No. 396.—Petition of Albert Thomas Griffin, of Trentham.

Petitioner alleges that he contracted tuberculosis whilst serving in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and is now unable to earn sufficient to maintain his family. He prays for suitable permanent employment or financial assistance.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration with a view to some suitable employment being found for the petitioner.

26th October, 1922.

No. 289/1921.—Petition of K. S. Henry and 19 Others, of Wellington.

Petitioners, who are returned disabled soldiers, pray for light employment.

I am directed to report that, as a request has been made to withdraw this petition, the Committee makes no recommendation.

26th October, 1922.

No. 314.—Petition of Major T. N. Holmden, of Auckland.

For payment of differences in pay and gratuity between Imperial and New Zealand rate.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

26th October, 1922.

No. 353.—Petition of H. S. Osgood and Another, of Blenheim.

COMPLAINING of inadequate pension allowed for severe injuries received by the male petitioner during the war, and praying for allowance of full pension for total disablement.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make with regard to this petition.

26th October, 1922.

No. 188.—Petition of ROBERT M. THOMSON, of Cashmere, Christchurch.

PETITIONER complains of treatment he received at the hands of the United States Veterans' Bureau, and prays that a claim for compensation may be made on his behalf.

Î am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make with regard to this

petition.

26th October, 1922.

No. 268.—Petition of A. E. Wellbourn and Another, of Broad Bay, Otago.

Petitioners state that through ill health contracted by the male petitioner while on active service during the war they are unable to earn sufficient for their maintenance, and they pray for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration,

26th October, 1922.

No. 372.—Petition of Olaf B. Berntsen, of Waitara.

For adequate relief on account of wounds received on active service during the war.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that this petitioner's case is one for the War Relief Fund, and therefore makes no recommendation.

26th October, 1922.

No. 62, Petition of A. H. CARRINGTON; No. 86, Petition of R. N. J. Fraser; No. 100, Petition of John N. Grover; No. 117, Petition of Charles Pollard; No. 171, Petition of O. P. McGuigan; No. 187, Petition of N.Z. Returned Soldiers' Association, on behalf of Sergeant-major Spence; No. 222, Petition of J. G. W. Salt; No. 255, Petition of G. S. Bishop; No. 291, Petition of J. R. Hopkinson.

Praying for reinstatement in the Defence Department, or adequate compensation for loss of office. I am directed to report that, as these petitions refer to a matter of policy, the Committee makes no recommendation, but it is of opinion that these officers should receive the same treatment as those retired in 1920-21—viz., be granted one month's pay for each year's service, and the usual three

months' leave on full pay. 28th October, 1922.