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FOREWORD

The Veterans' Affairs Committee of the Brooklyn Council For Social Planning was formed to unite and develop Brooklyn services so that the Borough's returning servicemen and women may obtain all possible aid in taking up their civilian lives again.

To accomplish its purposes the Veterans' Affairs Committee does the following:

- *Helps organizations plan and work together, to prevent unnecessary overlapping or confusion of services.*
- *Renders information and consultation service to organizations and employers, to help them keep up with changing laws, government regulations and needs of veterans.*
- *Surveys the existing services in the Borough, to find needs which are not being filled, and advocate additional private and government services where necessary, to promote the general welfare of the veteran and war worker.*

This booklet, produced with the cooperation of The *Brooklyn Eagle*, is one of the projects of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, written especially for the Brooklyn veteran.

MURRAY HEARN, Chairman
Veterans' Affairs Committee.

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INTRODUCTION

"Welcome Home!"

Brooklyn has missed you—at home, in the neighborhood, at your place of work, at church and at all the other places here where you used to spend your time. And all Brooklyn is glad to have you back.

There are big jobs to be done on the home front—industry must be kept going at full speed; efficient civilian services must be maintained and there must be careful planning to meet our present and future problems. All these need your help.

We appreciate that after a period of military service you may find you have to start almost from scratch again. Life in the service was so different that it may be hard to get back into the swing of things here in Brooklyn. The day-to-day changes here may affect you differently or may seem not to affect you at all. People may seem different or you may feel that *you* are different. As a matter of fact, all of us *are* somewhat different. While those who have remained at home cannot fully know all that you have been through, they are trying to understand.

At first you may want to rest or visit or play awhile but soon you will want to go back to school or work again. Your fellow Brooklynites are ready to help you get back into civilian life.

You may need help and there are many places and people who stand ready to get you back into your stride. This is a great city and naturally there are many services and agencies available to you.

The Veterans Affairs Committee of the Brooklyn Council for Social Planning, with the cooperation of the *Brooklyn Eagle*, has been studying ways and means of helping you back into civilian life. This

handbook has therefore been put out to help prevent any "run-around" which might result from not knowing where to go or what to do.

Naturally, it is not possible to include every law, all the rights and benefits or all the organizations which veterans might use. Such information would fill many books, and furthermore would soon go out-of-date because of changes which are always taking place. Therefore only the principal points about which questions are most likely to arise have been included. In the same way, all agencies have not been listed. But it is sincerely believed that if properly used, the information included here will help you get back as quickly as possible into civilian life.

In getting back into the swing of things, it may help you to follow these simple suggestions which have been found helpful by many veterans:

1. *Wear your Veterans' Service Button* with pride in having given your services to your country.
2. Though your family and friends may advise you to rest, *be normally active*. Activity and the enjoyment that goes with it will get you started faster.
3. *Begin at once to see your friends*. If they ask questions about your experiences in the service tell them as much or as little as you feel like telling.
4. *Make friends with other veterans*. Thousands of them have been through the same experiences and are "in the same boat" with you. Therefore, you will understand each other. One way of getting to know other veterans is through veterans' organizations.
5. *Take up your favorite hobby, sport or other form of recreation*. You will find this better than a tonic.
6. *Go back to school or work as soon as possible*. If possible, find a defense job through which you can

still contribute to the war effort, but any job is preferable to idleness. Tell your employer frankly why you were discharged and back it up if you can with a doctor's letter stating that you are well enough to work again. Naturally, there may be some difficulties in getting back into your working routine.

7. *Don't be discouraged by setbacks*. Maintaining one's health and balance is not always smooth and steady. Don't wander about from one job to another, from one place to another, from one agency to another. This soon becomes discouraging. Stick to the one person who has promised to help you and let him see you through.

8. *Look to your future and prepare to make your own way*. Doing things for yourself and those dear to you will be satisfying and enjoyable.

9. *Don't hesitate to use the services and agencies mentioned here*. They are yours—set up by your neighbors and fellow-citizens to help smooth your way back to civilian life.

PART I

VETERANS' RIGHTS AND BENEFITS

In this section are described the rights and benefits provided to help you get started on your way and to compensate you, as far as possible, for the time or health you may have given in service of your country, and to assist you in regaining your independence.

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GETTING BACK YOUR OLD JOB

If you were working in private industry or for the Federal Government at the time you entered service, you are entitled to the same job after you return, under certain conditions:

1. If you were more than a temporary employee.
2. If you receive an honorable discharge.
3. If you are still qualified to carry out the job.
4. If the employer's situation has not changed to such an extent that it would be unreasonable to ask him to take you back.

