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How Your Government Takes Care of Dependents of Soldiers

The following explains how the Government will help enlisted men in the lowest grades of service to take care of dependents with Family Allowances under Public Law 625-77th Congress:

What is a Family Allowance? A government check sent to the soldier's dependents regularly every month. The Family Allowance is made up of money set aside from his pay and money contributed by the government. It is granted only upon application. It is payable only to dependents eligible under the law.

How much will the soldier's dependents get? Wife, \$50; wife and child, \$62; wife and 2 children, \$72; wife and mother only, \$47; wife and parents, \$80.

How soon does a Family Allowance begin to be paid? The allowance begins to accrue the month after he applies and is payable when that month has ended. For instance, if he applies in March, the allowance begins to accrue in April and is payable in May.

Who may apply? The soldier may apply as soon as he is on active duty. All enlisted men in the fourth, fifth, sixth or seventh grades may apply. Dependents may apply, too, but it is better for the soldier himself to do it.

How is application made? Application is made only on the official form WD, AGO 625. These forms are available at Reception Centers, Recruiting Stations, local Chapters of the American Red Cross, Service Command Headquarters, and the Office of Dependency Benefits.

Is documentary proof of relationship and dependency required? Yes, and soldiers or relatives should gather that proof before submitting applications and attach it to application. Documentary evidence consists of certified copies of the public or church record of marriage and of the birth of the soldier's children; two affidavits of dependency, sworn to by disinterested person, for each Class B dependent named in application. Evidence must accompany any application filed by a relative or dependent of the soldier.

All Army men may authorize a Class E Allowment from their pay. For their dependents; for a civilian life-insurance premium; to a bank for a savings or a checking account in the soldier's name or in the name of a dependent.

What is a Class E Allowment? The Class E Allowment is a voluntary allotment authorized by a man in the Army, by WAACs, by Army nurses and by certain civilian employees of the War Department on duty outside the United States. The allotment is taken from the allottee's pay each month and sent to his dependents in the form of a Government check. It may be in any amount the allottee wishes to authorize, provided (if he is an enlisted man) he leaves himself not less than \$10 a month. An officer may allot his entire pay and allowances.

Who mails the checks? The Office of Dependency Benefits, 213 Wash-

HOW YOU MAY SERVE IN THE WAVES, SPARS

(This is the fifth of a series of "questions and answers" published in behalf of the women in this area who are interested in joining the Navy's WAVES or Coast Guard SPARS. Application blanks and further information may be secured at the Navy Recruiting Station in the Post Office Building at Allentown, Atlantic City, N. J., Chester, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Reading, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, York, Altoona, DuBois, Johnstown, New Castle, or Uniontown.

Q.—Must I be single in order to be considered for the WAVES or SPARS?

A.—No. A married woman may enlist in the WAVES, providing her husband is not in the Navy, and a married woman may enlist in the SPARS provided her husband is not in the Coast Guard.

Q.—May I be married after I am in the service?

A.—Yes, with these qualifications: You may not marry during indoctrination or training. After indoctrination and training, if you marry a man in the Navy, in the case of a WAVE, or a man in the Coast Guard, in the case of a SPAR, you must resign or be discharged.

Q.—Can women, with children enlist?

A.—Women with children under 18 will not be accepted either in the WAVES or SPARS.

Q.—After I have joined the WAVES or SPARS, may I resign?

A.—A letter to your Commanding Officer, requesting discharge and stating your reason, will be forwarded for consideration. But in wartime, resignations are discouraged.

Q.—Suppose I am accepted for service in the WAVES or SPARS, am I on active duty as soon as I am sworn in?

A.—Not necessarily. You may be told to report home on inactive duty to await further orders, or be ordered to proceed to a training school immediately.

Q.—Must I pay my own expenses to Philadelphia if I am called for my final examination?

A.—No. Transportation will be furnished at government expense, to and from your home.



Query & Answer Column

C. E. D.—What kind of cookies are the most suitable for sending overseas?

Ans.—The Bureau of Home Economics says that the cookies that travel best by mail are the firm, rather soft, thick ones. Thin brittle snaps and crumbly butter cookies break easily. Square cookies pack better than round.

