

155. Where it can be clearly shown that the loss of a horse is actually occasioned by its being necessarily subjected to severe or extraordinary exertion in the public service the Minister will be prepared to take into consideration such cases upon the recommendation of the G.O.C. or G.O. i/c A.

Full particulars as to any injury must be communicated to the O.C. Command within forty-eight hours after its occurrence, otherwise claims will not be considered.

156. All applications for compensation will be submitted through Headquarters, and must be accompanied by—

- (a.) The proceedings of a Board which reported on the case; or, if no Board was assembled (for which special reasons must be shown), by a detailed statement of the circumstances of the case;
- (b.) A certificate in the case of an officer, and a declaration by the owner in the case of other ranks, made before a J.P., showing the period during which the horse was unfit, and that it was fit for service prior to the accident;
- (c.) Where obtainable, a report from the veterinary surgeon who examined or attended the horse;
- (d.) In case of death, the age and the estimated value of the horse at that time, and, in the case of injury, the age and estimated value of the animal both prior and subsequently to such injury, supported by a certificate from a veterinary surgeon (where obtainable), and also from the O.C. Command;
- (e.) All correspondence on the subject bearing the remarks and recommendations of the O.C. Command concerned.

157. In order to avoid the inconvenience which arises from time to time in settling the claims of civilian veterinary surgeons, the O.C. will take care that whenever the services of a civilian practitioner are required he is informed that, in case of objections being raised to the charges he may make for his professional attendance, they will be submitted for the examination and decision of General Headquarters, and that its award must be considered as final by the practitioner. The practitioner will only be employed if he makes an agreement to this effect, and O.C. will be held responsible that such agreements are duly made.

SECTION VI.—SPECIAL GRANT.

Regimental-funds Grant.

158. The regimental-funds grant will be paid annually to each unit of the Territorial Force and Senior Cadets as a regimental fund to be administered by the O.C. unit. From this fund the following expenses will be met:—

- (1.) Postage, cheque-books, and bank charges.
- (2.) Any other expenditure which in the opinion of the O.C. will be of military benefit to the unit, and for which no provision has been made in the parliamentary appropriation.

159. The regimental-funds grant payable to units shall be at the following rates:—

	For each Member classified as efficient.	
	s.	d.
Mounted Rifles, and other arms	2	0
Senior Cadets	1	0

per annum.

160. All claims for the regimental-funds grant before being submitted to General Headquarters for payment shall bear the certificate of the Staff Officer in Charge of Regimental District, showing the number of efficient members, and such number shall not in any case exceed the establishment laid down for the particular unit.

161. In computing the amount of the regimental-funds grant to be paid to units, the balance in hand at the end of the training year shall be deducted from the amount which the unit is entitled to receive.

162. In the event of an officer commanding a unit or Senior Cadet company wishing to obtain an advance on the grant, a written application must be submitted showing—

- (a.) Amount of advance required.
- (b.) Why the advance is required.
- (c.) The total amount of grant that it is anticipated the unit or Senior Cadet company will be entitled to for the year. The application will be forwarded to Headquarters with a recommendation or otherwise from the O.C. Command.

163. No advance will be issued before the 31st July in the year for which such advance is claimed.

Financial Administration of Regimental-funds Grant.

164. All sums due on account of regimental-funds grant shall be paid into the official banking account of the unit.

165. The amounts lodged to the credit of the official banking account of the unit shall only be used for the purposes laid down in Regulation 158. Officers administering accounts are strictly forbidden to advance or loan moneys from the account, and any breach of this regulation will be regarded as most serious, and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken accordingly.

166. All units of the Territorial Force entitled to regimental-funds grant shall each have an official banking account to which no other moneys but the regimental-funds grant are to be paid.

167. The regimental-funds grant for all Senior Cadet units in an area other than secondary-school units shall be consolidated into one account, and shall be kept in an official banking account, to be operated upon by the Area Officer.

168. The regimental-funds grant of secondary-school units shall be kept in an official banking account to be administered by the respective officers commanding such units.

169. No moneys other than the regimental-funds grant shall be paid into the accounts referred to in Regulations 167 and 168 above.

170. Payments from the accounts of units shall be made by cheque, signed by an officer nominated by the O.C. Command, and countersigned by the Commanding Officer.