

Enlisted Vets Told How To Apply For Leave Pay

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—Four steps to be followed by discharged veterans in applying for terminal leave pay were outlined officially today as President Truman signed the legislation authorizing the \$2,700,000,000 outlay.

The steps as listed by the treasury, war and navy departments:

1. Obtain from any post office a form entitled "Claim for Settlement, Unpaid Leave," and an accompanying instruction sheet.
2. Fill out this form. Help may be obtained at any of 3000-odd veterans community information or advisory centers, or at the office of any state or county veterans service officer.
3. Swear to the statements made in the form before a notary public or other authorized civil officer. Most community information or advisory centers will provide the service free.
4. Mail the completed form, together with a discharge certificate of service, to the appropriate army, navy, marine corps or coast guard paying officer listed on the reverse side of the claim form.

Payment By Mail

Payment will be made by mail "as soon as possible" and the supporting documents returned. The legislation, which also will equalize leave benefits of officers and enlisted men still on active duty, calls for payment of an estimated \$2,700,000,000 in cash and interest-bearing five year bonds to about 15,000,000 former members of the army, navy, marines and coast guard. It is the first major revision of leave policies in the armed forces in 70 years.

For those now in service, the act limits the amount of leave any individual may accumulate to 60 days, instead of the 120 days officers hitherto could accumulate. Those still on active duty who have piled up 61 to 120 days credit as of September 1 will be reimbursed in cash or bonds all days over 60. As more leave time accrues at the rate of 30 days a year, they must use it or lose it.

Those who have been discharged will be paid in cash or bonds for accumulated leave up to 120 days between September 8, 1939, and September 1, 1946.

Evidence of Discharge
The official statement said the discharge certificate which must be forwarded may be the orig-

inal, a photostatic copy, or a true copy certified by an authorized state or local official.

If the original has been lost or destroyed, a certificate in lieu of discharge will be issued upon application to the adjutant general of the army, 4300 Goodfellow boulevard, St. Louis, 20, Missouri; chief of naval personnel, navy department, Washington, 25, D. C.; director of personnel, headquarters, U. S. marine corps, Washington, 25, D. C.; commandant of the coast guard, Washington, 25, D. C. Army personnel may obtain the proper application form at any recruiting office.

If the amount due a veteran is less than \$50 or if he was discharged before January 1, 1943, payment in full will be made by treasury check.

For amounts of \$50 and above, payment will be in bonds in multiples of \$25, with a check for the balance. However, payment in full will be made by check to survivors or guardians or discharged veterans who have died, become insane or been adjudged incompetent.

Quarters and Subsistence
All payments to veterans will be at the pay rate for the enlisted grade held when dis-

charged. Those still on active duty also will be compensated at the rate for the last enlisted grade or rating held. Payments will include an additional 70 cents a day for subsistence and, for master, technical and staff sergeants with dependents, \$1.25 a day for quarters.

The act puts a one-year limit on the time for applying for payments.

Maturity date of the bonds is five years from the date of the last separation from service. They may not be pledged as collateral or otherwise used in financial operations except for payment of premiums, loans or conversion on government or national service life insurance.

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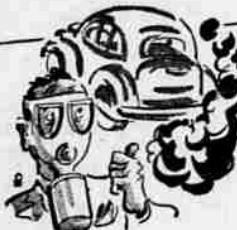
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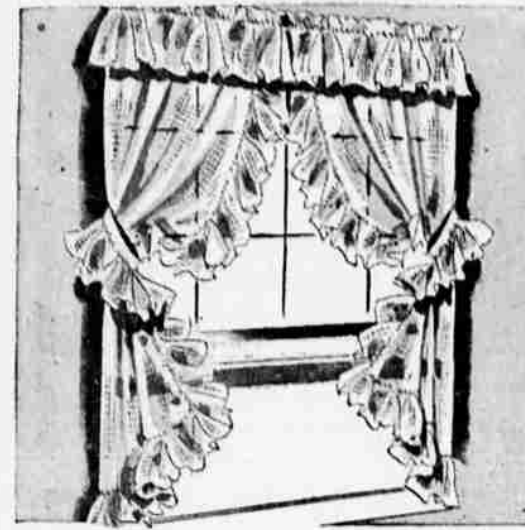
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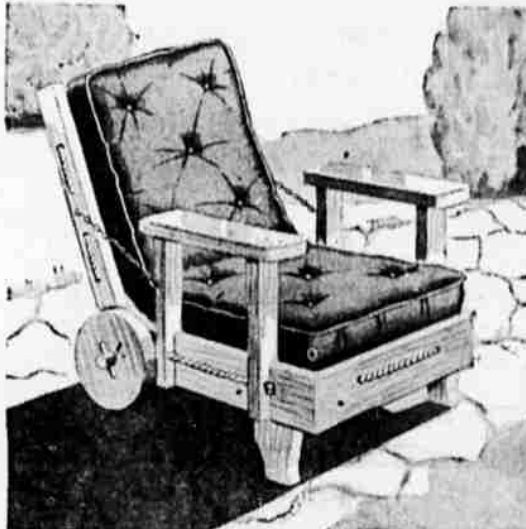
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