A. B. L.—Why does Forsythia blossom so early in the spring?

D. C. P.—What causes a dimple?

R. M. W.—What was the name of the first clipper to sail around Cape Horn?

E. I. N.—Who is the Prime Minister of China?

S. R. E.—How was the measure of an inch originally determined?

M. E. R.—Can an airplane be launched from a dirigible?

B. G.—What modern Greek statesman was born on the island of Crete?

C. W.—Why are whole-grained cereals so important today?

P. M.—How is the pattern in moire silk produced?

K. F.—What is the highest denomination of war saving stamps issued?

F. S.—How much nickel remains in the U. S. five-cent piece?

D. C. E.—Who was the author of the saying, "Go West, young man?"

E. B. V.—Does an officer of the WAACs rate a salute from service men?

I. M.—Is the Office of Price Administration an independent agency?

B. C.—What is the most important instrument in an orchestra?

D. S. N.—What statue of Washington is said to be the best likeness?

A. L. H.—How many books have been contributed to the Victory Book Campaign?

H. D.—Where is the boundary between Europe and Asia?

P. R. N.—What is the largest snake?

N. T. B.—Is glass a liquid or a solid?

A. P. P.—When will Easter fall on April 25 again?

R. S. S.—What is the religious affiliation of James F. Byrnes?

C. N. G.—What is the origin of the belief that the wearing of a certain kind of ring warns off rheumatism?

D. P. T.—Has Germany any airplane carriers?

W. S. D.—How much gold is there in the ocean?

T. M. T.—Where in the Bible is St. Paul's greatest argument for resurrection?

M. M.—How long does it take to build a bomber?

E. C. M.—How many full Generals have there been in the United States Army?

Ans.—The War Department says that twelve men have attained the rank of full General in the history of the United States Army.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

I married a widower about a year ago. He had two children and I am very fond of both of them. One child is very agreeable and easy to manage, while the other is quite a problem. He is an attractive child but if I correct him he tells me that I am not his real mother and he doesn't have to mind anyone but his daddy.

I don't know exactly what to do because I want the child to love me, but this kind of situation is bad for him as well as for me. What do you advise me to do?

STEP-MOTHER—Ark.

Answer: This is a situation that no one but your husband can handle. Anyone who takes care of a child is entitled to obedience, and it is your husband's duty to explain to his son that he must obey you while he is in your care. There is nothing that will wreck discipline and happiness in a home quicker than for two parents to be divided in their ideas of bringing up a child and in letting him know it. He takes advantage of such a situation to get his own way and do as he pleases. He plays one parent against the other and ends up by causing discord in the family.

So tell your husband to get on the job and straighten things out before they get beyond his control.

LOUISA

Dear Louisa:

I am engaged to a fine young man and he will have to leave the last part of this month. He wants me to visit his parents but it will take several days to make the trip by car. Do you think it will be all right for just two of us to go or should we take someone else along?

GRETA—New Jersey.

Answer:

It will be wiser to take someone else along. If you could make the trip in one day, or if you could break it by staying with friends, it would be permissible for the two of you to go alone. But under the circumstances, where you will have to spend several nights in hotels along the way, I am afraid your reputation would suffer if the two of you go by yourselves.

LOUISA

'Greatest Baseball Hitter That Ever Lived'

(Continued from page one)

The 1941 campaign and last year moved up to a regular.

While the war has ended, temporarily at least, the many athletic achievements of the Dillon clan, there still remain the memories of the feats of the father, whom Dr. H. C. Carlson, Pitt basketball coach, a teammate, calls "Fabulous Phil."

"He was the greatest baseball hitter that ever lived," Carlson says of Papa Dillon. "And I'm not forgetting fellow like Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio and others when I say that."

A 'Killing' Hitter

"I can still vividly recall the time I was managing the Ellsworth independent team. We were playing at Bentleyville. Phil came up and the Bentleyville first baseman moved in, anticipating a bunt. I had the umpire stop the game while I recalled the first baseman to move back and save himself from serious injury. But it was to no avail and so I stepped back and covered my eyes with my hands. I knew what this Dillon could do. I heard the crack of the bat and I took my hands away from my eyes. The ball sizzled past the first baseman's ears and he froze in his tracks. Before he could turn around the ball had bounced off three or four eyeglass trees in right field."

"At the Ellsworth field there was a slag dump in right and the fellows used to brag about hitting a ball to the dump on the roll. The first time Phil came up there he rapped one halfway up the slag pile. I recalled him hitting one into the middle of the lake at Kane, and that's a real wallop. Why, he used to smack that dead apple into the right field stands at Forbes Field consistently."

Outstanding Grigger

"Yes, sir, he was the greatest hitter that ever lived. And he lived for only three things, to carry a football, hit a baseball and eat. Fellow, he could really go to town in that eating league!"

"He was a great ball carrier at Pitt, but he didn't like to do any thing but carry the ball. He could run and power his way through the best. When he was at Bellefonte Academy he led his team to a victory over Penn State's varsity and the teams severed relations."

Fabulous Phil is now a mining engineer for Bethlehem Steel and, while he still follows the sports of the day, his interest is centered on that bigger and far more important fight in which he hopes his three sons will be able to play a major role.

Truck Skids Down Bank

A large tractor-trailer ran off the road on Route 15 near Liberty and skidded over a 10-foot embankment. The driver, Jerry Dennison, was not injured. Workmen worked a full day to release the truck. Damage has not been estimated.

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THE OFFICE CAT

"A Little Nonsense Now and Then. Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

Decides to Write

Cincinnati, September the twiced.

From your Mother's Cousin on your Father's Side: As I have nothing to do and wishing not to do it, I thought I would take my pen and bottle of ink in my hand and typewrite you a few letters. Please excuse this lead pencil.

We are well at present except my brudder, who was kicked in the back lot by a mule last night. The mule is not expected to live.

Your rich aunt who died of population of the heart when you was here, is still dead and doing nicely. Hoping this will find you the same. After she died they found two thousand dollars tied up in an old busel she left behind, so you are no longer a poor boy. Also you are still an infant, the only relation you have living is an uncle who was killed in the last war.

