

Mr. BENNETT: Many of the veterans do not find it practical to take their families with them to Germany. There is an uneasy situation in Germany too which could break out at any time.

Mr. GILLIS: Yes. I realize you do not make these regulations, but I think it is absolutely wrong.

Mr. GREEN: Is there any difference between the benefits which a man serving in Germany or in Korea gets as distinguished from a man only serving in Canada?

Mr. BENNETT: Perhaps the deputy minister could answer that question better than I could. He gets \$9 per month which is payable to any person of the armed services serving overseas.

Mr. GREEN: Is that the only difference?

The WITNESS: That is all, according to our information.

Mr. HERRIDGE: In the first world war, were not all veterans who served in France given their full benefits upon their return to Canada, even those who went to France after the armistice?

The WITNESS: The difference which is considered to exist between the forces now stationed in Korea and those who fought in the two world wars is that those now stationed in Korea are all members of the regular forces who have enlisted on a regular engagement to serve with the Canadian forces in Canada, Germany, Korea, or anywhere; whereas those in the first two world wars were largely volunteers who had abandoned their civil occupations to serve, and who were going back to them again, afterwards, and who had to be rehabilitated.

Mr. GOOD: The parliamentary assistant, with whom I usually agree, says that there is a dividing line. I realize that he is not responsible for it and neither perhaps is the deputy minister; but it seems to me that we are drawing the line here too finely. With conditions the way they are now these chaps in Korea as just as likely as not to be fighting tomorrow morning, if we believe the newspapers. I think if a man goes to Korea he goes there with the full expectation—and he reads the papers just as well as we do—that he might be fighting tomorrow or the next day. I think we are drawing these conditions too finely for the purposes of the House, and I think the House would support the extension of these benefits to men serving in Korea, because they went over there with one intention only, and they knew that fighting might arise.

Mr. PEARKES: Is it not the difference that these men are regular soldiers and they are not volunteer citizens serving in a citizen army? When they join the regular forces they join on the understanding that they may be sent anywhere in the world where Canada requires them to go; they may be sent to Europe or to Korea. If fighting breaks out in Korea, or in Europe, or any other place where they are, I presume in that case this Act would be extended so that they would get the benefits; but while they are doing garrison duty as regular soldiers, they do not get the benefits. Is that not, roughly, the case?

The WITNESS: That is the condition, sir.

The CHAIRMAN: I understood that Mr. Burns said that they had certain rights and benefits, such as long-service pension, which volunteers would not have. Is that not correct?

The WITNESS: Yes sir.

The CHAIRMAN: Clause 2? Can we take the whole clause as carried?

Carried.