

158. In the event of accidents to employees engaged by Rifle Clubs for duty as markers, &c., the Rifle Club concerned will be liable for payment of compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act.

Compensation for Injury to or Loss of Horse.

159. Compensation not exceeding £25 may be granted for the loss of, and not exceeding £10 (including veterinary expenses) for injury to, a horse the *bona fide* property of a Mounted officer, N.C.O., or man of the N.Z. Permanent Forces or Territorial Force.

160. The certified value of the horse lost, not exceeding £25, will be granted to the owner thereof, upon application of the O.C. the unit, &c., in cases where it can be certified—

- (a.) That the accident which caused the loss occurred in the actual performance of duty in the field, or while on the march to or from the place of assembly for duty, with a detachment in military formation, and under the command of an officer or N.C.O. of the N.Z. Permanent Forces or Territorial Force :
- (b.) That the accident was not occasioned by any fault or want of due care :
- (c.) That the loss was wholly occasioned by the act of duty which resulted in the horse's death.

161. Compensation for horses will not be allowed in the following cases, viz. :—

Loss on account of injury when the animal is being taken from its owner's stables to the place of assembly for duty, or returning home after the dismissal of the company, &c., from duty, except as provided for in Regulation 160 (a).

Sprains or lameness.

Loss resulting from internal causes, such as inflammation of the bowels, rupture, hæmorrhage, cold, fever, &c.

162. 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.

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.

163. 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.

164. 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.

165. 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.

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

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

per annum.

167. 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 members, and such number shall not in any case exceed the establishment laid down for the particular unit.