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## VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

### An Inventory of Its World War II Late Bonus Claims Paid

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.
- Series Title:** World War II late bonus claims paid.
- Dates:** 1954-1975.
- Abstract:** Military service bonus payments to Minnesota veterans of World War II; paid between July 1954 and June 1975 through special legislation.
- Quantity:** 1.3 cu. ft. (2 boxes).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY OF THE WORLD WAR II BONUS PAYMENTS

Laws of Minnesota 1949, chapter 642 [Veterans Adjusted Compensation Act] authorized "adjusted compensation" [bonus payments] to Minnesota residents who served honorably in the U.S. armed forces for at least 30 consecutive days between December 7, 1941 and September 2, 1945, or to their beneficiaries. The law authorized the sale of up to \$84 million in bonds for this purpose. Awards were made at the rate of \$10 per month for domestic duty and \$15 for foreign duty, with the total amount not to exceed \$270 for domestic duty and \$400 for foreign or a combination of domestic and foreign duty. The awards were administered by the commissioner of veterans affairs.

The initial deadline for bonus applications was December 31, 1950, but it was extended first to December 31, 1951 [Laws 1951 c450], and then to December 3, 1953 [Laws 1953 c228].

#### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Either originally denied or filed after the 1953 deadline, these bonuses, paid between July 1954 and June 1975, required special legislation allowing payment. The first four application numbers are part of the numerical sequence used for the original paid and denied World War II bonus records, which are microfilmed and housed in the repository as SAM 232. The remainder of the application numbers continue that original numerical sequence.

#### ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

The files are arranged by application number.

## RELATED MATERIALS

Files with the first four application numbers found in this series are also contained in the World War II denied bonus files (cataloged separately). The main body of World War II bonus records, which precede the majority of this series, have been microfilmed and are available in the repository as SAM 232 (cataloged separately).

## OTHER FINDING AIDS

An index to all applications in the original series, both accepted and denied, is available on microfilm (housed in the repository as SAM 232-I).

## INDEX TERMS

*This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

### Topics:

Bounties, Military—Minnesota.  
Disbursing.  
World War, 1939-1945—Veterans—Minnesota.  
Veterans—Minnesota.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Preferred Citation:

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
109.I.4.4F	1	Application No. 72,073. Paid July 1961. Application No. 194,729. Paid June 26, 1975. Application No. 224,682. Paid June 26, 1969. Application No. 281,562. Paid May 1963. Application Nos. 282,427 – 282,543. Paid July 1954 - July 1961. Application Nos. 282,557 – 282,573. Paid May 1963. Application Nos. 282,581 – 282,593. Paid July 1965.
109.I.4.5B	2	Application Nos. 282, 606 – 282,656. Paid July 1967 – June 1975. <i>[0.7 cu. ft. empty]</i>