

### 6.8. Lewis Merthyr Collieries Commutation of Compensation Payments to Injured Mineworkers, 1929-1931.

Note: By the terms of the Workmen's Compensation legislation, compensation could be paid in weekly sums or else by a lump sum payment. It served the interests of employers to persuade impaired workers to commute their claims and receive lump sum payments in place of weekly benefits but, while this suited some workers, miners' trade unions did not believe that workers gained by this and so encouraged recipients of compensation to retain their weekly payments rather than commute their claims.

1929

Date [of commutation]	Injury/ disease	Amount received (£) and colliery where employed				
		Bertie	Trefor	Hafod No.1	Hafod No.2	Sur[face ?]
20/06/1929	Nystagmus	235				
18/06/1929	Fract. Left Leg	450				
08/10/1929	Amp[utate]d Left Leg	500				
	SUBTOTAL	1185				
04/11/1929	Nystagmus		50			
23/07/1929	Nystagmus		230			
06/11/1929	Nystagmus		220			
06/12/1929	Nystagmus		65			
	SUBTOTAL		565			
04/07/1929	Nystagmus			240		
22/10/1929	Nystagmus			75		
	SUBTOTAL			315		
14/12/1929	Nystagmus				80	
28/10/1929	Nystagmus				225	
25/11/1929	Twisted Head & Neck				240	
	SUBTOTAL				545	

1929 Commutation Totals		
Colliery	No. cases	Commutated totals (£)
Bertie	3	1185
Trefor	4	565
Hafod No.1	2	315
Hafod No.2	3	545
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2610</b>

1930

Date [of commutation]	Injury/ disease	Amount received (£) and colliery where employed				
		Bertie	Trefor	Lady Lewis	Hafod No.2	Hafod No.1
11/03/1930	Amp[utate]d L. Ring Finger	30				
13/03/1930	Nystagmus	70				
08/05/1930	Fract. R. Foot	180				
08/05/1930	Nystagmus	255				
08/05/1930	Nystagmus	50				
16/05/1930	Nystagmus	160				
26/05/1930	Nystagmus	145				
12/05/1930	Nystagmus	270				
24/11/1930	Nystagmus	25				
17/11/1930	Head & Arm	350				
	SUBTOTAL	1535				
08/05/1930	Stone fell on Back		185			
22/05/1930	Foot & Hip (Pelvis)		145			
27/05/1930	Fract. Leg		350			
05/06/1930	Fract. Leg		300			
28/03/1930	Nystagmus		280			
13/06/1930	Nystagmus		160			
08/05/1930	Nystagmus		145			
08/05/1930	Nystagmus		245			
30/05/1930	Nystagmus		245			
08/05/1930	Nystagmus		265			
30/06/1930	Injury[?] to Head & Nystagmus		250			
30/12/1930	Amp[utate]d L Index [Finger]		250			
27/10/1930	Nystagmus		160			
02/10/1930	Nystagmus		215			
	SUBTOTAL		3195			
08/05/1930	Nystagmus			190		
	SUBTOTAL			190		
08/02/1930	Nystagmus				250	

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11/03/1930	Nystagmus				225	
13/06/1930	Nystagmus				50	
13/06/1930	Fract. Leg (Left)				175	
05/06/1930	Nystagmus				160	
05/06/1930	Fract. Left Leg				460	
30/05/1930	Nystagmus				140	
12/04/1930	Nystagmus				245	
19/05/1930	Amp[utate]d Left Thumb				45	
13/06/1930	Nystagmus				35	
20/06/1930	Amp[utate]d fingers Rt Hand				540	
30/05/1930	Nystagmus				300	
30/05/1930	Nystagmus				175	
19/05/1930	Nystagmus				255	
14/10/1930	Head Injury				255	
07/10/1930	Nystagmus				25	
12/11/1930	Nystagmus				205	
17/11/1930	Fract. Leg				350	
20/10/1930	Nystagmus				240	
20/10/1930	Nystagmus				240	
	SUBTOTAL				4370	
26/05/1930	Fract. Rt. Thigh					135
26/05/1930	Amp[utate]d L. Middle finger					120
02/10/1930	Nystagmus					145
27/10/1930	Nystagmus					40
02/10/1930	Nystagmus					230
30/12/1930	Rupture					40
	SUBTOTAL					710

<b>1930 Commutation Totals</b>		
Colliery	No. cases	Commuted totals (£)
Lady Lewis	1	190
Bertie	10	1535
Trefor	14	3195
Hafod No.1	6	710
Hafod No.2	20	4370
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>10000</b>

1931

Date [of commutation]	Injury/ disease	Amount received (£) and colliery where employed				
		Bertie	Trefor	Hafod No.1	Hafod No.2	Sur[face?]
13/06/1931	Lacerated Left arm		275			
12/06/1931	Nystagmus			150		
10/06/1931	Right Knee					275
28/08/1931	Nystagmus		95			
19/09/1931	Nystagmus			220		
25/07/1931	Injury to Leg	65				
19/08/1931	Nystagmus			130		
01/09/1931	Head & Arm (Double Vision)			155		
01/09/1931	Nystagmus				10	
17/09/1931	Amp[utate]d L. Ring Finger[,] Crushed Hand			280		
19/09/1931	Fract. Leg				125	
21/09/1931	Nystagmus		170			
02/10/1931	Nystagmus	275				
30[?]/11/31	Nystagmus	200				
30/11/1931	Nystagmus	210				
30/11/1931	Nystagmus			170		
03/12/1931	Nystagmus		165			
12/12/1931	Nystagmus				135	
19/12/1931	Nystagmus	55				
19/12/1931	Nystagmus		120			
30/12/1931	Nystagmus			117		
	Nystagmus					

30/12/1931	Nystagmus		250			
	Fract. Rt. Leg					
	Nystagmus					
	Nystagmus					
	TOTALS	805	1075	1222	270	275

<b>1931 Commutation Totals</b>		
Colliery	No. cases	Commutated totals (£)
Sur[face]	1	275
Bertie	5	805
Trefor	6	1075
Hafod No. 1	7	1222
Hafod No. 2	3	270
TOTALS	22	<b>3647</b>

Source: Glamorgan Archives, Powell Duffryn Collection, DPD/1/3/2/2/3, Lewis Merthyr Collieries Limited compensation for accidents book, Bertie, Trefor and Hafod [Collieries] (Aug. 1928-1932).