

*Regulations as to the Pay of Soldiers discharged as Medically Unfit from the Training Camps of the Expeditionary Forces.*

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this twenty-fifth day of June, 1917.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS in certain cases it is found necessary to discharge from the training camps of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces men who have been there found to be medically unfit for active service beyond the seas: And whereas it is generally expedient not to discharge such men from the Expeditionary Forces, but to grant them leave of absence from service in those Forces: And whereas by reason of the fact that they have not been discharged from the said Forces such men are not qualified to receive pensions under the War Pensions Act, 1915: And whereas it is therefore expedient in many cases that such men should, while on leave and undischarged, receive such military pay as may be adequate to their necessities: And whereas it is expedient that such cases should be the subject of judicial investigation for the purpose of determining the amount of military pay to which such men are so entitled: And whereas by section thirty of the Expeditionary Forces Act, 1915, it is enacted that the Governor may make such regulations as he thinks fit as to the pay of officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of an Expeditionary Force, and that, subject to any such regulations, such pay shall be at the discretion of the Minister of Defence: And whereas it is expedient to make such regulations for the purposes aforesaid:

Now, therefore, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, do hereby, in pursuance of the authority conferred upon me by the Expeditionary Forces Act, 1915, the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and all other powers and authorities enabling me in that behalf, make the following regulations.

REGULATIONS.

1. In these regulations—

“ War Pensions Board ” means the Board established under that name by the War Pensions Act, 1915:

“ Medical Board ” means a Board established under that name by the Minister of Defence in pursuance of the regulations made under the Military Service Act, 1916, on the 1st day of November, 1916:

“ Soldier ” means a member of an Expeditionary Force constituted under the Expeditionary Forces Act, 1915.

2. The War Pensions Board is hereby constituted a Commission under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, for the purposes of these regulations, and shall exercise the jurisdiction hereby conferred in addition to the jurisdiction conferred by the War Pensions Act, 1915.

3. In exercising the jurisdiction conferred by these regulations the War Pensions Board shall act, so far as may be, in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the War Pensions Act, 1915, in respect of applications for pensions by discharged soldiers.

4. Any soldier who, whether before or after the making of these regulations, has been reported by a Medical Board as unfit for active service beyond the seas, and has in consequence been discharged on leave of absence without pay from a training camp of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces, may, while still on leave without pay and undischarged from the Expeditionary Forces, make application to the War Pensions Board for military pay under these regulations.

5. The War Pensions Board shall hear and consider such application, and shall report thereon to the Minister of Defence, making such recommendation as the Board thinks fit as to grant of military pay to the applicant and as to the amount, duration, and conditions of such pay (if any).

6. When the applicant has been discharged from camp because of disablement due to injuries received or disease contracted by him in his employment as a member of the Expeditionary Force, the War Pensions Board shall in making any such recommendation act on the same prin-