

THE FRIEND OF THE SOLDIER

The Friend of the Soldier will cooperate with the war risk insurance bureau of the treasury department, 1307 Stock Exchange building, Chicago, and with the committee of the Chicago Bar association on legal assistance to soldiers and sailors, 105 West Monroe street.

Address inquiries to Friend of the Soldier, Chicago Tribune. Answers to as many as possible will be published in this department. To insure a personal reply an addressed and stamped envelope should be inclosed.

No attention will be paid to anonymous letters.

AMERICAN LEGION.

Headquarters, 120 W. Adams Street,
Chicago, Ill.

If you are an honorably discharged soldier, sailor, or marine you are eligible for membership in the largest organization growing out of the world war. It is for the welfare and protection of all ex-service men. The American Legion is backing a drive for membership now, which is to continue until Nov. 11. Small booklets outlining the constitution, by-laws, and information as to the purpose and work of the organization have been prepared and may be secured by writing to the Friend of the Soldier, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, and inclosing a stamped, addressed envelope. Thursday's issue of THE TRIBUNE will contain an application blank for enrollment in the Legion. Fill it out and mail it in to headquarters. A check for \$2 will cover the yearly dues.

GOVERNMENT JOBS AVAILABLE.

The assistant secretary of war announces that permanent government jobs to the number of 1,400 in a variety of trades and occupations are now open to former soldiers and sailors, at pay ranging from \$2 a day with free board to \$195 a month and board. This is based on information received from the United States Civil Service Commission.

These positions are in the various navy yards of the country, the ordnance plants, and in arsenals. Beside the large amount of unskilled labor required, there are plenty of jobs for electricians, carpenters, machinists, riveters, steam engineers, shipwrights, painters, stevedores, trackmen, sheet metal workers, toolmakers, boiler makers, blacksmiths, caulkers, deck hands, engine men, shipkeepers, firemen, inspectors, masters, quartermasters, stokers, survey men, and helpers of all kinds. All are civil service positions, and ex-service men under the law have the preference above others. The complete list of positions will be furnished to any applicant by writing to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., for the bulletin entitled, "Opportunities for Government Employment." Applications should be mailed direct to the "Recorder, Labor Board, U. S. Navy Yard," or the "Secretary, Board of Civil Service Examiners, Engineer Department at Large," or "U. S. Proving Ground," at the place where employment is desired. Men should not report at the plant for employment until they are called. Local postmasters are supplied with the necessary blanks, and can refer all applicants to the nearest representative of the United States Civil Service Commission, who has full details.

INSURANCE AND COMPENSATION.

Chenoo, Oct. 23.—[Friend of the Soldier.]—I am sure your department can give me a clearer idea about insurance and compensation. In case I should become disabled, will I receive insurance

and compensation payments both? Also all of the insurance I have inquired into provides disability benefits only until the insured is 65 years of age. The officers telling us about our war insurance said that whenever we should become disabled the government will pay us the insurance whether or not we have passed this age. I have reached the age of 24 and shall convert my insurance to an endowment for twenty years. How much per thousand is the insurance and how much compensation will be paid to me for disability?

G. M. J.

Compensation is separate from and in addition to insurance. Compensation is paid for injury incurred in line of duty and for disability resulting from such an injury. The amount of compensation depends entirely upon the degree of disability.

Insurance benefits are paid if you become totally and permanently disabled at any time such disability occurs. Such disability need not be the result of injury nor disease contracted in line of duty. The insured is paid \$5.75 per month for each \$1,000 of insurance carried, besides the award of compensation. It is paid regardless of whether the disability occurs before or after the age of 65.

At the age of 24 the monthly premium on each thousand dollars of insurance is \$3.32 for a twenty year endowment policy.

NAVY LIBERTY BOND.

Escanaba, Mich., Oct. 24.—[Friend of the Soldier.]—While in the navy I bought a Liberty bond of the fourth issue, making payments monthly, same being deducted from my pay by the paymaster. The last payment, which was in full for balance owed, was made at the time of my discharge, with the understanding that the bond would be sent to me. As the bond has not been received, I would like to know where to write concerning it.

E. W. A.

Write to the Navy Liberty Loan Office, Navy Department, 17th and B streets, Washington, D. C., giving your full name and rank and address you had at the time you subscribed for the bond.

CHECKS OVERDUE.

Chicago, Oct. 23.—[Friend of the Soldier.]—Is there no regular system in sending war risk insurance checks to the beneficiaries? For instance, I received a check in August, 1919, and none since, although September is gone and nearly all of October. Could the banks get away with such business?

R. S.

The checks should reach you each month. We suggest that you file complaint through the local branch of the war risk insurance bureau, room 1307, Stock Exchange building, 30 N. La Salle, Chicago. Investigation and adjustment will be made at once.

ANSWERS.

Elsa Murray.—The war department has not announced the time of return of the 422d motor transport company. It is still stationed in Paris.

N. Clason.—Motor truck company 546 has not been ordered home, but is on duty in Brest at present.