

## APPENDIX No. 6

### PHYSICAL STANDARD OF A.A.M.C. PERSONNEL

*Criteria laid down by the D.M.S. A.I.F., to regulate the dilution of Field Medical Units with men of inferior category.—*

1. In future A.A.M.C Reinforcements of the following standards will be included in Overseas Drafts

*"A" Class.* Fit for General Service.

*Grade 1.* To be used as reinforcements to Field Ambulances and all Medical Units except those referred to in Grade 2 The standard of fitness to be the same as that required for "A" class infantrymen.

*Grade 2.* Unfit for employment as Stretcher Bearers but:—

(a) fit for duty with A.A.M.C. details attached to units for Water Duties.

*Standard of Fitness.*

- (i) Able to keep up with Infantry battalions but not possessed of the physique or powers of endurance required of Stretcher Bearers.
- (ii) All soldiers whose vision is less than that laid down for General Service with Infantry provided that:—  
it is not less than 2/60 in either eye without glasses, that it can be brought up to 6/18 in one eye with glasses, and that a good field of vision is present as tested by hand movements.
- (iii) All soldiers with disabilities of the upper extremities of the following kinds —  
All soldiers whose trigger finger is absent, provided they have been actually tested and found unfit to handle a rifle.  
All soldiers with a finger or fingers missing, or cases of injury to palm of hand or wrist, provided they have been tested and found unable to use a rifle or stretcher, but whose hand grip is fairly good and sufficient for the comparatively light duty required of A.A.M.C. Water Details.  
All soldiers with injuries to forearm or slight limitation of mobility of the elbow joint but with strong and useful arms, except that after trial they have been found unfit for bayonet fighting.

- (iv) Soldiers with slight degree of flat feet, pes cavus, corns, hallux valgus, or bunions, who can walk well enough to keep up with infantry battalions but who are unfit for all the duties of an infantry soldier
- (v) Soldiers over the age of 45 provided they are sound and active enough to keep up with infantry battalions on the march.
- (b) Fit for the staff of hospitals and medical units on the line of communications.

*Standard of fitness.*

- (i) Soldiers fit for employment on sedentary duties. (Soldiers blind in one eye are fit for this class)
  - (ii) All cases of Hernia with well fitting trusses.
2. (1) Area or Standing Medical Boards and S.M.O's of Areas will classify as "A" Class, A.A.M.C. Reinforcements specifying the grade according to the above mentioned standards, when they are examining the following:—
- (a) Soldiers previously boarded B2a or C1 at their usual 3 monthly review by Area Medical Boards.
  - (b) Soldiers of Combatant Units who appear before Standing Medical Boards according to the normal procedure.
  - (c) All unallotted General Service Reinforcements on arrival from Australia.
- (2) All soldiers so classified as "A" Class A.A.M.C. Reinforcements will be notified to this Office on A.M.C. Form 2 or 3, which will be accompanied by the Board Papers in the case of soldiers who have been previously boarded B2a or C1.
3. If the A.D.M.S. concurs in this classification the soldiers concerned will be transferred by these Headquarters to the A.A.M.C. Training Depot, Fovant, where they will be trained in their special duties while awaiting despatch Overseas.
4. All soldiers with Hernia with well fitting trusses will be notified to this Office forthwith without carrying out the procedure laid down in para. 1.
- All cases of Hernia without well fitting trusses will be similarly notified to this Office the reason for the absence of a well fitting truss being stated in each case.
- The nature of their present employment will be stated.