

Explains GI Bill's Provision Assuring Places in Old Jobs For Returning Service Folk

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Re-employment provisions of the Selective Service Act and matters relating to re-employment of service men were discussed by Major Henry N. Gross, of the Veterans Personnel Division of the Selective Service, Harrisburg, Pa., at a meeting of the Lehigh Valley Industrial Association, held at the Elks Club last evening.

The speaker described fully the re-employment provisions of the Selective Service Act, which deals with the re-employment of service men, and stated that discharged service men shall be entitled to all rights, such as seniority, status and pay, unless the employers' circumstances have so changed that it is impossible, or unreasonable to do so.

He also stated that a veteran returning from service and being unable to secure his former position should contact his Selective Service Board. However if the veteran does not wish to return to his former employment, he is eligible to obtain another position through the United States Employment Service. A question and answer forum followed the speaker's discussion.

Capt. Joseph M. Unger, who recently returned from overseas duty accompanied Major Gross.

Twenty-eight firms in the Lehigh Valley are represented in the association. The meeting was in charge of H. J. Gillette, of the Mack Manufacturing Corporation, Allentown.

Section Eight of the Selective Service act is as follows:

Sec. 8. Certificates and physical examinations; Re-employment; Trainees right to vote; Replacement in industry.

(a) Any person inducted into the land or naval forces under this Act for training and service, who, in the judgment of those in authority over him, satisfactorily completes his period of training and service under section 3 (b) shall be entitled to a certificate to that effect upon the completion of such period of training and service, which shall include a record of any special proficiency or merit attained. In addition, each such person who is inducted into the land or naval forces under this Act for training and service shall be given a physical examination at the beginning of such training and service; and upon the completion of his period of training and service under section 3 (b), each such person shall be given another physical examination and, upon the written request of the person concerned,

shall be given a statement of medical record by the War Department; Provided, That such statement shall not contain any reference to mental or other conditions which in the judgment of the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy would prove injurious to the physical or mental health of the person to whom it pertains.

(b) In the case of any such person who, in order to perform such training and service, has left or leaves a position, other than a temporary position in the employ of any employer and who (1) receives such certificate, (2) is still qualified to perform the duties of such positions, and (3) makes application for reemployment within forty days after he is relieved from such training and service—

(A) if such position was in the employ of the United States Government, its Territories or possessions, or the District of Columbia, such person shall be restored to such position or to a position of like seniority, status, and pay;

(B) if such position was in the employ of a private employer, such employer shall restore such person to such position or to a position of like seniority, status, and pay unless the employer's circumstances have so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to do so;

(C) if such position was in the employ of any State or political subdivision thereof, it is hereby declared to be the sense of Congress that such person should be restored to such position or to a position of like seniority, status, and pay.

(c) Any person who is restored to a position in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (A) or (B) of subsection (b) shall be considered as having been on furlough or leave of absence during his period of training and service in the land or naval forces, shall be so restored without loss of seniority, shall be entitled to participate in

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