

as you originally planned. Address the Insurance Division, Veterans Administration District Office, Exchange Bldg., Seattle 4, Wash.

One more point: The VA is withholding from your dividend the amount of money you may owe for subsistence overpayments or other benefits on which you were overpaid. If you think the VA withheld too much, get in touch with the VA regional office handling your C-file. The VA regional office for Oregon is located at 208 S.W. Fifth avenue, Portland.

Survivors of deceased veterans whose GI insurance was in force at the time of death, will not have to apply for the dividend. The VA will pay these automatically, to the beneficiary. Application forms and instructions will be ready after March 1 for survivors to make application for dividends payable on the insurance of veterans whose insurance was lapsed at time of death. These dividends will be paid the person entitled to the estate of the deceased veteran.

#### **EX-WAR PRISONERS MAY FILE BENEFIT CLAIMS**

The War Claims commission has its machinery in operation for taking claims for benefits which will be paid to U.S. armed forces personnel and civilians who were held captive by the enemy during World War II. The offices listed in the article below, and the State Adjutant General's office, State Office Bldg., Salem, have supplies of the necessary application forms.

The War Claims Act of 1948 provides payment of one dollar for each day a member of the U.S. armed forces failed to receive the quantity and quality of food required by the Geneva Convention, during his period of internment by an enemy government during World War I. Eligible survivors in event the ex-prisoner is deceased, include the widow or dependent husband; the children; or the dependent parents. Free assistance in filing claims is offered by the state veterans' department, county and post service officers, and the Red Cross.

Civilians who were interned by the Japanese in the Pacific theater may receive benefits under the War Claims Act of \$60 for each month of internment, provided they were over 18 years of age, or \$25 if they were under 18. Survivors eligible to receive payment in the event the former internee is deceased, include the wife or dependent husband, and the children, but not the dependent parents. Applicants in the civilian internee group, or their next of kin, should write direct to the State Adjutant General for application forms, and should go to their local Red Cross chapter if they need help in filing claims.

#### **WASHINGTON BONUS FORMS AVAILABLE**

World War II veterans eligible for the Washington state bonus should have no difficulty now in obtaining bonus application blanks. Forms are available at the Department of Veterans' Affairs, 305 State Library Bldg., Salem, and 415 S.W. 11th Avenue, Portland; from county veterans' service officers in 20 Oregon counties; and at numerous posts of the major veterans' organizations.

Those who were legal residents of Washington for at least one year prior to service, and who served at any time on active duty between the dates of Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945, are eligible. The Washington bonus pays at the rate of \$10 for each month of stateside duty and \$15 for each month of foreign service. The top limit is \$675.

An odd feature of the Washington state bonus act, is that the next of kin is eligible for payment only in the event the deceased did in service. Payments are based on the number of months the person served up to the date of his death. However, the state supreme court has held that if the veteran dies after the effective date of the bonus act, then his next of kin may receive the amount of bonus the veteran would have been entitled to. The effective date of the Washington bonus act is June 8, 1949. Hence, next of kin of those who died either in service, or after midnight of June 8, 1949, should apply.