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(NAVAL SERVICE)

TO BE PLACED ON NOTICE BOARDS

3987. WAR SERVICE GRATUITIES

Naval Service Headquarters is aware that many Officers and ratings are anxious to return to civil life as soon as their services can be spared.

2. Naval personnel can rest assured that the basis on which they will be released will be fair and reasonable with a minimum of delay. No one will be allowed an unfair advantage and those who attempt to hasten their return to civil life by deserting or committing other offences must realize that, in addition to the normal penalties, their thoughtless action may cost them their entitlement to rehabilitation benefits. These benefits have considerable cash value. For example: An Able Seaman, married with no children who had served one year ashore in Canada and two years at sea would normally be entitled to the following cash benefits:—

A Clothing Allowance of	\$100.00
A Rehabilitation Grant of	92.70
A War Service Gratuity of	571.52
TOTAL	<u>\$764.22</u>

Additional service would increase this amount proportionally. If, for example, that same Able Seaman also wanted to buy a suburban home worth \$4,800.00 with stock and equipment worth \$1,200.00 and was qualified for a "small holding" under the Veterans' Land Act, he might obtain a grant of up to \$2,320.00 towards the purchase and get a long-term, low-interest loan for most of the balance.

If, instead of a suburban home, he wanted about eight months' trade training to help him get a better job, and was qualified under the Post-Discharge Re-Establishment Order, he might obtain a grant of up to \$80.00 per month while taking the course—in this case a total of \$640.00, in addition to the tuition fees, for the course.

If, on the other hand, he wanted to return to University for two years to get a degree, and was qualified under the Post-Discharge Re-Establishment Order, he might obtain a grant of up to \$80.00 per month for seven months each year while attending classes—in this case a total of \$1,120.00—in addition to the University fees for the course.

3. There are many other kinds of rehabilitation benefits but these examples are given to illustrate the value of benefits available. All the benefits are described in detail in the booklet "Back to Civil Life" which is being distributed throughout the Service.

Commanding Officer

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