Benefits Retarded If Veteran Loses Discharge Papers

The veteran who loses his original discharge papers is apt to suffer a long delay in receiving certain GI benefits. For that reason he should take every precaution to see that they are kept in a safe place and are available at all times, Hugh E. Rosson, director of the state department of veteran's affairs warned today.

When a veteran applies for and receives his first \$20 check for unemployment under the readjustent allowance, he must take his discharge with him to be stamped by the unemployment compensation commission in the U. S.. employment service office where he received his claim. This stamp gives the date and the place where he first made application.

Recent information discloses that the veteran's discharge also must be stamped to show the amount and type of government guaranty used under the GI loan bill and the amount if any remaining.

In neither case will a photostatic or certified copy of the man's discharge papers serve. The government makes this procedure necessary to prevent a veteran from receiving more than the total benefits allowed him. Otherwise, as veterans' representatives explain, a man could use up his benefits in Oregon, for example then go to another state and start all over again, merely by getting another certified or photostatic discharge copy.

Once the original discharge is lost, the veteran must apply for a certificate in lieu of his dischage. Government officials have repeatedly warned that a great deal of time is involved in issuing this certificate.

Mrs. Earl Gilliam is on the sick list this week. It is to be hoped she will soon be on the job as we miss her and anyway it is no fun being sick.

Mrs. A. J. Chaffee was a recent visitor in Pasco for a few days.

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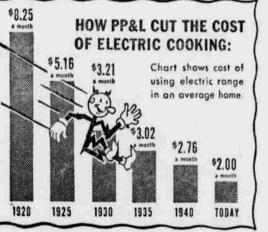
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