

Facilities for training also are provided by the Department of Labour in co-operation with provincial Departments although the grants and fees are paid through the Department of Veterans Affairs which also approves the veterans program and the courses of study.

With these exceptions, the rehabilitation legislation is administered through the Department of Veterans Affairs and its decentralized offices strategically located throughout the Dominion.

Briefly, the Department deals with matters relating to pensions, treatment (medical and dental), training and education, the Veterans' Land Act, re-establishment credits, veterans insurance, war veterans allowances and the dual-service pension, the social security provisions of the Post-Discharge Re-establishment Order, employment opportunities for the seriously disabled and the counselling of ex-service men and women.

In the following sections the work of the Department is discussed from a subject standpoint.

Section 2.—Discharge Gratuities and Rehabilitation Allowances in the Present War

Upon his discharge from the Armed Forces an ex-service man, with six months or more of service, is given an amount equal to one month's pay and allowances for dependants, which were paid during his service, as a rehabilitation grant. A clothing allowance of \$100 (increased from \$65 with effect Aug. 1, 1944, and payable to all ranks) is provided also to aid in re-establishment in civil life. In addition, he receives any balance of pay due him and any deferred pay. These payments, made by the Department of National Defence, are not operative in the cases of those who are discharged for reasons of misconduct.

War Service Grants Act.—Since October, 1944, as a part of discharge procedure, service men and women have completed application forms for the gratuities to which they are eligible under the War Service Grants Act of August, 1944.

Part I of this Act provides a basic gratuity of \$7.50 for each 30 days qualifying service and an additional 25 cents for each day of qualifying service outside the Western Hemisphere. The Western Hemisphere is defined as: "the continents of North and South America, the islands adjacent thereto and the territorial waters thereof including Newfoundland, Bermuda and the West Indies, but excluding Greenland, Iceland and the Aleutian Islands"

In addition there is a supplementary gratuity, payable at the rate of seven days pay and allowances of the rank held upon discharge, for each six months of service overseas.

"Overseas service" is defined as "any service involving duties required to be performed outside the Western Hemisphere and includes service involving duties required to be performed outside Canada and the United States of America and the territorial waters thereof in aircraft or anywhere in a seagoing ship of war"

In computing the benefits under this Act, no period during which a service man was not drawing Active Service rates of pay is counted nor is any service man eligible for these benefits:—

- (1) If he has been cashiered or dismissed from the Service by sentence of a court-martial.
- (2) If he has been deprived of his commission or warrant by reason of misconduct.