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# Letter of Transmittal

To the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 94th Congress:

In accordance with the provisions of 38 U. S. C. 214, I have the honor of submitting a report on the activities of the Veterans Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975.

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Administrator

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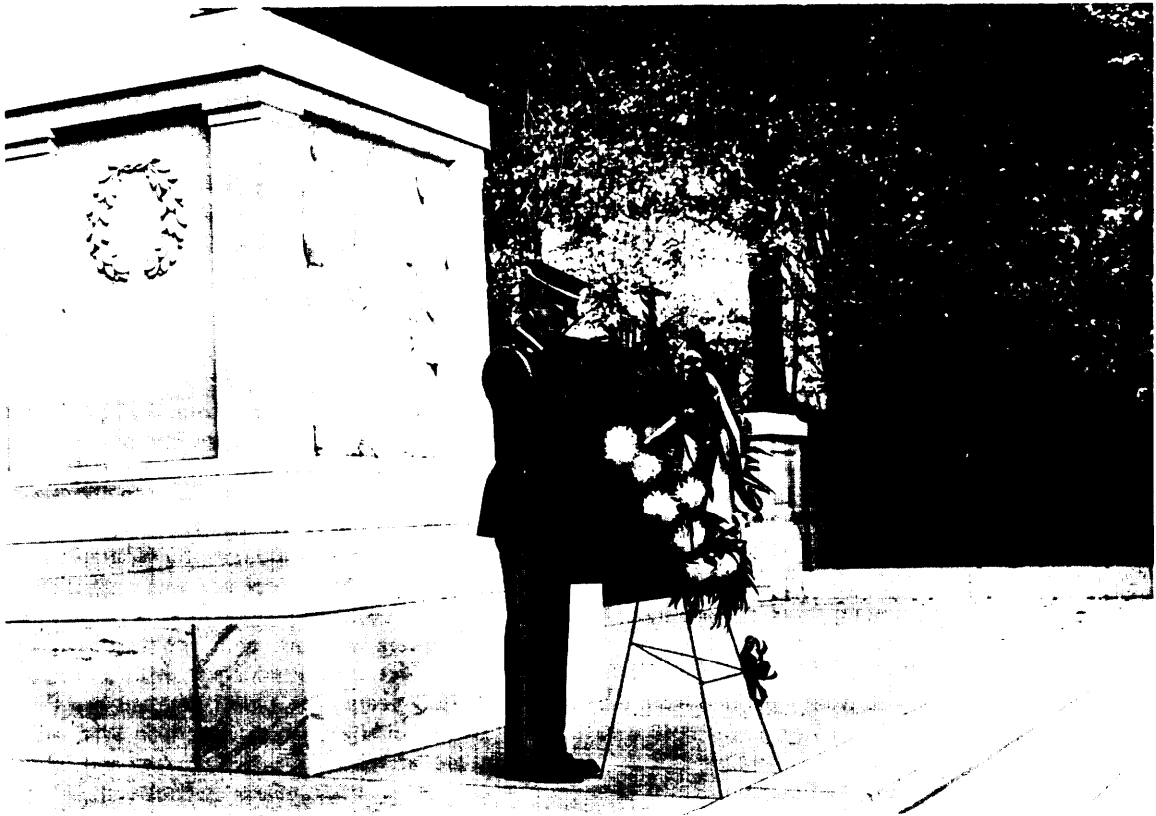
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# The Veteran

## COMPARATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

| Period of Service  | Veteran Population <sup>1</sup><br>June 30, 1974 | Net Separations<br>from Armed<br>Forces | Deaths in<br>Civil Life | Veteran<br>Population<br>June 30, 1975 | Percent<br>Change |
|--|--|---|-------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Total Veterans   | 29,294,000                                       | 523,000                                 | 358,000                 | <b>29,458,000</b>                      | + 0.6             |
| War veterans   | 26,194,000                                       | 523,000                                 | 350,000                 | <b>26,367,000</b>                      | + 0.7             |
| Vietnam era - total  | 7,090,000  | 523,000                                 | 16,000                  | <b>7,597,000</b>                       | + 7.2             |
| with no Korean<br>conflict service                         | 6,629,000  | 477,000                                 | 12,000                  | <b>7,094,000</b>                       | + 7.0             |
| with Korean<br>conflict service                            | 461,000  | 46,000                                  | 4,000                   | <b>603,000</b>                         | + 9.1             |
| Korean conflict - total                                    | 5,964,000  | 46,000                                  | 37,000                  | <b>6,973,000</b>                       | + 0.2             |
| with no World War II<br>service                            | 4,706,000  | 38,000                                  | 21,000                  | <b>4,723,000</b>                       | + 0.4             |
| with World War II<br>service                               | 1,258,000  | 8,000                                   | 16,000                  | <b>1,260,000</b>                       | - 0.6             |
| World War II - total                                       | 13,787,000                                       | 8,000                                   | 209,000                 | <b>13,588,000</b>                      | - 1.5             |
| with no Korean<br>conflict service                         | 12,529,000                                       | -                                       | 193,000                 | <b>12,336,000</b>                      | - 1.5             |
| with Korean<br>conflict service                            | 1,258,000  | 8,000                                   | 16,000                  | <b>1,260,000</b>                       | - 0.6             |
| World War I  | 1,071,000  | -                                       | 108,000                 | <b>963,000</b>                         | - 10.1            |
| Spanish American War                                       | 1,000  | -                                       | <sup>2</sup>            | <b>1,000</b>                           | -                 |
| Service between Korean<br>conflict and Vietnam<br>era only | 3,100,000  | -                                       | 8,000                   | <b>3,092,000</b>                       | - 0.3             |

<sup>1</sup> Revised  
<sup>2</sup> Less than 500

## SUMMARY

On April 19, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford spoke at historic Concord, Massachusetts to commemorate the opening of the nation's bicentennial celebration. In the 200 years which followed those first shots at the Battles of Lexington and Concord, nearly 39 million Americans have answered the call to arms during periods of hostilities. More than a million of these participants died while serving their country and more than 26 million of the survivors of these wars are alive today.

Late in the fiscal year the Vietnam era was ended by a Presidential proclamation dated May 7, 1975. This fixed the period of Vietnam era qualifying service as that beginning on August 5, 1964, and ending on May 7, 1975. Benefits affected by the proclamation are primarily those under VA non-service connected pension and burial allowance programs.

## NUMBER OF VETERANS AND PERIOD OF SERVICE

There were an estimated 29,459,000 male and female veterans in civil life on June 30, 1975. The increase of 0.6 percent over the veteran population of 1 year ago represents the smallest rate of growth since the beginning of the Vietnam era. Deaths in civil life during the year numbered 358,000; the 523,000 net separations from military service resulted in an increase of 165,000 veterans overall.

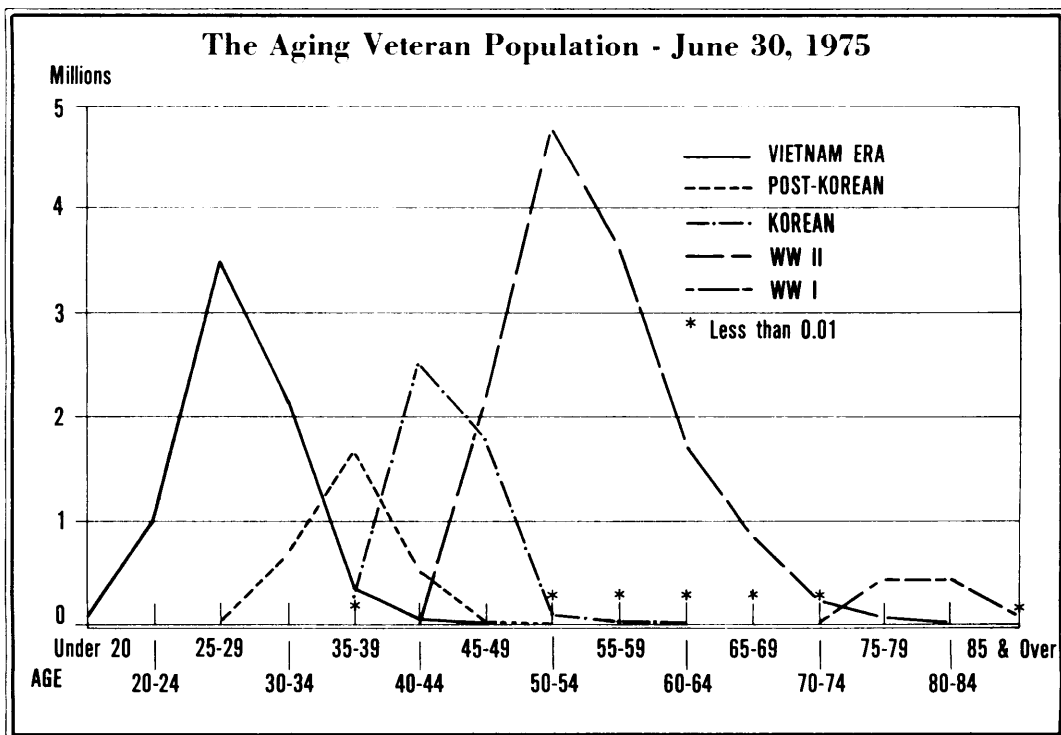
Almost 90 percent, or 26,367,000 veterans, had served in the Armed Forces during periods of war or armed conflict. The remaining 3,092,000 were those veterans whose only active duty service was between the Korean conflict and the Vietnam era. During FY 1975, the number of living Vietnam era veterans grew to 7,597,000. The Korean conflict veteran population increased only slightly, as 46,000 newly separated veterans were nearly offset by 37,000 deaths among those already in civil life. The veteran population of each of the other periods of service decreased during FY 1975. Some 8,000 of those who were separated from the Armed Forces had served in World War II as well as the Korean conflict and Vietnam era, but that number was small by comparison with the

