**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 commutate 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 commutate their claims.

1929

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| 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 |  |

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| **1929 Commutation Totals** | |  |
| Colliery | No. cases | Commuted totals (£) |
| Bertie | 3 | 1185 |
| Trefor | 4 | 565 |
| Hafod No.1 | 2 | 315 |
| Hafod No.2 | 3 | 545 |
| TOTALS | 12 | **2610** |

1930

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| 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 |  |  |
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| 08/02/1930 | Nystagmus |  |  |  | 250 |  |
| 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 |

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| **1930 Commutation Totals** | |  |
| 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 |
| TOTALS | 51 | **10000** |

1931

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| 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 |

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

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