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## VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

# An Inventory of Its World War II Denied Bonus Appeal Records

### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

<b>Agency:</b>	Minnesota. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.
<b>Series Title:</b>	World War II denied bonus appeal records.
<b>Dates:</b>	[1950s].
<b>Abstract:</b>	Appeals of denied applications for military service bonus payments to both veterans and beneficiaries of deceased Minnesota veterans of World War II.
<b>Quantity:</b>	5.0 cu. ft. (5 boxes).
<b>Location:</b>	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

Veterans or their beneficiaries had 60 days to appeal a denial of their World War II bonus claim to the Veterans Affairs Review Board. These files contain further research and correspondence on each claim and contain the decision and order of the Board. They usually do not contain the original application or military service records. Spot checks revealed that while the Board did grant some bonuses after review, the original decision was upheld in most cases.

## ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

The files are divided into two series: appealed veterans' applications and appealed beneficiary applications; each is arranged thereunder by application number.

## RELATED MATERIALS

Spot checks revealed that there are files with the same application number in these files and in the World War II Denied Bonus Records and World War II Denied Beneficiary Bonus Records (each cataloged separately). Files may not have always been transferred in their entirety, leaving the original file in those series, with a new file carrying the same number established by the Review Board.

## OTHER FINDING AIDS

An index to all veterans' applications, both accepted and denied, is available on microfilm (housed in the repository as SAM 232-I). An index to all beneficiary applications, both accepted and denied, is also available on microfilm (housed in the repository as SAM 340-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.  
Minnesota. Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Veterans Affairs Review Board.

## 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.4.9B	1	Application Nos. 618 – 154,803.
109.I.4.10F	2	Application Nos. 154,870 – 217,245.
109.I.4.11B	3	Application Nos. 217,341 – 254,277.
109.I.4.12F	4	Application Nos. 254,349 – 274,974.
109.I.4.13B	5	Application Nos. 275,002 – 280,960. Denied beneficiary files, Application Nos. 800,479 – 812,136.