209,000 deaths of World War II veterans; thus, the number of living World War II veterans declined to 13,586,000. The number of living veterans of World War I fell below 1 million during the past year, as some 108,000 deaths decreased their population to 963,000. The population of Spanish American War veterans numbers about 1,000. The deaths of 8,000 veterans with service only between the Korean conflict and the Vietnam era resulted in a decrease to 3,092,000 of these veterans in civil life as of June 30, 1975.

## AGE OF VETERANS

The average age of the total living veteran population was 45.9 years at the end of FY 1975. This represents an increase of only 0.4 years during the previous 12 months, as 358,000 veterans (primarily older World War II and World War I veterans) died and 523,000 recently separated men and women, whose average age was only slightly more than 25 years, were added to the population.

Vietnam era veterans with no service in the Korean conflict are the youngest, with an average age of 28.3 years. The oldest veterans are those who served in the Spanish American War, all of whom are at least 87 years of age, and whose average age is 95.5 years. Between these two



extremes are the World War I veterans, averaging 80.3 years; World War II veterans, with an average age of 55.4; veterans of the Korean conflict (with no service in World War II), with an average age of 43.9 years; and veterans with service only between the Korean conflict and the Vietnam era, averaging 36.7 years of age.

More than half of all living veterans are between the ages of 40 and 59; the largest 5-year age group, 50 to 54 years, contains 4.9 million veterans. By way of contrast, veterans under 20 years of age number only 57,000. There are, however, some 4.6 million veterans under the age of 30. Veterans aged 65 and over number about 2.2 million, of which 105,000 are 85 years of age or older.

## FEMALE VETERANS

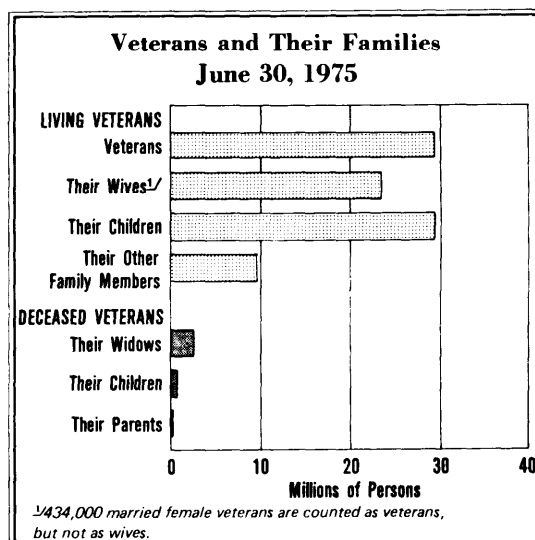
Included in the veteran population, as of June 30, 1975, were 562,000 female veterans. They range in age from under 20 years to over 85. Women participated in World War I and in each period of service thereafter. More than half (300,000) served during World War II, and one of five (117,000) were veterans of the Vietnam era (no service in the Korean conflict). Some 75,000 served during the Korean conflict (no service in World War II), and 13,000 during World War I. There were 57,000 female veterans whose only service was between the Korean conflict and the Vietnam era.

## VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Veterans in civil life actually represent less than one-third of all potential recipients of VA benefits and services. The 29,459,000 living veterans as of June 30, 1975 have 29.5 million dependent children (under 18 years of age), 9.6 million other family members (18 years old or older), and 23.5 million husbands or wives. In addition there were 3.8 million dependents of deceased veterans at the end of FY 1975. There were 2.7 million widows and widowers, over 900,000 dependent children, and 175,000 dependent parents. Thus the entire population of potential beneficiaries comprise almost 96 million, or 45 percent of the population of the United States.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF VETERANS

The VA obtains data on various socio-economic characteristics of male veterans and nonveterans



from the Current Population Survey (CPS) through contractual agreement with the Bureau of the Census, with the approval of the Department of Labor<sup>1</sup>. Data available from the CPS survey include educational attainment and income, work experience and employment status. It should be noted that differences in the median income and work experience of veterans and nonveterans can be largely explained by variances in their age distributions. If the nonveterans' age distribution is made to conform with that of veterans, differences in these areas are reduced considerably.

## Educational Attainment and Income

There were 63 million males 20 years old and older in the civilian noninstitutional population residing in the United States in March 1975. Of these, 28.3 million (44.9 percent) were veterans. Veterans had attained a median educational level of 12.6 years and during calendar year 1974 their median income was \$11,360, an increase of \$540 above the preceding year. Their nonveteran counterparts had attained a median educational level of 12.3 years and their median income was \$7,430, \$3,930 lower than the median income level of the veterans.

<sup>1</sup> The Bureau of the Census surveys only male veterans in the CPS. If data on female veterans were collected, the sample would be too small to be reliable or representative of the characteristics of female veterans as a separate group. The VA has requested that data on female veterans be collected in the 1980 Decennial Census.

The accompanying table shows the median income of veterans and nonveterans in calendar year 1974 by educational level:

| Attained Level of Education     | Median Income in 1974 |             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|                                 | Veterans              | Nonveterans |
| Less than high school . . . . . | \$ 6,870              | \$ 4,730    |
| Some high school . . . . .      | 9,830                 | 7,340       |
| High school graduate . . . . .  | 11,350                | 8,870       |
| Some college . . . . .          | 12,620                | 6,750       |
| College . . . . .               | 17,240                | 11,870      |

The table indicates that, as might be expected, income rises with increased educational attainment. One exception is apparent in the table; nonveterans with some college had a median income (\$6,750) which was 24 percent less than that of nonveteran high school graduates (\$8,870). It should be noted that almost half (47 percent) of the nonveterans with some college were very young (20 to 24 years of age); were still in school; had no significant work experience; and, had little or no personal income. In contrast, only 28 percent of the nonveteran high school graduates were in the 20 to 24-year age group; and most of the high school graduates (41 percent) were in their prime earning years (30 to 60 years old).

This decline in median income did not occur among veterans with some college because only 6 percent of them were in the 20 to 24-year age group, and while many are attending school their income was supplemented by veterans' educational benefits. At all educational levels veterans' median income exceeded that of nonveterans.

About nine of 10 Vietnam era veterans who did not serve in the Korean conflict are under 35 years old. Social and economic characteristics of veterans under 35 years of age are, therefore, considered representative of Vietnam era veterans. The median educational level of these young veterans was 12.8 years and during calendar year 1974 they had a median income of \$9,550, an increase of \$690 over the preceding calendar year. Nonveterans in the same age range had a median educational level of 12.9 years, but their median personal income was \$7,350, 23 percent less than that of their veteran counterparts. However, if nonveterans had the same proportionate age distribution as Vietnam era veterans their median income would be only \$720 (8 percent) lower.