You must apply to your old employer within 90 days after your discharge. If you entered a hospital immediately after discharge, the 90 days begin after your discharge from the hospital, provided that you are not there for more than a year.

For help in getting your old job back: If there is any difficulty with your old employer, help can be obtained by applying in person to Selective Service Headquarters, Room 508, 1 East 44th St., New York City, or to your local draft board.

Federal Civil Service Employees: If there is any difficulty in getting back your old Civil Service job, apply to the Civil Service Commission, then to Selective Service Headquarters if it seems necessary.

When applying for your old job, if you are unable to see the employer in person within 90 days, write him by registered mail asking for your old job back and telling him when you will be able to return. Keep a copy of the letter you send him.

Merchant Seamen are also entitled to their old jobs back, if they qualify otherwise under these conditions. However, they should re-apply for the old job within 40 days.

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GETTING A NEW JOB

Under the law known as the GI Bill of Rights, the United States Employment Service has been charged with the responsibility for counselling and placement of veterans.

In every office of the United States Employment Service, there are special services for the veteran. Veterans' Representatives find opportunities and advise with respect to the veterans' interests. Here information can be obtained about using skills learned in military service on civilian jobs.

The United States Employment Service also offers special advisory and guidance services for disabled veterans, as well as those who had no regular employment when they entered the armed services.

For list of Employment Offices, see Part 2.

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FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE

Veterans are entitled to preferences in appointment to Federal Civil Service jobs. Most Federal Civil Service lists are on the basis of examinations. However, appointments in certain types of jobs are made simply through application.

U. S. Civil Service Commission is located at 641 Washington Street, New York, N. Y.

Veterans Preference—Veterans with service-connected disabilities receive a ten-point preference. That is, ten points are added to the score you achieve in competitive examination. In addition, disabled veterans receive preferences in some types of jobs which place them on top of the list, with the exception of professional or scientific jobs paying over \$3,000 a year. In these cases only the ten-point preference is given.

Veterans who have *no disabilities* receive five points in addition to their regular score on Federal Civil Service examinations.

Veterans have *absolute preference* in examinations for all guard, messenger, elevator operator and similar types of positions.

Veterans also receive some types of preference in layoffs and rehiring in Federal Civil Service.

Usually, the age, height and weight requirements are waived for a veteran except where his condition might endanger his efficiency or the safety of others.

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CITY AND STATE CIVIL SERVICE

The city and state Civil Service offer special opportunities and preferences to veterans, although the regulations are different. In some respects, the laws are changing. For latest information, inquire at the office of the Commission:

New York City Civil Service Commission: 299 Broadway, N. Y. COrtland 7-8880.

New York State Civil Service Commission: 80 Center St., N. Y. COrtland 7-9800.

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MUSTERING-OUT PAY

All honorably discharged veterans whose base pay has been \$200 monthly or less are eligible. This includes those discharged for convenience of govern-

ment, *provided the veteran didn't request his own discharge*. However, if the veteran has had overseas service and *did* request his own discharge, he will also receive mustering-out pay.

Mustering-out pay is given as follows:

\$100 for service less than 60 days.

\$200 for service of 60 days or more without foreign service.

\$300 for 60 days' service or more which included foreign service.

The payments are made in monthly installments of \$100 each beginning at the time of discharge.

Veterans who were discharged before February 8, 1944, and did not automatically receive mustering-out pay should apply as follows:

Army Veterans

Apply in person. Bring original discharge papers to: Finance Office, U. S. Army, 2 Lafayette Street, New York, N. Y. You should write your present address in pencil on your discharge papers to insure their safe return.

Navy and Marine Veterans

Write present address on original discharge papers and apply in person at U. S. Navy, 90 Church Street, New York, N. Y., Room 1401-02. First get application blank at Room 1507.

Coast Guard Veterans

Apply in person at Coast Guard Headquarters, 42 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Bring original discharge papers.

Note: You should keep your Finance Officer notified of changes of address while awaiting mustering-out pay by writing to the appropriate address given above.

CLAIMS FOR BACK PAY

ARMY VETERANS

Write the Finance Officer of the camp in this country from which you were discharged or from which you were transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

NAVY, MARINE and COAST GUARD VETERANS

Write the Claims Division, General Accounting Office, Washington 25, D. C.

Note: In all cases, do not fail to print your full name as you were known in the service and your serial or service number.