Your brother Bill went to work this morning. The job will last a year and a half. He might get out sooner on good behavior.

Your wife was tooked to the insanity asylum yesterday. She was just crazy to see you. I saw your little boy this morning for the first time. I think he looks just like you, but he is all right otherwise, so I wouldn't worry about that if I was you.

I am sending you by parcel post your overcoat, and as they charge so much an ounce to send it, I will cut off the buttons. You will find the buttons in the inside pocket. My father is got out his license to be an engineer on a peanut roaster.

I almost forgot to tell you that I got married last week. I think I got a pretty good wife. She is from Vinegar Valley. They have a pretty good stock over there to select from.

As this is all I have to say, I will close my face and expect you to do the same. Hoping this letter will reach you before you get it and that you will answer it soon. I remain,

Yours confectionery,

Second to last cousin,

JIT NEYBUS

P. S. In case you don't get this letter, write me and let me know. I will send it to you at once.

Where Right is Wrong

"Hey, you can't make a right turn on this corner," roared the traffic cop.

"Why not?" asked the truck driver.

"Because, a right turn is wrong here—the left turn is right. If you want to turn right, turn left and then—aw, go ahead."

Escape From Something

Judge—"The case against you, Sambo, is that you left your wife. That makes you a wife deserter. What have you to say for yourself?"

Sambo—"Judge, you don't know dat woman. Ah ain't deserta! Ah'se refugee!"

This Way Out

Joe—"I hear you stayed in a haunted house last night. What happened?"

Bob—"About 12 o'clock a ghost came through the wall just as if there was no wall there."

Joe—"And what did you do?"

Bob—"I went through the other wall the same way."

Prayer For Power

One of the most unusual prayers on record has come out of a little backwoods church of Red Rock, Miss., from the lips of a Negro pastor. He said, before delivering his morning sermon:

"O Lord, give Thy servant this morning the eyes of the eagle and the wisdom of the owl, connect his soul with the gospel telegraph in the central skies, illumine his brow with the sun of Heaven, pizen his mind with love for de people, turpentine his imagination, grease his lips with 'possum oil, loosen his tongue with the sledge hammer of Thy power, 'lectrify his brain wid de lightning' of de word, put 'petual motion' in his arms, fill him plum full of de dynamite of Dy glory, mount him all over wid de kerosene oil of Dy savvation and sot him on fire... Amen!"

A Naval Maneuver

Gregory, a U. S. Navy man, was medium-sized, and not very imposing. One night ashore he walked into a small honky-tonk bar, and with a flourish and a voice that filled the room, said: "When Gregory drinks, everybody drinks."

Immediately the bar was jammed, the house filled all the glasses, and everybody drank. Then, with the impertinence of a king, Gregory reached into his pocket, pulled out a dime, laid it on the counter and said: "And when Gregory pays, everybody pays." And out he walked.

He Knew Them All

First Tramp—"I knew all the big men. I knew Rockefeller when he had only one gallon of oil. I knew Carnegie when he had only one piece of steel."

Second Hobo—"And I suppose you knew Hein; when he only had one pickle."

Johnny Was Excused

When the teacher of a nearby country school read an "excuse note" the other morning to explain one of her youthful pupil's absence, she was somewhat flabbergasted but managed to keep a straight face. For the note read like this:

"Dear Teacher: Please excuse Johnny for being out of school on Tuesday because he is delegate and there was snow and I tore my pants. Mrs. J. S. -----"

The Laugh on Him

Mr. Jones had recently become the father of twins. The minister stopped him in the street to congratulate him.

"Well, Jones," he said, "I hear that the Lord has smiled on you."

"Smiled on me," repeated Jones, "he laughed out loud."

The Bare Fact

A teacher asked her class of children what skeleton was. One little fellow spoke up: "I know, teacher. It's bones with the people rubbed off."

Hard to Believe It

"Do you believe in heaven?" asked the minister.

"No," replied the Jew.

"Do you believe in hell?"

"Well," replied the Jew, "I never have before, but my business has gone soever."

Moaning

He kissed her on the cheek. It seemed a harmless frolic: He's been laid up for a week. They say, with painter's colic.

Sarah Did It

"Sarah," said her mistress, during the dinner hour, "will you go down to the basement and get the catsup?"

Sarah departed, and a few minutes later the family heard a great shouting and scowping of feet. Shortly after Sarah came breathlessly into the dining room and said to her astonished mistress:

"They're up, mum."

"What are up?" asked the astonished mistress.

"The cats, mum."

Hush Your Mouth

"Roast beef, 8c; sausage, 9c; hams, 11c; butter, 15c; potatoes, 50c bushel."

Now don't get excited; this is merely a market quotation of thirty-five years ago.

That's all, folks. If the government offers to answer gardening questions, we would like to know what should be done when the eggplant wants to hatch, or is molting?

Any individual who wants to fight, in any way, at a matter of fun, is abnormal, but just the same, conditions arise that make it necessary for intelligent men to be willing to fight.

Since March 15th, when more Americans had to dig deeper than ever before to pay income taxes, more Americans are conscious of the fact that war inevitably brings sacrifice to every individual.