### Work Experience

About 90 percent of all male veterans in the civilian noninstitutional population worked during

calendar year 1974 compared with 80 percent of the nonveterans. Eight of 10 working veterans and seven of 10 working nonveterans were employed throughout the year, either full-time or part-time. Ninety-six percent of all male veteran year-round workers and 89 percent of all male nonveteran year-round workers held full-time jobs for either part or all of the year.

Ninety-five percent of all noninstitutional male Vietnam era veterans (20 to 34 years old) worked during calendar year 1974. Of these veterans more than nine of 10 worked at either a full-time or part-time job all year. Ninety-four percent of all noninstitutional male nonveterans in the same age range worked during the year and nearly nine of 10 were engaged in either full-time or part-time jobs all year long.

### Employment Status

About nine of 10 (24.6 million) veterans of all ages were in the labor force during fiscal year 1975 and seven of 10 (30.8 million) male nonveterans participated in the labor force. The annual unemployment rate for these veterans and nonveterans was 4.7 percent and 8.3 percent, respectively. The unemployment rates for veterans and nonveterans alike rose over the previous fiscal year, especially during the last half of FY 1975.

Of the 6.1 million Vietnam era veterans 20 to 34 years old in the civilian labor force at the end of fiscal year 1975, 5.5 million (90.3 percent) were employed and 589 thousand were unemployed. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 9.7 percent for these young veterans in June 1975 compared with 5.1 percent (revised) in the preceding June. Among young male nonveterans 20 to 34 years old, the unemployment rate increased 4.6 percentage points, from 5.4 percent (revised) in June 1974 to 10.0 percent in June 1975. Among the youngest Vietnam era veterans (20 to 24 years old) the unemployment rate was 19.9 percent in June 1975, more than double the rate of 7.6 percent for the older Vietnam era veterans aged 25 to 34 years.

### NEW LEGISLATION<sup>1</sup>

A number of laws were enacted during FY 1975 which are of particular interest to the VA.

<sup>1</sup>Section 102, Title 38 U.S.C. provides that for purposes of Title 38 the term "wife" includes the husband of any female veteran, and the term "widow" includes the widower of any female veteran.

### **Public Law 93-337**

This act extends the delimiting date for veterans, wives and widows to complete their education programs from 8 to 10 years and excludes certain periods of detention and hospitalization for veteran -civilians held as prisoners of war by a foreign government or power.

### **Public Law 93-383**

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, among other things, expanded the requirement that the Federal Housing Administration grant preference to veterans under its housing programs so as to include veterans who served after the Korean conflict or during the Vietnam era.

It also amended the Civil Rights Act of 1968 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in financing, sale, or rental of housing, or the provision of brokerage services. It amended the National Housing Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in the making of Federally-related mortgage loans, providing insurance guarantee, or related assistance, and to require lenders to consider the combined incomes of husband and wife in extending mortgage credit.

### **Public Law 93-414**

This act set VA's annual appropriation at almost \$14 billion for FY 1975 and also limited to \$500 million the amount of Loan Guaranty Revolving Fund assets available during the current fiscal year for operations under chapter 37 of Title 38 U.S.C.

### **Public Law 93-445**

This act provides for complete restructuring of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937, places it on a sound financial basis and defines terms pertinent to a determination as to whether an individual's military service is creditable for railroad retirement purposes.

It also provides that an employee's annuity based in part on military service credited under the Railroad Retirement Act will be reduced if the individual is receiving pension, disability compensation, or any other gratuitous benefits under any

other Act of Congress which is based on the same military service.

### **Public Law 93-508**

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, among other things, increases benefits in varying amounts for certain educational and vocational training. It removes the limitation of the number of veteran-students the VA may utilize under the work-study program, increases the number of hours during which they may work and raises the maximum payment they may receive from \$250 to \$625.

In addition, it liberalizes the tutorial assistance program and authorizes supplementary assistance to certain eligible veterans, or eligible wives, widows, and children through direct loans.

It provides for educational benefits for certain peacetime veterans and permits active duty for training performed by members of the Reserves and National Guard to be counted for educational benefit entitlement purposes where he or she subsequently serves on active duty for a consecutive period of 1 year or more. It permits 6 months of educational assistance to pursue refresher training.

It further authorizes through the VETREP program, assignment of representatives on either full or part time basis to institutions based on the enrollment of veterans at the institution.

### **Public Law 93-527**

The Veterans and Survivors Pension Adjustment Act of 1974 increases monthly benefit rates by approximately 12 percent and raises by \$400 the annual income limitation applicable to payment of non-service connected disability and death pensions and payment of service connected dependency and indemnity compensation to parents of deceased veterans.

### **Public Law 93-538**

This act extends eligibility for benefits under the automobile and adaptive equipment program and redefines the term "adaptive equipment."

It provides that the automobile assistance payment shall include all State, local and other taxes

and increases the amount of the grant from \$2800 to \$3300.

It also provides authority for the VA to provide for special driver training courses at certain VA installations and to purchase insurance appropriate to the training program. It also makes provisions affecting the VA's prosthetic research, medical research and development programs.

#### **Public Law 93-569**

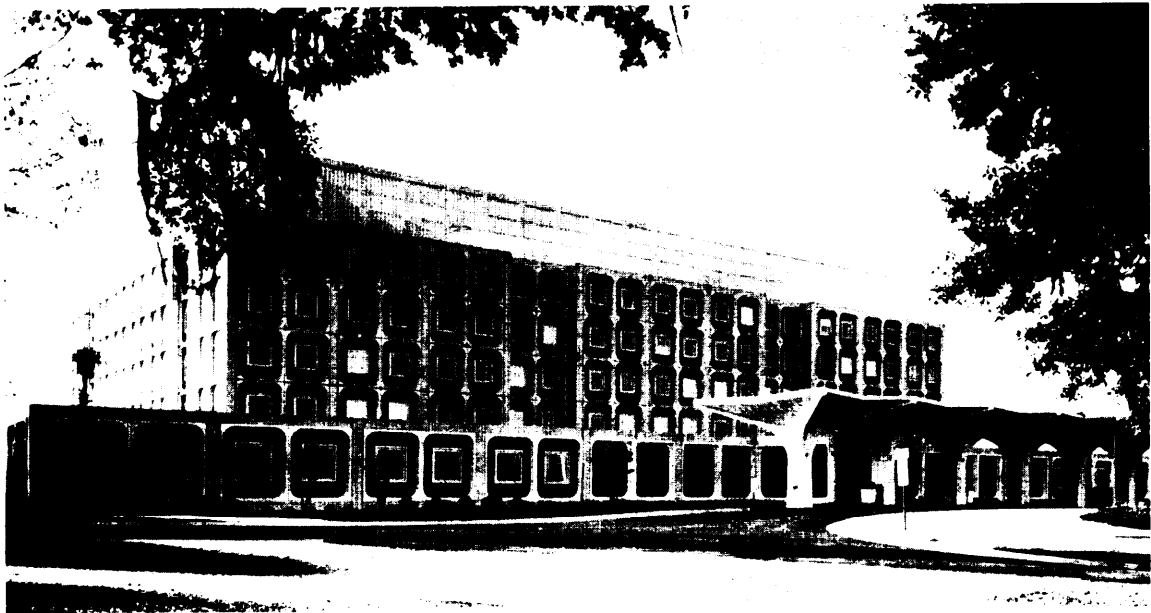
The Veterans Housing Act of 1974 increases

maximum grants the VA can make to certain disabled veterans to assist in acquiring suitable housing and increases maximum amounts under the loan guaranty and direct loan programs from \$12,500 to \$17,500.

This Act permits loans to purchase lots on which to place mobile home units and increases maximum loan amounts for mobile homes.

It also permits the Administrator to restore a veteran's entitlement to a guaranteed, insured or direct loan under certain circumstances.





