

QUESTION AND ANSWER PAGE

Q. 1.—I have tuberculosis and spent two months in a Sanatorium under the M.H.C., after my return from Overseas, leaving because I felt pretty good and was tired of treatment. I now find I cannot carry on at work, but I don't want to have to re-attest for treatment as I hear other civilians are being treated at M.H.C. Sanatoria?

A.—The Military Hospitals Commission does not admit civilians to its Sanatoria. The civilians you refer to were admitted before it was decided that none but re-attested men should be admitted. If you re-attest you will receive full military pay and allowances during the period of your treatment, but if you desire treatment as a civilian you will have to pay for it out of your pension.

Q. 2.—I have an artificial limb made for me by the M.H.C. factory in Toronto. It does not fit well and I cannot use it with comfort. I want to get a new limb from a maker in the States who says he can give me a better and lighter limb. Will the Commission pay for such a limb?

A.—No, but the Commission will make your present limb fit. The present discomfort may be due to a change in the size or shape of your stump, as often happens. If you will report to a local medical officer, and he finds that your limb does not fit you will at once be sent, at the Commission's expense, to the nearest point where you can meet a fitter and have your limb adjusted. All the best features of other limbs have been incorporated in the one manufactured at the Commission's factory, and the fitters employed are experts, some having been specially brought from the States.

Q. 3.—I have been forced to re-enter an M.H.C. Hospital for treatment owing to sickness originating on service. Why is it that I cannot draw pay and allowances at once?

A.—The finding of the Medical Board recommending you for treatment must be approved by the A.D.M.S. District before the M.H.C. paymaster can issue pay and allowances. If a pay day passes before the A.D.M.S. District approves your re-attestation the paymaster is authorized to issue you a cheque before the next pay day if the approval arrives in the interim.

Q. 4.—I am a pensioner and I would like to know if there is any provision made to pay for funeral expenses in case of my death.

A.—As yet there is no provision made to pay funeral expenses of discharged and pensioned soldiers, but this question is now receiving the consideration of the Government.

Q. 5.—I enlisted on the 7th September, 1915, and proceeded to England on the 19th October. Owing to an injury received while there I was returned to Canada on the 15th January,

1916, and discharged on the 22nd of that month. Am I entitled to receive Post Discharge Pay?

A.—The Order-in-Council authorizing the Post Discharge Pay states that a man must have had six months' continuous service in the C.E.F., a portion of which was performed overseas. The dates you give do not bring you within this classification.

Q. 6.—I am Canadian born, but I enlisted with the Imperial Forces at the beginning of the war, and saw two years' service in France, Belgium and Gallipoli. At my request, I was sent to Canada after my discharge. Am I entitled to any consideration from the Military Hospitals Commission, or the Board of Pension Commissioners in case of a recurrence of my disability?

A.—In case of recurrence of disability you should write to the officer paying Imperial Pensions, Butterworth Building, Ottawa, supplying him with a certificate from a physician to the effect that, in his opinion, your disability is the result of service. Original responsibility for the treatment of men discharged from the Imperial Army does not rest with the Canadian Military Hospitals Commission, but arrangements have been made between the Imperial and the Canadian authorities whereby, at the request of the officer paying Imperial Pensions, the Military Hospitals Commission will give hospital or sanatorium treatment to Imperial Army men in Canada.

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