

When a beneficiary is not named, loses its identity and is subject to National Service Life Insurance in claims of creditors, administrators paid to the insured's estate, thus fees and court expenses.

» VETS' « MAIL BAG

(As a service to veterans in the community, this newspaper will publish a weekly column of news briefs from the Veterans Administration. For further information, veterans should contact or write their nearest VA contact office at U. S. Nat'l Bank Bldg., Rooms 11 and 12, 157 S. Main St., Pendleton.)

VA CLAIMS SERVICE IS BIG BUSINESS

While most World War II veterans are concerned primarily with benefits provided them by the G.I. Bill, guaranteed loans and education and training prepaid, the Veterans Administration has another big job—the traditional function of providing compensation and pension for disabled veterans and dependents of veterans of all wars.

About one-third of veterans of World War II in the Northwest have filed claims with the VA for disability benefits. Approximately 53,000 are receiving payments for disabilities incurred during World War II. Payments range from \$13.80 to \$360 monthly based on the degree and type of disability. Almost half of all claims filed and processed by the VA result in an award.

WORLD WAR I WIDOWS MAY BE ELIGIBLE

Ignorance of the law may be preventing some eligible World War I widows from receiving pensions, says the Veterans Administration. The law requires that:

1. The veteran served ninety days or had a service-connected disability.
 2. The widow's income does not exceed \$2500 if there are minor children or \$1000 if not.
 3. The marriage date was prior to December 14, 1944 and that the widow has not since remarried.
- If a widow meets these eligibility requirements, she may receive \$42 per month for herself, \$12 for one child and \$6 each for any other minor children.

The VA emphasizes that these rates and income limitations apply only to widows whose husbands' deaths were not caused by disabilities incurred in military service. Income is not a factor in determining compensation in service-incurred deaths and the benefit rate is higher.

PARENTS GETTING MOST NSLI BENEFITS

Parents are sole beneficiaries in 65 percent of the cases and widows in 23 percent of the 18,000 National Service Life Insurance benefits now being paid in the Pacific Northwest.

Monthly payments average about \$50 and more than 75 percent of the beneficiaries will receive payments for life.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Q. How do I go about filing a claim for pension on the death of a veteran who was my sole support?
A. Obtain a Form 535 from your local VA contact office.

Q. As a widower of a World War II veteran, am I eligible to

Army Explains GI Bill to Students Nearing Graduation

In a special message directed to students who are soon to be graduated from high school, Col. M. L. McCrery, chief of Sixth Army Recruiting, Presidio of San Francisco, pointed out today that despite irre-

ceive compensation or pension?
A. No, the term "widow" does not include a widower with reference to payment of compensation or pension based on the death of a World War II veteran.

sponsible rumors to the contrary, educational benefits of the "G.I. Bill of Rights" are still in effect.

"There seems to be a widespread popular misconception that all educational benefits under the 'G.I. Bill' ceased to exist after the October 5 deadline," Col. McCrery said. "Such is not, however, the case."

"The student who chooses the army as a career upon graduation will enjoy these benefits to an extent commensurate with his length of honorable service prior to termination of the war," and that date has not yet been set.

"This means that as soon as a

soldier has served 90 days—any part of which time is before the official end of the war—he is still automatically entitled to one full year of free education under the 'G. I. Bill,' upon receiving an honorable discharge.

Enlarging upon these educational benefits which, he said, no other high school graduating class may ever be offered, Col. McCrery pointed out the wide range of provisions of the "G. I. Bill."

"Under these provisions an ex-serviceman can attend any approved school, provided it offers the courses he needs and he can meet

the school's requirements," he said. "He can get any sort of education or training including college, medical or law school, trade, technical or business schools. Or he can get apprentice or industrial training in the trade he selects."

"The government, through the Veterans Administration, pays all tuition fees, laboratory fees and other usual school expenses up to \$500 for an ordinary school year. In addition the ex-serviceman is paid \$65 a month if he has no dependents, or \$90 a month if he has one or more dependents, provided that he is not employed."

The Armed Forces Leave act of 1946 authorizes the Veterans Administration to accept "terminal leave" bonds for the payment of premiums on all forms of National Service Life Insurance.

Loans to 15,688 Northwest veterans under the provisions of the G.I. Bill totaled \$67,880,125 at the end of October.

BENEFIT DANCE

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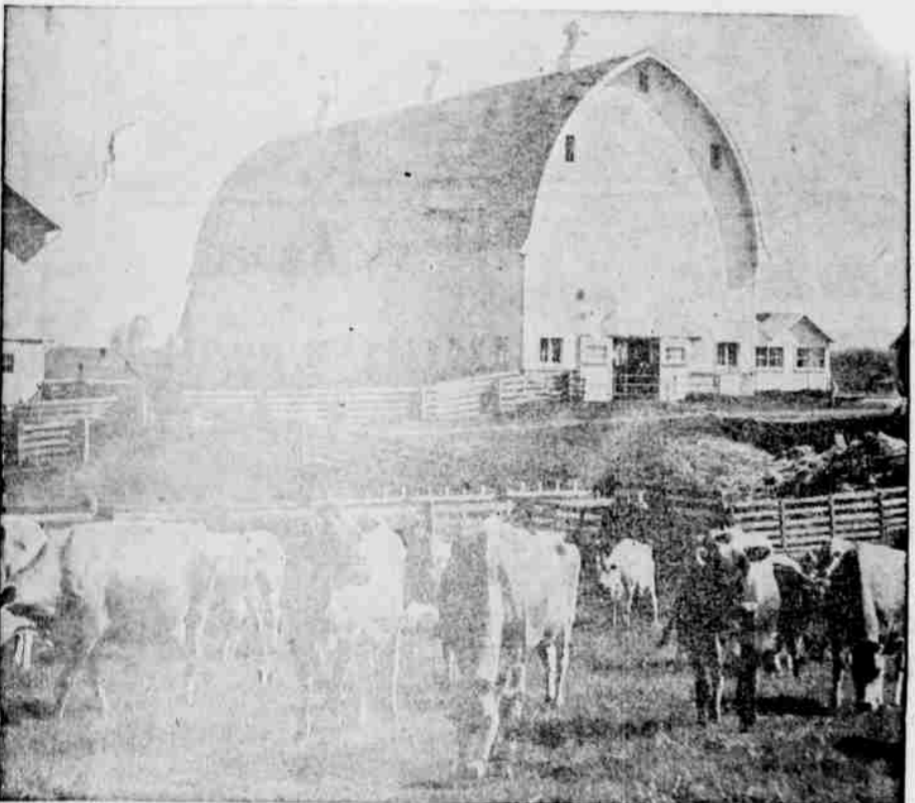


Ruth Owen
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