# Health Care

## COMPARATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

| Item                                  | Fiscal Year |             | Percent Change |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
|                                       | 1975        | 1974        |                |
| Facilities operating at end of year   |             |             |                |
| Hospitals                             | 171         | 171         |                |
| Domiciliaries                         | 18          | 18          |                |
| Outpatient clinics                    | 213         | 209         |                |
| Nursing home units                    | 85          | 84          |                |
| Employment (Net full-time equivalent) | 173,339     | 166,079     | + 4.4          |
| Operating costs (in millions)         | \$3,460.5   | \$2,950.6   | + 17.3         |
| Medical care                          | 3,328.2     | 2,837.6     | + 17.2         |
| Research                              | 95.4        | 81.8        | + 16.6         |
| Other                                 | 36.9        | 31.2        | + 18.2         |
| Inpatients treated (episodes of care) | 1,220,107   | 1,140,750   | + 6.9          |
| VA facilities                         | 1,142,893   | 1,073,539   | + 6.4          |
| Other facilities                      | 77,214      | 67,211      | + 14.8         |
| Average daily inpatient census        | 114,384     | 114,426     | <sup>1</sup>   |
| VA facilities                         | 95,893      | 97,594      | - 1.8          |
| Other facilities                      | 18,491      | 16,832      | + 9.8          |
| Outpatient medical visits             | 14,629,517  | 12,266,476  | + 19.2         |
| VA staff                              | 12,595,514  | 10,457,830  | + 20.4         |
| Fee-basis                             | 2,034,003   | 1,808,646   | + 12.4         |
| Outpatient dental care                |             |             |                |
| VA staff                              |             |             |                |
| Examinations                          | 85,802      | 79,674      | + 7.7          |
| Treatment cases completed             | 83,670      | 79,498      | + 5.2          |
| Net authorized on fee-basis           | 130,891     | 156,467     | - 16.4         |
| Prescriptions dispensed               | 35,760,058  | 29,119,910  | + 22.8         |
| Laboratory procedures (unit count)    | 146,756,541 | 129,345,718 | + 13.5         |
| Radiology examinations                | 5,421,558   | 5,057,117   | + 7.2          |

<sup>1</sup> Less than 0.1 percent change.

## SUMMARY

The Veterans Administration health care system at the end of FY 1975 was providing care in 171 hospitals, 213 outpatient clinics, 85 nursing homes, and 18 domiciliaries. Veterans were also given care under VA auspices in non-VA hospitals and in community nursing homes. In addition, the VA authorized, on a fee-for-service basis, visits to non-VA physicians and dentists for outpatient treatment, and supported veterans under care in 8 hospitals, 31 nursing homes, and 38 domiciliaries operated by 31 States.

The new program of medical care for dependents of certain veterans authorized by Public Law 93-82, the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Veterans Administration (CHAMPVA), was fully implemented. Under a VA/Department of Defense agreement, arrangements have been made for coverage of VA beneficiaries under the same conditions by which the Secretary of Defense provides medical care to Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) beneficiaries through civilian health care providers.

There were 122 construction projects completed during the year, at a cost of \$72.7 million. An additional 182 projects at a total estimated cost of \$297.5 million were under construction at the end of the year. Major projects completed included research additions to the VA hospitals at

Omaha, NE, and Cleveland, OH; and a 180-bed nursing home care facility constructed at Long Beach, CA.

Twenty-two different types of specialized medical services, such as drug dependence treatment centers, hemodialysis units, and nuclear medicine units, were available at VA health care facilities during FY 1975. At the end of the year, there were 1,170 separate such units in operation, or about twice the number in operation 6 years ago.

The number of inpatients treated (episodes of care) rose to an all-time high. There were more than 1,220,000 episodes of care in FY 1975, or 7 percent more than in FY 1974. More than 91 percent of these were in VA hospitals.

Outpatient care provided also reached new highs. Visits for outpatient medical care to VA staff and on a fee-for-service basis amounted to 14,630,000, a 19 percent increase compared with the previous year. In the continuing effort to provide access to VA medical programs throughout the country, four new outpatient clinics were opened at Greenville, SC, Orlando, FL, Mobile, AL, and Columbus, OH. Several more are planned for opening in the near future.

Two new nursing home care units were activated at the VA health care facilities at Iron Mountain, MI, and White River Junction, VT. At the end of the year, preparations had almost been completed for the opening of a new unit at Long Beach, CA.

The VA provided training to an estimated 73,000 persons in the health care field, with 6,800 physician and dentist positions supported by VA internships and residencies. At the end of the year, 122 VA hospitals and 27 VA outpatient clinics were participating in close "Deans Committee" affiliations with 98 medical schools, and every one of the 171 VA hospitals was engaged in education and training in cooperation with one or more affiliated universities, colleges, including junior and community colleges, and other schools.

A new program for evaluating the quality of patient care, the Health Services Review Organization, was initiated during the year. The program encompasses both internal and external systematic review.

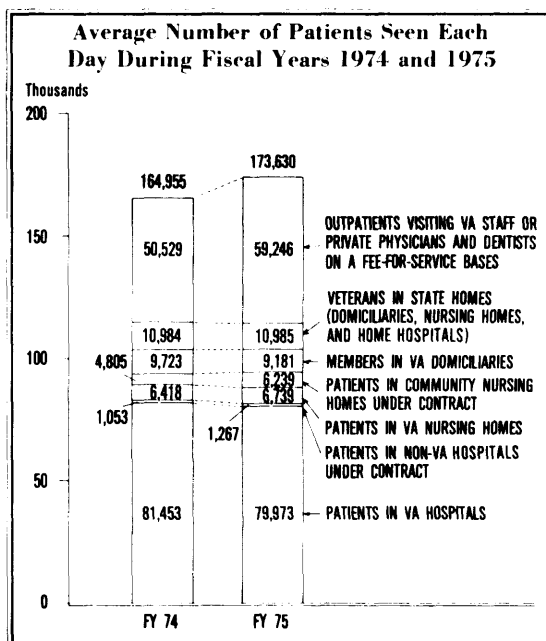
Operating costs for the Department of Medicine and Surgery amounted to \$3.46 billion, an increase of 17.3 percent over FY 1974.

To carry out its mission, the Department of Medicine and Surgery employed more than 173,000 (full-time equivalent) people, or 7,300

more than in FY 1974.

## PATIENT CARE PROVIDED

During FY 1975, more patients were cared for by the VA than during any other year since the establishment of the Veterans Administration in 1930. As can be seen in the accompanying chart, an average of 173,630 veterans were under care each day - 8,675 more than the daily average during FY 1974. Of the 173,630, almost one-half were patients in VA hospitals or in non-VA hospitals under contract.



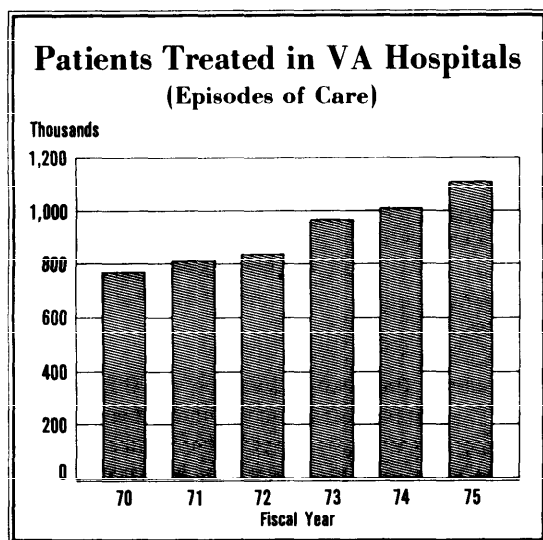
## Hospital Care

During FY 1975, VA received an all-time high of 2,069,000 applications for care — almost 300,000 more than in the previous fiscal year. Of the applications processed, 17.5 percent were made by Vietnam era veterans and 11.8 percent by veterans 65 years of age or older. About 73 percent of the applicants were accepted for hospital care, and many others received ambulatory care services. Some of those who were accepted for hospital care were treated on an ambulatory care basis and admission to a hospital was not necessary. The accompanying table shows the trend in the number of applications processed during the past five years.

| Fiscal Year | Applications Processed |                      |                |                                   |                |   |                |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---|----------------|
|             | All Veterans           | Vietnam Era Veterans |                | Veterans 65 Years of Age or Older |                | All Except Vietnam Era Veterans and Veterans 65 Years of Age or Older |                |
|             |                        | Number               | Percent of All | Number                            | Percent of All | Number  | Percent of All |
| 1975        | 1,986,036              | 347,703              | 17.5           | 233,750                           | 11.8           | 1,404,583   | 70.7           |
| 1974        | 1,727,467              | 297,151              | 17.2           | 212,275                           | 12.3           | 1,218,041   | 70.5           |
| 1973        | 1,551,087              | 273,440              | 17.6           | 214,194                           | 13.8           | 1,063,453   | 68.6           |
| 1972        | 1,378,818              | 242,224              | 17.6           | 196,709                           | 14.2           | 939,885   | 68.2           |
| 1971        | 1,219,412              | 183,720              | 15.1           | 187,550                           | 15.4           | 848,142   | 69.5           |

There were 1,064,000 patients admitted to hospitals - 1,036,000 to VA hospitals and 28,000 to non-VA hospitals under VA authorization. Admissions of Vietnam era veterans to VA hospitals amounted to almost 145,000, an increase of about 14,000 compared with FY 1974.