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DISCHARGE BUTTONS

All those honorably discharged from the armed forces on or after September 8, 1939, may wear discharge buttons.

Army Veterans: If you did not obtain such a button at the time of your discharge, bring your discharge papers to Grand Central Palace Induction Station, Lexington Avenue and 46th Street, New York, N. Y. Here you will obtain one free.

If you lost your button, bring your discharge papers there and you will be able to buy another one for seven cents.

Navy and Marine Veterans: Apply at Personnel Office, 90 Church Street, New York, N. Y.

Coast Guard Veterans: Apply at Coast Guard Headquarters, 42 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

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WEARING DECORATIONS AND SERVICE RIBBONS

You may wear your decorations and service ribbons on your civilian clothes after you are discharged as well as on your uniform on ceremonial occasions.

WEARING YOUR OLD UNIFORM

Your uniform may be worn on ceremonial occasions. At such times, you may wear the uniform of the highest rank or grade which you held during the war.

Certain branches of the service require that a distinctive mark be worn on the uniform to show that you have been honorably discharged.

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GOVERNMENT INSURANCE

National Service Life Insurance may prove very valuable in later life. If you permit it to lapse it may cost you much more to buy protection of this kind later on.

Two steps should be taken to keep National Service Life Insurance:

1. Pay the premiums directly to the government. Make the check or money order payable to the Treasurer of the United States. Mail it to: Collections Sub-division, Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C. Arrangements can be made to pay premiums monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

2. When you entered service your insurance was originally "term" insurance. After one year is up and before the policy is five years old, you may convert it through Veterans' Administration, into one of three types of insurance: Ordinary Life, 20-payment Life, or, 30-payment Life. The new policy will then have regular insurance value after a year and you may borrow on it if necessary.

To change beneficiaries write: Director of Insurance, Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C.

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PRIVATE COMPANY LIFE INSURANCE

At any time prior to discharge from the armed forces, the serviceman may apply to the government for a guarantee of payment of premiums on life insurance which he carried with private companies before entering the service. This arrangement pre-

vents such insurance from lapsing while the insured is in the service.

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DISABILITY PENSIONS

If you believe that you have a physical or mental disability which was connected with your military service or aggravated by it, you may apply to the Veterans Administration for a disability pension. Claims may also be filed through veterans' organizations, the Red Cross or the Veterans' Service Center.

Your first claim will be assigned a "C" number and you should keep a record of this number and always refer to it in future correspondence with Veterans' Administration.

A rating board will pass on your application. This board also reviews your condition periodically and may increase or decrease the amount of your monthly pension according to your condition. Veterans with disabilities are assigned a percentage rating ranging from 10% to 100% according to the extent of the disability. Extra amounts are also added for certain types of disabilities such as amputations and blindness.

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MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE

Treatment of service-connected or service-aggravated disabilities:

Hospital care or clinic treatment may be obtained at the Veterans' Facility, 130 West Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, N. Y. Telephone number is RAymond 9-3200. If an ambulance is necessary for transportation to the hospital, this may also be obtained, through a veterans' organization or private physician.

Medicine, appliances of various types, bridge-work, are available, free of charge, from Veterans' Administration Facility if the condition was caused by or aggravated by service in the armed forces.

Treatment of non-service-connected conditions:

Veterans may be given hospital treatment for such conditions if a bed is available at the Veterans' Facility and if the veteran is unable to pay the cost elsewhere. There is no clinic treatment available for non-service-connected conditions through Veterans' Administration.

Veterans with non-service-connected conditions should obtain treatment from a private physician or the clinic of a city or voluntary hospital nearest his home. (See Part 2.)

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REVIEW OF DISCHARGE FROM SERVICE

Under the GI Bill of Rights, the Secretary of War has a Discharge Review Board to which veterans may apply for corrections or modification of discharge from service. This does not apply where the discharge was the result of Court Martial.

Application for a review of discharge must be made within 15 years after the discharge from service. The veteran may bring in additional evidence, affidavits or witnesses. He may or may not appear in person before the board. He may be represented by counsel, by veterans' organization representatives or the Red Cross.

Veterans with "Blue" discharges, or discharges without honor, are eligible for many of the rights and benefits—though not all of them. For further information, consult a veterans' organization, Red Cross, or the Veterans' Service Center.

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READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCE UNDER GI BILL OF RIGHTS

(Discharged Servicemen's Unemployment Insurance)

Veterans are eligible for payments of \$20 weekly

if totally unemployed, or proportionate amounts if partially unemployed, for a period of 8 to 52 weeks under certain conditions:

1. Discharge from the service must be *other than dishonorable*.

2. The veteran must have had at least 90 days of active service. (A.S.T.P. and Naval College Training Programs are not considered as active service.)

