

of Labour, which Department is also charged with the administration of the Reinstatement in Civil Employment Act. Under arrangements made between the two Departments, however, the Department of Veterans Affairs is accorded the privilege of finding employment for the seriously disabled in collaboration with officials of the National Employment Service.

As a result of this close liaison between the Departments, arrangements have been made whereby in all centres where the National Employment Service maintains an office, other than in those centres where the Department of Veterans Affairs maintains a District or Sub-district Office, the Employment Service has, on its staff, an official known as a Veterans Officer who, as a result of a period of training, is familiar with the legislation and regulations affecting the rehabilitation of veterans, and is thereby available to give advice and guidance to veterans residing in such areas on matters relating to their rehabilitation which come within the jurisdiction of the Department of Veterans Affairs. He also receives applications for benefits under the Veterans Rehabilitation Act and regulations and forwards these to the nearest rehabilitation centre for final consideration.

Transversely, the National Employment Service has stationed in each rehabilitation centre, maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs, an official designated as an Employment Adviser to whom veterans reporting for counselling with regard to their rehabilitation plans are referred when their interest lies in securing employment rather than in securing training benefits available under the Department's enabling authority.

(2) Administration of allowances for veterans awaiting returns from private enterprise engaged in on their own account, including allowances available to veterans who have taken up full-time farming or commercial fishing under the terms of the Veterans' Land Act. Close liaison is maintained by the Administration Division and the Re-establishment Credits Division of the Rehabilitation Branch and officials of the Veterans' Land Act Administration and care is exercised to ensure that the veteran will get the best possible advice before embarking upon an enterprise or business. In this connection also it should be noted that members of Citizens' Committees, familiar with business opportunities in the particular centre in which the veteran wishes to establish himself, have co-operated in advising the Department and these veterans of the chances of the veteran succeeding in his proposal.

(3) Administration of allowances available to veterans who are temporarily incapacitated. This benefit is designed particularly to care for veterans who do not require any active remedial hospital care to which they may be entitled under the Department's enabling authority but where, because of some ailment, they may be debarred from working for a short period.

One of the most important functions of this Division is performed by the Casualty Section, which deals, in collaboration with medical and training officials of the Department, with the problem of assisting in the rehabilitation of seriously disabled individuals, primarily amputees, the blind and the deaf, and those suffering from other serious physical disabilities. The philosophy of dealing with such cases has undergone a radical change, in that it is now realized that the Department must stress not what a veteran has lost in the way of physical or mental capacity but rather what remaining faculties he has, and endeavour to build on these factors. It has been amply demonstrated that even those very seriously disabled can be success-