The number of VA patients treated (episodes of care) in VA and non-VA hospitals during FY 1975 (i.e., the number of discharges and deaths during the year plus the number on the hospital rolls on June 30, 1975) totaled more than 1,142,000. Of this number almost 1,114,000 were treated in VA hospitals - the highest number in VA history and 71,000 more than during the prior year.



The increase in the number of patients treated was accomplished largely by reducing the length of time patients spent in a hospital during an episode of care and thus making beds available for more admissions. The most important factors contributing to this were improved staffing, higher use of ambulatory care, and more extensive placement of patients in nursing homes and other extended

care facilities.

The VA provided 29.7 million days of patient care in VA and non-VA hospitals during FY 1975. This represented, an average daily census of 81,240 patients, 79,973 of whom were in VA hospitals.

At the end of the year, VA's 171 hospitals were operating 94,477 beds, which were distributed as follows: 44,743 in medical bed sections, 19,907 in surgical bed sections, and 29,827 in psychiatric bed sections.

## Extended Care

**VA Domiciliaries** - The VA domiciliary care program is directed toward providing medical and comprehensive professional care in a residential-type setting to aging and disabled veterans who need care, but neither hospitalization nor skilled nursing home services. Both medical and professional care programs are tri-level, responding to the needs of long-term residents, intermittent residents, and those requiring short-term restorative services to enable their return to community living. In addition, a number of VA domiciliaries offer alcoholic rehabilitation programs and a variety of vocational training programs. During the past few years, emphasis has been placed on changing the character of the VA domiciliary program from that of custodial care to one of a therapeutic environment.

At the end of FY 1975, VA's 18 domiciliaries were operating 10,218 beds. During the year, the average daily census was 9,181 and 18,488 patients were treated.

**Nursing Home Care** - Two new nursing home care units were activated during the year at the VA health care facilities at Iron Mountain, MI, and White River Junction, VT. The unit at the VA hospital at Big Springs, TX was temporarily closed pending expansion. By the end of the year, preparations had almost been completed for the opening of a new unit constructed at Long Beach, CA.

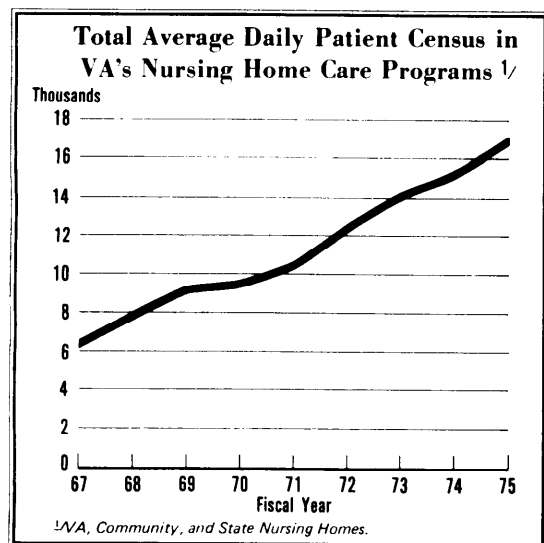
On June 30, 1975, VA was operating 7,130 nursing home care beds at 85 VA hospitals. These beds were designed for veterans who do not need hospital care but require skilled nursing care and related health services. There were 10,532 veterans treated in this program, with an average daily census of 6,739. The average length of stay of patients discharged was 456.4 days.

In addition to nursing home care units in VA



*Nursing Home Care Unit - Patients' Activity Room*

hospitals, the VA has contracts with over 3,300 community nursing homes in the 50 States and Puerto Rico. Veterans may receive up to 6 months of skilled nursing care in nursing homes in their communities, as a transition from VA hospitals. Veterans requiring care for a service connected disability are exempt from the 6-month limitation. A total of 21,749 veterans were treated in community nursing homes in FY 1975, with an average daily census of 6,239. The average length of stay of patients discharged was 119.3 days.



**State Home Program** - Through grants-in-aid, the VA assists the States in providing care to veterans in State veteran homes. VA makes per diem payments for the care of eligible veterans and

participates in the cost of constructing State home facilities (Public Law 88-450 and Public Law 91-178).

Thirty-eight State homes in 31 States (including two annexes in Nebraska) provided care to veterans during FY 1975. Of these homes, 38 provided 12,062 veterans with domiciliary care; 31 provided 7,832 veterans with nursing home care; and eight provided 6,967 veterans with hospital care. The combined average daily census during the year was 10,985.

Under the Federal/State sharing legislation to construct or remodel nursing home care facilities and to modernize existing domiciliary or hospital facilities in State homes, VA in FY 1975 approved one new nursing home construction project involving 50 beds, and 18 projects to remodel existing State home facilities. The facility at Scottsbluff, NE was also recognized as an annex to the Nebraska Veterans Home at Grand Island.

Since enactment of this legislation in 1964, VA has participated in 32 projects to construct 4,137 nursing home care beds, and 65 projects to remodel existing hospital, domiciliary and nursing home care facilities. Since the beginning of this program, VA funding for all construction projects has totaled about \$45 million.

**Hospital-Based Home Care** - The Hospital-Based Home Care Program allows for an early discharge of selected veterans to their own homes. The family provides the necessary personal care under coordinated supervision of a hospital-based multi-disciplinary treatment team. Thirty-one hospitals are providing home health services. In FY 1975, a total of 1,570 veterans were placed in the program and 44,850 visits were made by health professionals.

**Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Centers** - To ensure that aging veterans receive quality care specific to their needs, the Veterans Administration has established Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Centers in select VA facilities across the nation. The Centers are functioning as a spearhead force in developing, modeling, and instituting new treatment policies for the provision of services to elderly citizens. They provide focus and expertise for those extended care systems, both within the VA and the larger community, which are most frequently involved with a geriatric population.

Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Centers have been organized at the VA Center, Bay

Pines, FL; VA Hospital, Little Rock, AR; VA Hospital, Palo Alto-Menlo Park, CA; and VA Wadsworth Hospital Center, Los Angeles, CA. Two joint centers were established involving the VA Outpatient Clinic, Boston, and the VA Hospital, Bedford, MA; and the VA Hospital, American Lake, and the VA Hospital, Seattle, WA. The sites were selected on the basis of the interest and experience of local staff in geriatric problems, and the quality and innovative nature of the clinical, research and educational proposals developed at the health care facility. Most centers have already organized small medical units which specialize in the treatment of geriatric patients.

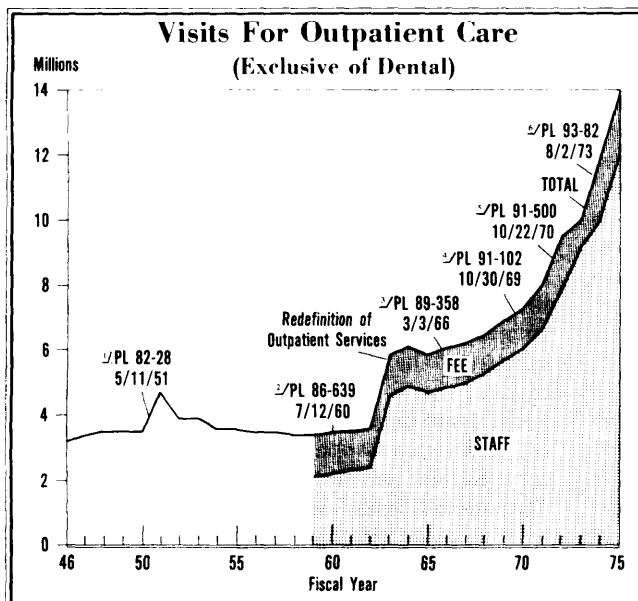
The Little Rock Center staff have focused upon their particular expertise in the area of cardiology and have taken on the important task of providing innovative care for older cardiac patients. Considering their large geriatric outpatient populations the Boston/Bedford Center and the Bay Pines Center have been particularly interested in assessing the health needs of the older veteran in the community and in projecting future medical and social service demands on the Veterans Administration. The Wadsworth Center has initiated a program of clinical and physiological exploration of the aging process as reflected in endocrine and metabolic disease, particularly diabetes in the aged. Certain researchers at the Palo Alto Center are especially concerned with the social and psychological impact of aging and have developed social interactional and environmental projects

geared toward improving the quality of life of older veterans. The American Lake/Seattle Center possesses medical research experts in such debilitating diseases as osteoporosis and vascular changes brought on by old age.