3. The veteran must be ready, willing and able to accept suitable employment at the time he applies for Readjustment Allowance. However, if he should later be unable to work because of health conditions, the allowance is not necessarily discontinued.

4. Application must be made within 2 years after discharge from the service or 2 years after the end of the war, whichever is later.

Application is made to the Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance, N. Y. State Department of Labor. That agency determines the eligibility and number of payments which will be made. There is no waiting period, the payments beginning as of the date the application is made. Brooklyn Offices of the State D.P.U.I. are as follows: 165 Joralemon Street, 1490 Pitkin Avenue and 1818 86th Street.

Note: Veterans may also be eligible for regular unemployment insurance payments. In some cases it may be wiser to take this type of benefit. Veterans do not lose their rights to Readjustment Allowance under the GI Bill of Rights by taking Unemployment Insurance and may wish to use Readjustment Allowance privileges at a later date. (Payments of Readjustment Allowance are deductible from any bonus which may be given in the future.)

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS UNDER GI BILL OF RIGHTS

Any veteran who has been in active service for at least 90 days, regardless of age at the time he entered service, is entitled to one year of education at government expense, if he has not been dishonorably discharged.

Courses must be started no later than two years after the date of discharge or the end of the war, whichever is later.

Courses under A.S.T.P., Navy College Training Program, etc., are not considered active service. However, veterans with less than 90 days of active service are entitled to educational benefits if they have disabilities incurred in service.

If the veteran was under 25 when he entered service, or can show that his training or education was interrupted by military service, regardless of age when he was inducted he is eligible for at least a year's education, plus time equivalent to that spent in service. Thus if a veteran who qualifies under this right had one year of active service, he would be entitled to two years education, etc. The maximum time given for education is four years.

Application is made directly to Veterans' Administration or through any veterans' organization, the Red Cross of the Veterans Service Center in New York City. The veteran will then receive a letter from Veterans' Administration stating the amount of time for education to which he is entitled. He makes his own application to a college or school of his choice, and, if accepted, must produce the letter from Veterans' Administration in order to obtain tuition payments. Payments are made directly to the educational institution.

Under the GI Bill of Rights (Public Law 346) Veterans' Administration will pay up to \$500 a year

for tuition, books, tools, etc. In addition, the veteran receives \$50 monthly direct payment for living expenses if he is single and studies full-time or \$75 monthly if he has dependents and studies full-time. Payments for part-time studies are made in proportion to the time spent studying.

Veterans' Administration must approve the institution where the veteran wishes to study. These institutions may include elementary schools, high schools, business schools, vocational and professional schools, colleges, etc. Correspondence courses are not approved except in connection with a regular course of education or training. The veteran may also apply to approved educational institutions out of the state or in foreign countries.

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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR DISABLED VETERANS

Disabled veterans who are adjudged by Veterans' Administration to have vocational handicaps, are eligible for educational and training benefits under Public Law 16. This type of benefit is often greater than and preferable to the educational benefits under the GI Bill of Rights.

Disabled veterans who have vocational handicaps are eligible under this law for full tuition payment and a higher rate of subsistence allowance than under the GI Bill of Rights. They may also receive more time in which to study, regardless of time spent in service, as well as free medical and dental care for service-connected disabilities, vocational guidance and placement on a job.

Applications are made in the same way as for educational benefits under the GI Bill of Rights. Veterans' Administration may test the veteran and has the power to disapprove courses for which he may not be fitted.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR MERCHANT SEAMEN

Merchant Seamen are eligible for vocational rehabilitation under Federal and State law, for service-connected disabilities, as well as non-service-connected disabilities.

These are some of the services to be obtained here: training, guidance, vocational testing, subsistence allowances while training, appliances and placement on jobs.

Apply at:

New York State Department of Education
Rehabilitation Division
111 Broadway
New York, N. Y.
REctor 2-2640

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LOANS UNDER GI BILL OF RIGHTS

Eligibility: The veteran must have a discharge from service which is not dishonorable, must have had active service of at least 90 days, or have a service-connected disability. He must present plans which have a reasonable chance of success and the proposition must be sound. Application must be made within two years after discharge from the service, or two years after the end of the war, whichever is later.

Loans are made for farms, homes or business equipment with approval of Veterans' Administration.

