

G. I. Insurance Much Improved By New Government Policies

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(NEA)—Here, in answer to the continuing flow of insurance queries, is a summary of the changes in national service life insurance effected by the NSLI act. In addition to the previously-authorized types of insurance, 20-year endowment policies and endowments maturing at age 60 and at age 65 have now been provided as alternatives to which veterans can convert their term insurance.

On each of these endowment policies, the premiums must be paid for the indicated length of time. When the policy has been paid up and has matured, the veteran gets the specified amount of money.

Veterans who have already converted their term insurance to one of the previously-authorized plans may now change over to one of the endowment plans.

All restrictions as to the choice of beneficiary have been removed. Any person or persons, a corporation, or an estate may be named as beneficiary.

The veteran may now provide that his insurance be paid in a single lump-sum to beneficiaries, or he may have payments made in equal monthly installments ranging over a period of from 36 to 240 months.

Benefits are now available to an insured veteran who is totally disabled for as long as six months. These payments are made at the rate of \$5 a month for each \$1,000 of insurance, and they are payable for as long as the disability exists.

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EDWARD E. BATHURST

Juniata Youth At Tokyo When Japs Gave Up

Edward Eugene Bathurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bathurst of 602 Third avenue, Juniata, received his honorable discharge from the navy on Aug. 6 at Bainbridge, Md., and is now enjoying a vacation at home.

Upon entering the service 19 months ago, he was sent to Sampson, N. Y., for boot training, after which he was assigned to the destroyer Madison, aboard which he served in the Asiatic-Pacific theatre. At the time of the surrender of the Japanese he was with the 3rd fleet in Tokyo bay, his parents having received a letter from him

which was stamped in Tokyo bay at that time.

The Madison was returned to the United States in November last year and at that time Edward enjoyed a leave and spent Christmas at home, after which he returned to California and on to the Pacific and China, serving this time aboard an LST.

Having left school to enlist in the navy, he now expects to return for preparation to enter art school.

Twelve Months See Big Change In Jap Nation

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TOKYO, Aug. 14.—Here is a picture of Japan—one year after surrender.

Japan is still ruled by military authority. It is, however, of a highly different character than her own defunct militarism.

Troops of the allied powers are everywhere in the Japanese islands. It is largely an American occupation but there are many soldiers of the United Kingdom and some from China.

The relationship between the occupation forces and the Japanese is about as friendly as could be imagined so soon after the war. There has been no need for a policy which is tough or bristling with rifles or bayonets.

Japan still pays respect to a symbol of the right and power to rule. But the symbol no longer is the emperor. Now it is Gen. Douglas MacArthur. His authority is unquestioned. The figure of Emperor Hirohito has been dwarfed by the stature of the military chieftain.

MacArthur's attitude toward the

Japanese is that of father toward child. His guiding hand is firm. He wants the Japanese to work out their own salvation, but he is quick to step in when they get out of line.

Classic examples of MacArthur's iron will in the direction of Japanese through democratic channels are his orders giving the ordinary Japanese freedom of expression, breaking up the industrial zaibatsu, banning state Shintoism, barring known militarists and ultra-nationalists from public office, and discouraging public demonstrations of an extremist nature.

His efforts to provide Japan with sufficient food and his support of the emperor system have won him many friends among the Japanese.

Japan is a country struggling to regain its national character. Lacking in sufficient intelligent leaders, its internal politics is marked by bungling, inertia and words-without-action. Having been purged of the worst rightist influences, the hope for the new Japan is that leaders will emerge in good time.

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the influence of intoxicating liquor. Officer William R. Mills of the city police department is the prosecutor in the case, having arrested the defendant on Aug. 9. Woods at that time was released on bail for the hearing last evening.

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