### Ambulatory (Outpatient) Care

**Outpatient Medical Services** - VA's Ambulatory Care Program continues to grow. During FY 1975, there were a total of 14,629,517 visits consisting of 12,595,514 visits to VA staff and 2,034,003 visits to private physicians on a fee-for-service basis. The accompanying chart shows the relationship of workload to the progressive extension of legislation expanding the availability of outpatient services.

The Veterans Administration has made a major commitment to meet the demands of this program by implementing new programs and by improving facilities and services. In a continuing effort to provide access to the Veterans Administration medical program throughout all areas of the country, ten new clinics have been opened since 1972 and 13 additional clinics are scheduled to be opened before the end of FY 1977, including one for the western sector of Puerto Rico. The outpatient clinics at Jacksonville, FL; Honolulu, HI; Henderson, NV; and San Diego, CA, are scheduled for relocation or renovation to improve their accessibility to veterans as well as their physical plant. Many VA hospitals are also



1/Eligibility for "Korean" veterans.

2/Pre-bed care and post hospital care.

3/Non-service connected hospitalization for veterans serving after 1/31/55.

4/Care for any condition for war veterans totally disabled from service connected conditions.

5/Care for veterans receiving aid and attendance allowances or who are permanently housebound, care for non-service connected disabilities for veterans 65 years of age or older.

6/Ambulatory care services to veterans eligible for hospital care to obviate need for hospital admission, and to veterans with service connected disabilities rated 80 percent or more, medical care for certain dependents of service connected veterans who are totally disabled or who died of service connected conditions.

scheduled to improve their ambulatory care programs as a result of newly developed and approved space criteria. VA is anticipating a new look in many of its existing hospitals as first or main floor administrative office space gives way to ambulatory care clinical areas.

Procedural changes are also scheduled for many of VA's new facilities to coincide with space changes. Allied health workers are being assigned broader tasks in order to maximize utilization of scarce physician resources. An approach, centered on the patients' needs rather than the convenience of the system, is being implemented in the form of basic health care teams. Clinical nurse specialists and nurse practitioners are being extensively used in these treatment teams. Their assignments vary directly with the breadth of their training—from making limited judgmental decisions in evaluating patients' problems to actually initiating therapeutic regimens under direction of a physician.

Several VA hospitals have already instituted this concept of the basic health care team. The teams are made up of one or two nurse clinicians or practitioners, several health technicians (specially trained aids), and a physician supervisor. A staff physician is usually capable of supervising at least two such teams. Other allied health personnel such as social workers, dietitians, and psychologists may also participate on these teams. VA's experience in this approach has thus far been extremely rewarding.

As of the end of FY 1975, there were 448 clinical nurse specialists or nurse practitioners on duty throughout the VA system. Training sites are presently located at the VA Hospitals, Birmingham, AL, and Prescott, AZ. Four VA hospitals are presently operating "test clinics" staffed by nurse practitioners: Pulmonary Clinic, VA Hospital, Hines, IL; Arthritis Clinic, VA Hospital, Kansas City, MO; Diabetes Clinic, VA Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA; and Hypertension Clinic, VA Hospital, Birmingham, AL. Many other hospitals and clinics are using clinical nurse specialists and nurse practitioners in the Evaluation and Emergency Treatment Clinics, as well as in the scheduled specialty clinic activities.

**Outpatient Dental Services** - Nearly a quarter of a million veterans applied for outpatient dental benefits in FY 1975. The figure exceeded by 20,000 the applications received the previous fiscal year. Two-thirds of this number represent initial applications from Vietnam era veterans who have applied within one year of their military discharge

and whose eligibility for treatment is generally limited to a one-time basis. A substantial portion of the number were authorized treatment from their hometown dental practitioners under the fee dental program.

The trend toward a higher percent of repeat treatments for service-connected dental conditions continued in FY 1975. Veterans seeking repeat treatments comprised 35 percent of the applications, compared to 32 percent in FY 1974, and 25 percent in FY 1973. Monitoring of the outpatient fee dental program remained a major concern of the Office of Dentistry whose responsibility it is to assure workloads are contained and timely funding is provided for treatment authorizations. The total outpatient treatment cases completed by VA dental staffs increased by 5 percent over FY 1974.

**Emergency Medical Services** - During FY 1975, seven VA hospitals were selected to be sites for an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) demonstration program, and selection of one additional site was pending at the end of the year. Funds were awarded for additional personnel, equipment and some minor construction. The EMS program includes improved emergency units within hospitals, more extensive training of physicians, nurses and other allied health personnel in emergency medical skills, and the upgrading of emergency medical communications. Standards for ambulances and emergency medical technicians have been established for all VA hospitals and clinics. System-wide upgrading of all VA emergency services will begin after assessment of the new demonstration services.

**Automated Scheduling System** - Faced with an expanding workload, VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery recognized an increasingly urgent need to apply modern technology to data handling and communications. The two functions identified as being most critically in need of improvement were the scheduling of ambulatory care patients for clinic visits and the retrieval of records from files storage. In March 1973 a feasibility study of an automated Outpatient Scheduling System was initiated. The VA Hospital, Boston, MA, was selected for the project site because of its relatively small outpatient workload and the existence of a computer supporting an Automated Laboratory System which could also be used for the Outpatient Scheduling System.

The study of the Boston project determined that the automated system was cost effective. More than 130,600 outpatient visits for former

inpatients of the hospital were scheduled by the computer during FY 1975. The system is providing better service to veterans, improving the use of physician's time, distributing the flow of patients evenly, reducing the amount of waiting space required, and resulting in better utilization of available parking facilities. Also, prior to the installation of the centralized scheduling system, approximately 25 percent of the charts needed for a clinic had not been found by the time the clinic met; currently, approximately 95 percent of the charts are in the clinic area at the time the clinic meets.

The scheduling system developed at the VA hospital in Boston will be programmed for inclusion in those VA Automated Laboratory Systems which use Honeywell computers. This will make the system available to 10 additional health care facilities. Medical Administration Service and Health Services Research and Development Service have also developed a plan to install at least three additional computerized scheduling systems to determine the best method of conducting these functions at other VA health care facilities.

#### Medical Care for Dependents

The new program of medical care for dependents authorized by Public Law 93-82, the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Veterans Administration (CHAMPVA), was fully implemented during FY 1975. The law authorizes VA to furnish medical care to the spouse or child of a veteran who has a total and permanent service connected disability, and the widowed spouse or child of a veteran who died as a result of a service connected disability. Under a VA/Department of Defense agreement, arrangements have been made for coverage of these beneficiaries under the same conditions by which the Secretary of Defense provides medical care to CHAMPUS (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services) beneficiaries through civilian health care providers.

There were 80,692 approved applications for CHAMPVA benefits through June 30, 1975, representing 152,264 persons.

The accompanying table shows the number of applications for CHAMPVA benefits approved by the VA as of June 30, 1975:

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Applications approved . . . . . | 80,692  |
| Beneficiaries-Total . . . . .   | 152,264 |

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Wives . . . . .     | 51,873 |
| Husbands . . . . .  | 25,288 |
| Widows . . . . .    | 149    |
| Widowers . . . . .  | 18     |
| Daughters . . . . . | 36,324 |
| Sons . . . . .      | 38,612 |

During FY 1975, almost \$17.5 million was disbursed by CHAMPUS for claims approved for medical services provided to CHAMPVA beneficiaries.

The accompanying data shows the nature of the costs to the VA and workloads for CHAMPVA for FY 1975. These items exclude medical services furnished but not invoiced during the fiscal year.