The loan is made by any bank, corporation, firm or individual approved by Veterans' Administration. The government guarantees payment of 50 per cent of the loan but will not guarantee more than \$2,000 regardless of the total amount of the loan. If the amount of the loan is less than \$4,000, the government will not guarantee payment of more than 50 per cent.

For further information, the veteran should apply to the bank of his choice or inquire at Veterans' Administration or any organization serving veterans.

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NATIONAL SOLDIERS' HOMES

Veterans who are in such physical condition as to be unable to earn their own living and are without adequate means of support, may apply through the Veterans' Administration to a National Soldiers' Home for the Disabled and live and receive care there. These homes are located at various points throughout the country.

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BURIAL EXPENSES

Survivors of honorably discharged veterans of any war, veterans discharged for disabilities incurred in the line of duty, or veterans receiving pension for service-connected disabilities will be granted up to \$100 for burial, funeral and transportation expenses. Survivors should apply to Veterans' Administration, 215 West 24th Street, New York City, with the death certificate and discharge papers as well as the claim number if the veteran was receiving a pension.

Men and women who died in the service of the country and honorably discharged veterans may be buried in a *National Cemetery*. Application should be made to the superintendent of the National Cemetery where burial is desired.

Headstones for veterans are supplied, free of charge, by the Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, War Department, Washington 25, D. C.

PART II

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Introduction

Brooklyn's community agencies stand ready to help veterans and their families to the best of their ability.

These organizations—public and private—are set up to assist people who feel they need expert help with their difficulties, or in obtaining certain services which anyone may require in the course of managing his affairs.

Some of them have a general approach in helping people. They are like the family doctor in this respect. Other agencies are set up to perform specialized jobs in special fields, such as health, guidance in choosing one's career, legal aid, government benefits, etc. Since human problems can get very complicated, it is clear that no one agency can always handle everything. However, one agency is usually informed about what other agencies can do and thus can refer persons needing specialized services to the proper place.

When in doubt as to which agency can best serve your purposes, try a family service agency, Red Cross or the Veterans' Service Center as starting-points. You will be met in a friendly, impartial way. Their purpose is to help you insofar as is possible. If you are sometimes referred elsewhere, don't feel you're getting a "runaround." Remember that specialists are sometimes necessary to help you most.

When you find the person or agency which can best assist you in getting what you want, stick to the plan and carry it through. You will get out of it whatever you are able to put into it.

Family Service Agencies

BROOKLYN BUREAU OF SOCIAL SERVICE (All faiths and races).

Central Office, 285 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn 17. TRIangle 5-0710.

District Offices:

Bedford-East New York, 16 Macon Street. NEvins 8-8700.

Downtown, 285 Schermerhorn Street. TRIangle 5-0710.

Flatbush, 55 East 18th Street. BUckminster 4-3100.

Northern, 151 Maujer Street. EVergreen 7-3700.

Southern, 478 68th Street. SHore Road 5-8282.

Red Hook, 50 Baltic Street. MAIn 4-8155.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN (Catholic).

66 Boerum Place, Brooklyn 2. MAIn 4-0330.

Branch Offices:

Greenpoint-Williamsburg, 151 Maujer Street. EVergreen 7-2328.

Red Hook-Gowanus, 250 Baltic Street. TRIangle 5-8618.

JEWISH FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY (Jewish).

80 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn 1. MAIn 4-5858.

District Offices:

Williamsburg, 217 Havemeyer Street. EVergreen 7-1103.

Borough Hall, 80 Willoughby Street. TRIangle 5-9128.

Brownsville, 1528 Pitkin Avenue. DIckens 2-4111.

West End, 1244 49th Street. WIndsor 6-0480.

South End, 1301 Surf Avenue. ESplanade 2-1416.

East N. Y. Ext. Office, 341 New Lots Avenue. DIckens 2-0870.

East Flatbush Ext. Office, 869 Utica Avenue. DIckens 2-4646.

AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS. BROOKLYN CHAPTER
57 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn 1. MAIn 4-6001.
District Office: 60 Graham Avenue.

Information concerning government regulations and legislation affecting veterans and their dependents.

Assistance in preparing and presenting claims for pension and other government benefits.

Consultation and guidance in personal and family problems.

Financial assistance needed by veterans whose educational subsistence allowances have not been received.

Financial assistance to disabled veterans and their dependents on the basis of need for day by day essentials of living during the temporary period pending first receipt of disability pension or compensation and during periods when such payments as may be due are delayed or interrupted.

