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Dear Mr Greaves

**THIS LETTER IS ABOUT YOUR DISABILITY PENSION  
ASSESSMENT**

**DECISION**

I have decided to increase the disability pension to the Special Rate with effect from 17 December 1999. Entitlement to payment at this rate commences from 30 December 1999, the first pension pay date after the date of effect. Arrears will be calculated from this date.

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

**Your claim**

On 12 January 2000 a Delegate of the Repatriation Commission accepted that *Post Traumatic Stress Disorder With Alcohol Dependence* was related to service but deferred the assessment of the disability pension because further information was required.

***Assessment of Pension with effect from 17 December 1999***

Pension has previously been assessed at 100% of the General Rate with effect from 7 April 1999.

When pension is assessed at 100% of the General Rate, or on application, I must decide whether or not the Intermediate Rate, the Special Rate or Extreme Disablement Adjustment is payable.

I have decided that the Special Rate is payable, my reasons follow:

The Special Rate (T&PI) pension is paid to compensate veterans or members whose ability to earn income from employment is reduced because of accepted disabilities.

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In this case the accepted disabilities make the claimant incapable of working more than 8 hours per week. As a result of this, the claimant is suffering a loss of salary, wages or earnings and is therefore entitled to pension at the Special Rate (T&PI). 280

Pension is therefore to be paid at the Special Rate from 17 December 1999. This is the day after the date you transferred your financial interest in your pest control business, D & D Pest Control.

Depending on whether your income and assets are within certain limits and you have qualifying service you may also be eligible to apply for a **service pension** on the grounds of being **permanently incapacitated**. This pension is similar to the Department of Social Security disability support pension. The advantage of the **service pension** over the Social Security pension is that any disability pension in payment is **not** counted as income in the service pension assessment, whereas it is included for age or disability support pension assessment.

If you wish to apply or need more information, please telephone the department on (02) 9213 7900, or you may wish to use the free of charge telephone number 1800 113 304 and ask for extension 7900, if outside the metropolitan area.

#### Payment of Pension

Disability pension of \$647.00 each fortnight will be paid. The first payment of this amount will be on 10 February 2000. Advice of any backpayment due will be forwarded separately.

General information about payment of the pension is contained in the Information Leaflet.

#### Treatment Eligibility

The different treatment benefits offered by the Department are explained in the Information Leaflet.

### YOUR OBLIGATIONS

The Veterans' Entitlements Act requires you to tell the Department of Veterans' Affairs if certain events or changes happen or are likely to happen. These may affect the pension payable or treatment benefits.

You must tell the Department **within 21 days** if:

- you claim, receive or become entitled to receive any payment, compensation or damages for service related incapacity or incapacity for which you have been treated at departmental expense; or
- you start paid work or increase the hours you work.

A decision made about a disability pension claim will not change your service pension obligations. If you also get a service pension you will have been told already about your obligations to tell us of changes that may affect your service pension.

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IN SUANT

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### RIGHT OF APPEAL

If you are not satisfied with any part of my decision you can ask the Veterans' Review Board (VRB) to review the case. You have to do this in writing. The time limit for lodging an application to the VRB is **3 months** from when you are deemed to have received advice of my decision. Appeals are explained in more detail in the Information Leaflet.

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When an appeal is lodged, a report is compiled in which all documents used in the decision making process are copied and forwarded to you, the VRB, and your representative (if you have nominated one). After receipt of this report, if further document copies are required or you wish to view your files, an application should be made through Freedom of Information.

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

You can apply to see documents on your Veterans' Affairs files, see the Information Leaflet for details.

### HELP AVAILABLE

Help is available to assist you in dealing with any part of this decision, the reasons for it and appeal rights by contacting:

- Richard F PIPES, as per contact details above, for matters relating to this decision or reasons for the decision; or
- an ex-service organisation - their addresses and telephone numbers are listed in the telephone book.

Yours sincerely,



Richard F Pipes  
Delegate of the Repatriation Commission

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