Total cost of health services to VA \$17,428,679

#### Hospital charges

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Cost . . . . .           | \$10,253,491 |
| Claims . . . . .         | 19,656       |
| Patient days . . . . .   | 150,851      |
| Per diem cost . . . . .  | \$67.97      |
| Cost per claim . . . . . | \$521.65     |

#### Physician charges for inpatient care

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Cost . . . . .           | \$3,413,747 |
| Claims . . . . .         | 27,042      |
| Cost per claim . . . . . | \$126.24    |

#### Physician outpatient care

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Cost . . . . .             | \$2,076,887 |
| Visits . . . . .           | 128,703     |
| Claims . . . . .           | 47,255      |
| Cost per visit . . . . .   | \$16.14     |
| Cost per claim . . . . .   | \$43.95     |
| Visits per claim . . . . . | 2.7         |

#### Prescriptions

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Cost . . . . .                    | \$806,214 |
| Prescriptions . . . . .           | 243,932   |
| Claims . . . . .                  | 25,970    |
| Cost per prescription . . . . .   | \$3.31    |
| Cost per claim . . . . .          | \$31.04   |
| Prescriptions per claim . . . . . | 9.4       |

#### Dental

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Cost . . . . .   | \$30,156 |
| Claims . . . . . | 145      |

Cost per claim . . . . . \$207.97

Contractors' administrative cost . . . \$710,785

Advances on future billings . . . . . \$137,399

## PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS

The demographic and medical characteristics of VA patients continue to change because of the influx of younger Vietnam era veterans and increases in the number of aged veterans.

### Discharges<sup>1</sup>

**Age** - During FY 1975 there was a further increase in the number of veterans 65 years of age or older discharged after care in VA hospitals. About 19.5 percent, or 173,000 of the 883,350 discharges were in this age group. Veterans with mental disorders comprised the youngest group of patients discharged with an average age of 44.2 years, and patients with neoplasms comprised the oldest group of patients discharged with an average age of 59.9 years. The age distribution of the FY 1975 hospital discharges was as follows:

| Age Group   | Number of Discharges (thousands) | Percent |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Total       | 883                              | 100.0   |
| Under 25    | 43                               | 4.9     |
| 25 - 34     | 100                              | 11.4    |
| 35 - 44     | 97                               | 11.0    |
| 45 - 54     | 247                              | 28.0    |
| 55 - 64     | 223                              | 25.2    |
| 65 and over | 173                              | 19.5    |

**Service Connection** - Almost one-half of 883,350 patients discharged in FY 1975 either had a service connected condition, or were receiving a pension as shown in the following table. Almost 192,000 discharges were reported among the approximately 1.1 million veterans on the VA pension rolls.

| Service Connection Status   | Number  | Percent |
|---|---------|---------|
| Total discharges . . . . .  | 883,350 | 100.0   |
| Veterans with service connection or receiving pension . . . . .                           | 417,841 | 47.3    |
| Service connected . . . . .   | 108,497 | 12.3    |
| Service connected veterans receiving care for a non-service connected condition . . . . . | 117,625 | 13.3    |
| Veterans on VA pension rolls . . . . .  | 191,719 | 21.7    |
| Veterans with no service connection or pension . . . . .                                  | 456,227 | 51.7    |
| Non-veterans . . . . .  | 9,282   | 1.0     |

**Diagnosis<sup>2</sup>** - The five diagnostic categories most frequently encountered as a principal diagnosis during FY 1975 are reported in the accompanying table. This table shows that about one-fourth of all VA hospital discharges are for mental disorders, including alcoholism and drug addiction. In addition, this table shows that, in general, the number of discharges for neoplasms and respiratory diseases increases with age up to 65 years of age, after which the effect of the decreasing population size contributes to the decrease in the number of discharges. The five most frequently encountered diagnostic categories identified in the accompanying table account for over 60 percent of all discharges.

| Principal Diagnostic Category (ICDA) | Total Discharges | Age Distribution |         |         |         |         |             |  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|--|
|                                      |                  | Under 35         | 35 - 44 | 45 - 54 | 55 - 64 | 65 - 74 | 75 and over |  |
| Total                                | 883,350          | 143,264          | 97,267  | 246,989 | 223,330 | 75,197  | 97,318      |  |
| Mental Disorders <sup>1</sup>        | 218,039          | 64,549           | 37,910  | 65,326  | 35,355  | 7,249   | 7,060       |  |
| Circulatory                          | 132,245          | 4,241            | 8,722   | 36,823  | 42,590  | 15,949  | 23,920      |  |
| Digestive                            | 83,825           | 10,294           | 9,394   | 26,309  | 22,995  | 7,013   | 7,820       |  |
| Neoplasms                            | 74,385           | 3,421            | 3,584   | 17,392  | 24,952  | 10,910  | 14,126      |  |
| Respiratory                          | 58,626           | 5,510            | 3,608   | 13,870  | 18,378  | 7,449   | 9,811       |  |
| All Other                            | 316,230          | 55,239           | 34,044  | 86,669  | 79,060  | 26,627  | 34,591      |  |

<sup>1</sup>Includes psychoses, psychoneuroses, alcoholism and drug addiction.

**Length of Stay** - During FY 1975 the average length of stay of VA patients declined for the eighth consecutive year. The 883,350 discharges had accumulated almost 32 million days of care, or an average of 36.5 days per discharge. The decrease in the overall stay is a reflection of continued decline in almost all categories of patients - by diagnosis and by age.

One factor contributing heavily to the overall average length of stay figures is the long institu-

<sup>1</sup> All discharge data in this section excludes approximately 145,000 1-day hemodialysis patients. The data is taken from the computerized Patient Treatment File, which is closed 45 days after the end of the fiscal year. For this reason it may not correspond exactly with data derived from other statistical systems.

<sup>2</sup> In the VA system, the definition of principal and associated diagnoses are as follows: Principal Diagnosis is that diagnosis designated by the discharging physician as responsible for the major portion of the patient's length of stay. Associated Diagnoses are all other treated diagnoses designated by the discharging physician up to the time of the patient's discharge.



tional stay of psychotic patients. However, a downward trend has been observed in the length of stay of recently discharged psychotic patients. Thus, the length of stay of such patients declined from 178.6 days in FY 1974 to 159.0 days in FY 1975, or by 19.6 days.

The average length of stay of general medical and surgical patients, who comprised 68 percent of all the FY 1975 discharges, has also declined, from 21.8 days in FY 1974 to 20.9 days in FY 1975.

The average stay of general medical and surgical patients in VA hospitals is longer than the average for patients in voluntary hospitals. There are two main reasons for this:

The average length of stay of VA patients is influenced by a small proportion of patients who receive a high proportion of the days of care. In a recent study, it was shown that the first 84 percent of the general medical and surgical patient discharges (all patient discharges except those with primary diagnoses in the classes of tuberculosis, psychiatry and neurology) from VA hospitals during a year accounted for only 38 percent of the days of care. The remaining 16 percent consumed 62 percent of the days of care. The average length of stay of the 84 percent was 9.5 days - the same as for male non-veterans in voluntary hospitals (according to the National Health Interview Survey). However, the average length of stay of the 16 percent alone was 80.7 days, bringing the combined average length of stay to 20.9 days.

The other reason involves VA's practice of granting "authorized absences" to hospitalized patients. Authorized absences of 96 hours or less, referred to as "pass," are being included in the computation of the length of stay. Recently, some 30 VA general and psychiatric hospitals simulated the practice of excluding such days of absence from the computation of the length of stay, i.e., patients beginning their pass were considered as discharges and at the time their pass terminated as readmissions. The results showed that the stay on surgical bed sections would be 24 percent less than demonstrated by the current method, and the stay on medical bed sections (excluding 1-day dialysis) would decrease by 25 percent.

**Disposition Status** - Of the 883, 350 patients discharged from hospital care in FY 1975, 731,951 (82.9 percent) returned to the community. Of those who returned to the community, about 57.5 percent continued as VA outpatients. Of the total discharged from VA hospitals during

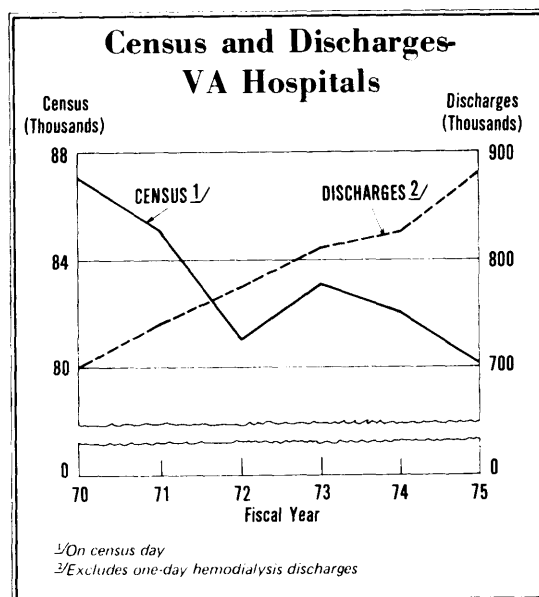
FY 1975, only 26,991, or 3.1 percent, went on to further care in VA domiciliaries or in nursing homes, either in the VA system or in the community at VA expense.