Home Service is also available to the dependents of ex-servicemen and to the dependents of deceased servicemen. Assistance to the families of deceased men includes help in applying for death dependency compensation, burial allowance, headstones, etc.

Health Services

(Call or write for information on services nearest your home).

UNITED HOSPITAL FUND OF NEW YORK

370 Lexington Avenue, New York 17. CAledonia 5-7150.

WELFARE COUNCIL OF NEW YORK CITY: INFORMATION BUREAU

44 East 23rd Street, New York 10. ALgonquin 4-5500.

BROOKLYN TUBERCULOSIS AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION

293 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn 17. TRIangle 5-0717.

For the veteran and his family whose problem is tuberculosis:—An Information Service—Rehabilitation Service, including vocational and health counseling, employment, Chest X-Ray Service to apparently well persons, families or other contacts, fee \$1.00.

Private Physicians

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS
1313 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn 16. STerling
3-6900.

Information as to where services of physicians, either general practitioners or specialists, may be obtained. The veteran needing the services of a private physician will, if he telephones the Medical Society, be given the names of three general practitioners in his neighborhood or of three specialists. The Information Service of the Medical Society will also inform returning veterans as to the location of clinics, clinic hours, etc., in the voluntary and municipal hospitals.

Mental Hygiene and Psychiatric Clinics

These clinics are heavily burdened under present conditions, but attempt to give special preference to veterans when accepting cases.

BROOKLYN NEURO-PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC

Ft. Greene Health Center—295 Flatbush Ave. Ext.,
3rd floor. TRIangle 5-9400.

Hours: Monday 7-10:30 P.M. Appointments made
Fridays—10:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

JEWISH HOSPITAL OF BROOKLYN REHABILITATION CLINIC

Classon Avenue and Prospect Place. MAin 2-3900.
Rehabilitation Clinic

Hours: Monday 7:30-9:30 P.M.

KINGS COUNTY HOSPITAL MENTAL HYGIENE CLINIC

Winthrop St. and Albany Ave. INGersoll 2-4000.
Mental Hygiene Clinic

Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00
P.M.

LONG ISLAND COLLEGE HOSPITAL PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC

Henry, Amity and Pacific Streets. MAin 4-4000.

Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00
P.M.

Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 12:00.

For other information, call or write:

NEW YORK CITY COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HYGIENE
105 East 22nd Street, New York, N. Y. GRamercy
5-1454.

Public Assistance

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE, DIVISION
OF VETERAN ASSISTANCE

902 Broadway, New York 10. GRamercy 5-3500.

(Financial assistance for food, shelter, utilities, clothing, etc. Apply first at the welfare offices of any of the veterans' organizations on the ground floor, Brooklyn Borough Hall, to be certified as a veteran.)

Housing and Apartments

CITY VACANCY LISTING BUREAU

1 East 44th Street, New York. MUrray Hill 2-4310,
Ext. 25.

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY (Housing
Projects.)

122 East 42nd Street, New York 17. ASHland 4-8360.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF THE U. S. ARMY
(For Army veterans recently discharged) 165 Broad-
way, New York 6. REctor 2-1300.

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE—U. S. NAVY YARD (For Navy
veterans recently discharged) CUmberland 6-4500.

Day Nursery and After-School Care for Children

MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON WARTIME CARE OF CHILDREN
Brooklyn Information and Counseling Service
Office: Fort Greene Health Center, 295 Flatbush
Avenue Extension, Brooklyn 1. MAin 4-2724.

Legal Aid

LEGAL AID SOCIETY

11 Park Place, New York. BArcley 7-6120.

Criminal Courts Branch, 100 Centre Street, New
York. REctor 2-0818.

Legal advice and limited litigation service for those
unable to pay private lawyers. Wartime service for
members of armed forces, until three months after dis-
charge, on service-connected matters, without fee. Ben-
efit provisions and matters administered by government
agencies generally not handled.

Fees: On registration, fifty cents; on money collections, 10 per cent; service free at attorney's discretion; other fees made known on application.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF THE U. S. ARMY
165 Broadway, New York 6. REctor 2-1300.

(Legal advice and assistance in certain types of cases, for Army veterans.)

Merchant Seamen

(Merchant seamen are not at present entitled to veterans' right and benefits, with the exception of re-employment and vocational rehabilitation if they are disabled in line of duty. See Part I. Special problems may be taken up with any of the following organizations.)

UNITED SEAMEN'S SERVICE, INC.
39 Broadway, New York 6. WHitehall 3-2500.

WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION
45 Broadway, New York 6. WHitehall 3-8000.

