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MEMORANDUM:

CABINET WAR COMMITTEE

**Re: Department of Veterans Affairs;
Provision of medical personnel from
Armed Forces.**

The Department of Veterans Affairs is in urgent need of a number of doctors, nurses and technicians required by the Canadian Pension Commission and the Treatment Branch of the Department, and have requested provision from the Services of suitable personnel of this nature. The requirements of the Department are as follows:-

	<u>Immediate</u>	<u>6 months time</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>C.P.C.</u>			
Pension Med. Advisers			
Head Office	10	5	15
District	27	15	42
<u>Treatment</u>			
Medical Officers			
Head Office	4		4
District	57	44	101
Nurses	220	236	456
Technicians	56	1	57

In addition to the foregoing the Treatment Division requires a Matron-in-Chief and a Chief Dietitian but the above does not cover full requirements when the hospital building programme on which the Department is now embarked is completed, the additional needs of which will be felt in approximately a year's time and will have to be filled within 18 months.

As far as Medical Officers are concerned, the Commission and the Treatment Division are particularly interested in medical men who have had at least five years of successful general practice, and who are in the age groups 30 to 45 years. The arrangement by which Medical Officers have been seconded to the C.P.C. and the Treatment Division in the past has proved excellent, and the Department requests that it be continued and, if possible, extended.

This matter is presently under discussion by Army Council.

A.D.P. Heeney
Secretary

Privy Council Office,
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