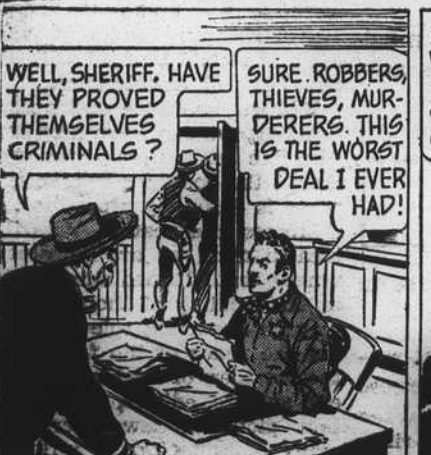
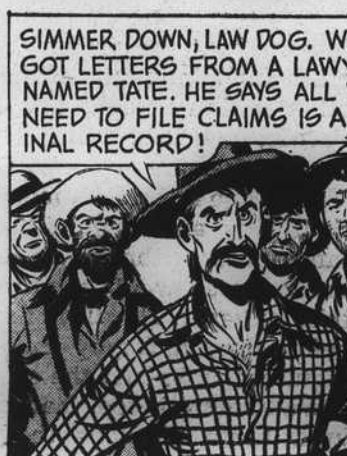
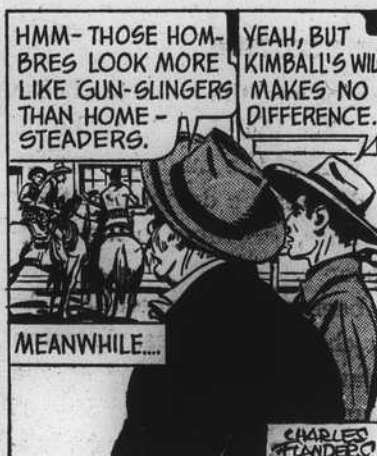


THE LONE RANGER

BY FRAN STRIKER



War Veterans' Question Box

Q.—I still have some back pay coming from the army. How do I get it?

A.—Address your inquiry to the finance officer of the camp in the United States from which you were discharged or transferred to the enlisted reserve corps. Be sure to print full name and serial or service number.

Q.—Upon my return home, I find bills here for income tax. I thought these taxes were forgiven to members of the armed services.

A.—In some cases, federal and state laws provide for deferment or adjustment of tax returns for servicemen or veterans. We suggest you contact your nearest office of the Collector of Internal Revenue for further information.

Q.—Does a returned soldier have any protection against civil lawsuits?

A.—In general, the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief act protects servicemen and women up to six months after their discharge by making it possible for the courts to suspend enforcement of certain civil liabilities during that time. These include lawsuits for collection of debts, contracts, repossession of property, collection of certain taxes, sale of property for taxes, eviction of dependents for non-payment of rent, insurance premiums, and rights in public land. We suggest you contact your local selective service board about your protection in your individual problem.

Q.—Can you tell me the amount of disability pension to which I am entitled?

A.—We suggest you apply to your nearest Veterans administration office since amounts vary. The law provides that if you are discharged from the armed forces with a disability due to service you may be entitled to disability benefits including a pension. The amount payable runs from \$11.50 a month for 10 per cent disability up to \$115 a month for 100 per cent disability. In addition, there are special rates and allowances for specific injuries and more seriously disabling conditions.

Q.—Are all veterans entitled to wear the lapel button and where can they be obtained?

A.—If you served honorably on or after September 8, 1939, you are entitled to wear the lapel button. If you did not get one when you were mustered out of service, the button may be obtained at most any military or naval installation upon presentation of a discharge certificate or other certificate of service.

Q.—How do I keep my service life insurance in force?

A.—You do two things, (1) Pay the premium direct, make check or money order payable to the Treasurer of the United States and mail it to the Collections subdivision, Veterans administration, Washington 25, D. C. You may arrange to pay your premiums monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. (2) Your insurance was originally issued on what is called the Five - Year - Level - Premium - Term Plan. At any time after it has been in force a year, and before the end of five years, you may convert it into Ordinary life, 20-payment life or 30-payment life. Your new policy will have regular cash values after the first year from which you can borrow, if necessary. If you wish to change your beneficiary, write the Directors of Insurance, Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C. If you let this insurance lapse, you will be unable to buy similar protection for yourself and your family at the same cost.