

The compass of rehabilitation for the disabled is so broad that every division of the Department of Veterans Affairs, together with many other Government and private agencies, may be required to contribute to the provision of the total range of services necessary in any individual case. As it is the aim of the Government of Canada's rehabilitation program that disabled veterans be prepared to return to the successful performance of jobs in normal competitive industry, industry must itself co-operate by receiving the disabled into its employ. Finally, the disabled themselves play the most important role in this program. They must use intelligently the services provided and must justify the confidence of employers. The vast majority of disabled veterans are demonstrating in their efforts to rehabilitate themselves qualities of initiative and determination of the highest possible order and are proving to be efficient, safe and reliable employees.

The Casualty Rehabilitation Division, the function of which is to provide vocational guidance, assistance in securing suitable employment and vocational after-care, maintains a register of all those veterans whose disabilities in relation to other factors, such as education, previous employment experience, and personality, constitute a serious problem in occupational adjustment. The most common disabilities of veterans so registered, and the number in each group as at Mar. 31, 1948, were:—

<u>Disability</u>	<u>No.</u>
Amputation.....	2,055
Other serious disabilities of the muscular and skeletal systems.....	10,117
Partial and total losses of hearing and sight.....	1,891
Injuries to the central nervous system involving paralysis of one, two or more limbs or organs; epilepsy and other conditions.....	1,026
Diseases of the heart and vascular system.....	2,423
Tuberculosis and other respiratory disabilities.....	8,439
Mental and emotional disabilities.....	745
Others.....	3,344
TOTAL REGISTRATION.....	<u>30,040</u>

Rehabilitation progress of seriously disabled veterans made between May 31, 1947, and Mar. 31, 1948, was as follows:—

<u>Status</u>	<u>May 31, 1947¹</u>	<u>Mar. 31, 1948</u>
Employed.....	12,701	20,384
Unemployed.....	1,987	1,785
Receiving treatment, training or other services.....	10,680	6,472
Rehabilitation not feasible.....	180	785
Status unknown.....	2,914	614
TOTALS.....	<u>28,462</u>	<u>30,040</u>

¹ First month for which comparable figures available.

The continued increase in the proportion of disabled veterans who are employed is quite satisfactory. At the same time, it cannot be overlooked that at Mar. 31, 1948, there were still over 6,000 veterans receiving treatment, training or other services from the Department, and almost 2,000 more who were unemployed.

Also, the increase in the number of registrations over the ten-month period, namely 1,578, or approximately 150 per month, does not give a true picture of the number of new cases of disability occurring. Approximately 400 new cases of severe disability among veterans arise each month, but this is offset by the fact that about 250 cases are struck from the registration roll in the same period. These latter are struck from the registration roll because their conditions have been improved more