CATHOLIC SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE (Non-Sectarian)
653 Hicks Street, Brooklyn 31. CUmberland 6-5958.

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK
25 South Street, New York 4. BOWling Green 9-2710.

Community Services for Negroes

BROOKLYN URBAN LEAGUE
105 Fleet Place, Brooklyn 1. TRIangle 5-9863.

Referral and Consultation Services for Employed Persons and Union Members

WORKERS' PERSONAL SERVICE BUREAU
391 Fulton Street, Brooklyn 1. MAIn 4-6892.
Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Open Monday and Wednesday evenings to 8:00 P.M.

Information about and referral to welfare and health services. Open to all working persons, whether or not members of trade unions.

A. F. OF L. SERVICE BUREAU

10 East 40th Street, New York 16. LEXington 2-4540. Monday through Friday.

Information about and referral to the welfare and health services in New York City for members of local A. F. of L. unions and their families, veterans or non-veterans. Contact with the Service Bureau must be established through the individual's local union.

Employment and Vocational Counselling Services

UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE WAR
MANPOWER COMMISSION

Headquarters Office—11 W. 42nd Street, New York 18. CHickering 4-8800.

The United States Employment Service maintains offices serving shipbuilding, needle trades, general industrial and household employment in Brooklyn; city wide offices in Manhattan serve workers in other occupations.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICES:

General Industrial, 205 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn. MAIn 5-5775.

Needle Trades, Laundry & Dry Cleaning, 205 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn. MAIn 4-6701.

Shipbuilding Trades, 165 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn. MAIn 4-8500.

Household Employment (day workers), 937 Kings Highway, Brooklyn. ESplanade 5-1000; 205 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn. MAIn 4-0835.

Building and Construction Trades, 465 Fifth Avenue (at 40th Street), New York. MUrray Hill 3-3200.

Commercial and Clerical, 10 E. 40th Street, New York. LEXington 2-0160.

Dress Industry, 225 W. 34th Steet, New York. PENnsylvania 6-1700.

Farm Workers, 44 E. 23rd Street, New York. ALgonquin 4-8500.

Hotel, Restaurant, Hospital and Building Maintenance, 40 E. 59th Street, New York. PLaza 3-4250.

Professional and Sales, 44 E. 23rd Street, New York. ALgonquin 4-8500.

Private Agencies

The following private, non-profit agencies in Brooklyn also offer placement and counselling services to veterans:

MALLON EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (Non-sectarian)
4 and 5 Court Square, Brooklyn. MAin 4-4776.

URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER NEW YORK (Negro)
Brooklyn Branch, 105 Court Place, Brooklyn.
TRiangle 5-9863.

YWCA OF BROOKLYN (Women)
30 Third Avenue, Brooklyn. TRIangle 5-1190.

FEDERATION EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (Jewish)—placement, testing, and counselling
67 W. 47th Street, New York.

YMCA (non-sectarian)—placement, testing and counselling
40 East 40th Street, New York, N. Y.

Registration of Discharge Papers

The Kings County Clerk will register, free of charge, the discharge papers of a veteran and make them part of the public record. Thus you can protect yourself against loss of your discharge papers. Take your papers to the County Clerk, ground floor, Hall of Records, Fulton Street and Court Square, near Borough Hall.

RECREATION ORGANIZATIONS

A good way of becoming a part of the home town again is to become active in one of your neighborhood groups. You will find these organizations more than willing to take you into their activities and help you enter the life of your community again, either through participation as a member, or by giving volunteer service as a leader.

Perhaps you developed special interests while in service. A good way of continuing these interests is through one of the many clubs under the roof of your neighborhood agency.

Here are some of the activities which take place in Brooklyn recreation organizations:

Arts and Crafts	Moving Pictures of
Athletics	Special Interest
Block Organization	Music
Current Events and	Parents' Clubs
Debating Clubs	Parties
Discussion Groups	Public Forums
Domestic Science and	Social Dancing
Home-Making	Scouting
Dramatics	Summer Camping
Folk-Dancing	

These activities take place in various neighborhood organizations, with different names according to their program and auspices. They include:

Boys' Clubs	Young Men's Christian
Boy Scouts of America	Associations
Catholic Youth	Young Women's Christian
Organization	Associations
Church Social Groups	Young Men's Hebrew
Community Centers	Associations
Girl Scouts	Young Women's Hebrew
Jewish Centers	Association
Parks and Playgrounds	Youth Canteens
School Recreational	
Programs	

For specific information as to recreation agencies and organizations nearest where you live, phone or write:

BROOKLYN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL PLANNING

72 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn 2, New York

TRiangle 5-7815

PART III

VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER

ADDRESS: 10 East 40th Street, New York 16.

