Rehabilitation and Welfare.—The Welfare Officers at Departmental District Offices collaborate closely with other branches of the Department, other government agencies at all levels and private agencies and organizations in assisting veterans and their dependants to deal with problems of social adjustment, particularly those associated with physical disabilities or the impediments of increasing age. The latter are occurring more frequently, of course, as the age of the veteran population increases. Sheltered workshops are operated at Toronto and Montreal and home assembly work is provided in other centres, where the poppies and memorial wreaths and crosses associated with Remembrance Day are produced. Finished products are sold to the Dominion Command of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Section 3.—Treatment Services

Treatment Activity.—The Treatment Services Branch of the Department of Veterans Affairs provides medical, dental and prosthetic services for entitled veterans throughout Canada. Service is also provided for members of the Armed Forces, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the wards of other governments or departments at the request and expense of the authorities concerned. Prosthetic services are described in detail in the 1961 Year Book, pp. 291-292.

The primary responsibility of the Branch is to provide examination and treatment to disabled pensioners for their pensionable disabilities. Other main groups of veterans receiving treatment are war veterans allowance recipients (but not their dependants), veterans whose service and need make them eligible for domiciliary care, and veterans whose service and financial circumstances render them eligible for free treatment or at a cost adjusted to their ability to pay. If a bed is available, any veteran may receive treatment in a Departmental hospital on a guarantee of payment of the cost of treatment. The pensioner receives treatment regardless of his place of residence but service to other veterans is available in Canada only. Where Departmental facilities are not available, treatment may be received at the expense of the Department in an outside hospital by a doctor of the veteran's choice.

Under the federal-provincial hospital insurance program, DVA hospitals are recognized for the provision of insured services to veterans. Any necessary premiums may be paid on behalf of veterans in receipt of war veterans allowance. The Veterans Treatment Regulations remain the authority for the treatment of veterans (and others) in DVA institutions and elsewhere under Departmental responsibility, regardless of whether or not the hospitalization is at the expense of the insurance plan.

Medical Staff and Training Programs.—Many of the professional staffs of Departmental active treatment hospitals are employed on a part-time basis; in the main they are recommended for appointment by the Deans of Medicine of the universities with which the hospitals are affiliated. Most members of the medical staffs are engaged in teaching and private practice, and hold appointments on the medical faculties of the various universities. In the active treatment institutions, medical teaching programs are maintained, which are considered essential to attract highly qualified professional men and thus ensure the highest quality of medical care. All active treatment hospitals have been approved by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada for postgraduate teaching in medicine and surgery, and the majority are approved also for advanced postgraduate training in the various specialties. An extensive intern-resident program is in effect in the medical specialties as well as in other fields such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietary, psychology, laboratory and medical social services. A school for the training of nursing assistants is operated at Camp Hill Hospital in Halifax. The school has an annual capacity of 70 and graduates are offered employment in other Departmental hospitals.

Medical Research.—During 1963, there were 88 projects in progress under the clinical research program. This program is varied but in the main deals with conditions