt describes or as to whether any treatment was granted. I will try to find out about it and let Mr. Nesbitt know, if you wish.

Mr. NESBITT: I am very interested in that. Apart from burns it was apparently the greatest single casualty that was suffered.

Mr. JAMES: This morning General Burns mentioned some figures concerning the number of seamen who started training and the number who finished and did not finish. I wonder if we could have those figures again? It seemed there was a high percentage who did not finish.

Mr. BURNS: There were 519 merchant seamen for whom training was arranged and what has happened to them is as follows: Two are still in training, as I mentioned; 367 have completed the training approved for them; and 14 are continuing on at their own expense. Of those who discontinued, 31 withdrew voluntarily without any given reason; 24 withdrew to take employment not in line with the training they were undergoing; 22 withdrew to take employment in line with the training they were taking; 31 stopped because of their inadequate progress or absence; 10 returned to sea; 6 stopped for reasons of health; 5 stopped for financial reasons; 3 joined the armed forces and four failed to report for training.

Mr. JAMES: Thank you.

Mr. GILLIS: Mr. Chairman, that 10 per cent war risk bonus was only paid on the basic able seaman's rate of \$56.50 a month?

The WITNESS: That was in addition, Mr. Chairman, to basic pay and was equal all over the ship. Everyone got the same war risk bonus.

Mr. GILLIS: The able seaman's rate was \$56.50 a month and you applied 10 per cent to that?

The WITNESS: No. This war risk bonus was paid by the ship owners. That is not the bonus that was paid by the department, it is a different thing altogether. This was just an increase in wages, you might say; a blanket increase given to everybody.

Mr. GILLIS: That is 10 per cent?

The WITNESS: No, \$44.50 was added to every person on the ship.

Mr. GILLIS: By the ship owner?

The WITNESS: Yes.

Mr. GILLIS: A 10 per cent war risk bonus was paid by the government?

The WITNESS: The 10 per cent war bonus was paid to manning pool signatories and was paid by the government, yes. Ten per cent of the basic pay was the amount.

Mr. CROLL: Captain Slocombe, am I wrong in assuming that you said that after the manning pool agreement the seamen received \$56.20 plus \$44.50?

The WITNESS: That was independently of the manning pool agreement; that is when they were actually working.

Mr. CROLL: Yes, \$56.20 plus \$44.50 if they were working?

The WITNESS: Yes, that is while they were actually at sea.

Mr. CROLL: For how long?

The WITNESS: \$44.50 per month added to the \$56.20 per month.

Mr. CROLL: That was not what I understood the witness to say this morning.

Mr. MACDOUGALL: Neither did I.