Interviewing Hours: 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Saturdays. Telephone MUrray Hill 3-5760.

The Veterans' Service Center is a central headquarters for information, help and guidance for New York City's returning servicemen and servicewomen of all boroughs.

On the staff are consultants in: Education, veterans rights and benefits, rehabilitation, employment, and family and personal problems. Each veteran may discuss whatever questions he has with one or more of the consultants.

If the veteran needs continuing service beyond what the Center can give, he will be directed to the community agency which is best able to help him.

Advice and assistance may be obtained about the following: employment, home difficulties, filing claims, obtaining medical and psychiatric care, unemployment benefits, mustering-out pay, ration books, GI loans and other rights and benefits.

On the staff are representatives of the following agencies:

United States Employment Service
United States Civil Service Commission
Veterans' Administration
New York City Board of Education
New York State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
New York Clearing House

The Center is sponsored by a number of private and governmental agencies in cooperative effort to bring these services together in one place. Among the sponsors are:

War Manpower Commission	Army
Selective Service	Navy
Veterans' Administration	Veterans' Organizations
The Mayor	Welfare Council of New York City

PART IV

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Regional Office—215 West 24th Street, New York, N. Y.
PENnsylvania 6-4748.

Hospital and Out-Patient Clinic—130 West Kingsbridge Road, Bronx. RAymond 9-3200.

Veterans' Administration is the agency of the Federal Government which handles most of the benefits for veterans. These include:

Government Insurance
Education Under GI Bill of Rights
Vocational Training for Disabled Veterans
Loans for home, farm and business
Disability Pensions
Hospital Care
Medical Care for Service-connected Disabilities
National Soldiers' Homes
Burial Allowance
(For further details, see Part I)

In general, financial benefits are administered through the regional office. Here claims and appeals are filed, applications for rights and benefits are made. Guidance may also be obtained for the educational benefits under Federal Laws.

The Veterans' Administration Facility in the Bronx is a hospital with out-patient clinic attached, where eligible veterans are treated. (See Part I for further information on eligibility for medical care by Veterans' Administration.)

PART V

VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS

Veterans' organizations provide a meeting-ground for the men and women who have been in the armed forces and wish to continue into civilian life the feeling of comradeship which has been developed in service.

These organizations have always served as the veterans' "Friend in Court." They bring the needs of veterans as a group to the attention of the government and obtain needed legislation on veterans benefits.

Veterans' organizations serve the individual veteran through welfare committees in Borough Hall. In addition to general welfare programs, they help veterans file claims, appeal pensions, appeal improper or unwarranted discharges, obtain hospitalization and other legal rights and benefits, and certify veterans for public assistance as well as represent them before government agencies.

These organizations have posts in the various Brooklyn neighborhoods. The county headquarters and welfare committees are listed below:

American Legion

County Headquarters—16 Pierrepont Street.

TRiangle 5-9140.

County Welfare Committee—Borough Hall Bldg.
TRiangle 5-0146.

Army and Navy Union of the U. S. A.

Borough Hall Bldg. TRiangle 5-6424.

Catholic War Veterans, Kings County Chapter

Borough Hall Building. MAin 5-8212.

Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 28

Borough Hall Bldg. MAin 4-9620.

Grand Army of the Republic

Borough Hall Bldg. TRiangle 5-6424.

Jewish War Veterans of the U. S., Kings County Council

County Headquarters—427 Fulton St.

Welfare Office—Borough Hall Bldg. MAin 5-8212.

United Spanish War Veterans, Kings County

Borough Hall Bldg. TRiangle 5-6424.

Veterans of Foreign Wars of U. S., Brooklyn Council, Kings County

Borough Hall Bldg. TRiangle 5-3409.

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"BACK HOME" SCHEDULE FOR VETERANS

1. Report to your local Selective Service Board.
2. Record your discharge with the County Clerk.
(See P. 28)
3. File your valuable papers in a safe place.
(Birth Certificate, Citizenship Papers, Marriage License, Military Serial Number, Social Security Number, Pension Claim Number).
4. File a pension claim, if you have a disability.
(See P. 14)
5. Pay your Government Insurance Premium.
Convert your insurance. (See P. 13)
6. Straighten out your old financial obligations.
(Old debts, back income taxes, etc.)
7. If you want your old job back, notify your employer. (See P. 8)

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