The accompanying table shows the distribution of discharges from VA hospitals in FY 1975 by the manner of disposition.

| Manner of Disposition   | Number  | Percent of Total |
|---|---------|------------------|
| Total   | 883,350 | 100.0            |
| To outpatient care  | 507,602 | 57.5             |
| To home - no further care   | 224,349 | 25.4             |
| Irregular, refuse care, neglect or obstruct treatment, AWOL, regulatory offense, etc. | 46,491  | 5.3              |
| Deaths  | 43,386  | 4.9              |
| Transferred to another VA hospital for care   | 29,534  | 3.3              |
| To nursing home care at VA or in community  | 18,412  | 2.1              |
| To VA domiciliary care  | 8,579   | 1.0              |
| Release of committed or institutional award cases for trial in community              | 4,997   | 0.5              |

#### Census

The annual VA hospital census taken on October 2, 1974, was based on a 20 percent sample of the VA hospital population. On this day, there



were 80,715 patients in VA hospitals, 1,770 fewer than on October 3, 1973. This decrease represents a continuation of the general decline in patient population as shown in the accompanying table. The decline in number of patients present on the census day has, however, been accompanied by significant increases in the number of patients admitted and discharged. The total number of discharges in FY 1975 was 883,350, about 7 percent greater than the number of discharges in FY 1974. The trend in patient population and number of discharges is shown in the accompanying chart.

**Average Age** - The average age of the 80,715 VA patients in VA hospitals on October 2, 1974, was 54.5 years. For the past ten years the average age of patients in the annual census has remained within a relatively narrow range - from 53.6 years to 54.5 years.

**Older Veterans** - The number of inpatients 65 years of age or older in VA facilities or in other facilities under VA auspices has increased 4.6 percent since 1970, while the total number of all inpatients has remained about the same. Significant increases in the number of inpatients 65 years of age or older occurred in four extended care programs: Community Nursing Home Care (80.4 percent), State Home Nursing Care (48.5 percent), VA Nursing Home Care (43.8 percent), and State Home Hospitals (32.1 percent). These increases are commensurate with the increased availability of beds for these programs.

Of all VA inpatients under care on October 2, 1974, approximately 32 percent (36,500) were 65 years of age or older. Compared to the census day in 1970, this represents a 5.6 percent increase in the proportion of older patients receiving health care by the VA. Almost 50 percent of these older veterans are receiving extended care.

**Service Connection** - Nineteen percent of the 80,715 veterans in VA hospitals on October 2, 1974, were being treated for service connected disabilities. Another 11 percent with service connected disabilities were under treatment for a non-service connected condition, making a total of 30 percent of the hospitalized veterans who had a service connected disability. The remaining 70 percent were veterans with non-service connected conditions (40 percent of whom were receiving a VA pension). A small but constant decline in the proportion of veterans with service connected

disabilities has been reflected in the annual hospital censuses since 1969.

**Period of Service** - In the census of patients in 1969 Vietnam era veterans comprised 6 percent of the patients in VA hospitals; 6 years later, on October 2, 1974, they constituted 12 percent. The proportion which World War II veterans comprise of the hospital population, 55 percent, has been maintained since 1969, although the World War II veteran population decreased from 14.5 million in 1969 to 13.6 million in 1974.

**Diagnosis** - The diagnostic categories estimated from the October 2, 1974 sample census are shown in the accompanying table. The data indicate that relatively few general medical and surgical patients remaining in the hospital are youthful - only 14 percent are under 45 years of

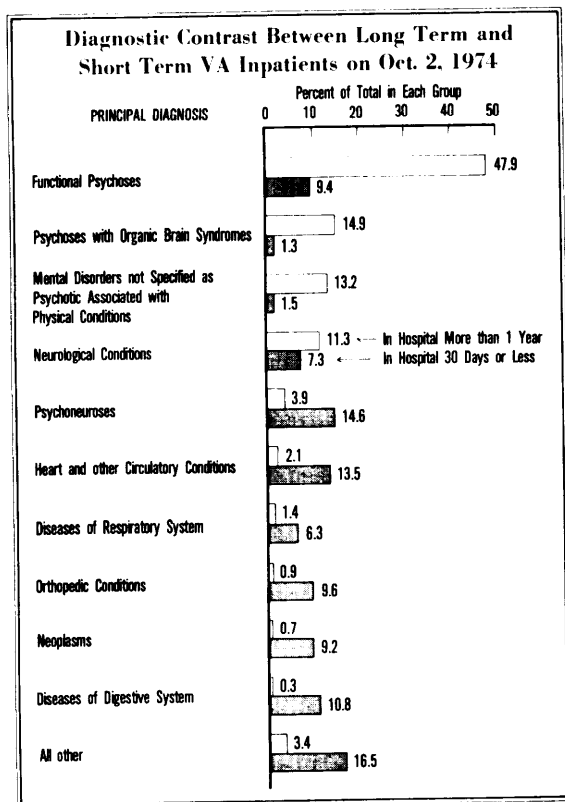
| Principal Diagnosis        | Total  | Age Distribution |        |        |             |
|----------------------------|--------|------------------|--------|--------|-------------|
|                            |        | Under 45         | 45-54  | 55-64  | 65 and over |
| Total                      | 80,715 | 18,429           | 23,689 | 19,383 | 19,216      |
| General medical & surgical | 34,573 | 4,945            | 9,793  | 10,000 | 9,835       |
| Psychoses                  | 22,898 | 7,413            | 6,983  | 4,363  | 4,139       |
| Other psychiatric          | 14,694 | 4,434            | 4,443  | 2,829  | 2,988       |
| Neurological               | 7,616  | 1,529            | 2,111  | 1,903  | 2,073       |
| Tuberculosis               | 936    | 108              | 359    | 288    | 181         |

age. For psychoses, on the other hand, there is a tendency for patients to be young - 32 percent are under 45 years of age. The age distributions for tubercular and neurological patients are not heavily skewed toward youth or old age.

| Census Date  | Total  | Psychotic Patients |                  |
|--------------|--------|--------------------|------------------|
|              |        | Number             | Percent of Total |
| Oct 2, 1974  | 80,715 | 22,898             | 28.4             |
| Oct 3, 1973  | 82,485 | 24,206             | 29.3             |
| Oct 18, 1972 | 83,425 | 24,935             | 29.9             |
| Oct 20, 1971 | 81,150 | 26,227             | 32.3             |
| Oct 14, 1970 | 85,550 | 28,563             | 33.4             |
| Oct 15, 1969 | 87,545 | 30,412             | 34.7             |

Although psychotic patients in VA hospitals still constitute almost a third of the total patient census, their number as well as their proportion of all patients has been declining since 1969. In that year, 35 percent of the 87,545 patients in the patient census were psychotic. According to the

1974 census, only 28 percent of the census of 80,715 were similarly diagnosed. This trend reflects VA's efforts to place the psychotic patient into some environment other than the hospitals if doing so is to his benefit.



**Attained Stay** - Veterans hospitalized for psychotic conditions had the longest attained stay, or "hospital age," on the October 2, 1974 census day. About 67 percent of the patients hospitalized on the census day had been inpatients 90 days or more, and 10.5 percent had been in the hospital for 20 or more years. The number and proportion of veterans hospitalized for 20 or more years has been decreasing, a reflection of VA's efforts to return patients to community living if medically feasible and practicable.

On the 1974 census day, 88 percent of the general medical and surgical patients had less than 90 days of hospital stay, while six years ago (1969) 81 percent had a similar attained stay. This is consistent with the decreasing duration of stay for general medical and surgical patients.

## SERVICES PROVIDED

### Specialized Medical Services

Twenty-two different types of "specialized medical services" were available at VA health care facilities during FY 1975. At the end of the year, there were 1,170 separate units in operation. As shown in the accompanying table, this represents an increase of 774 units during the past 6 years.

These figures do not include VA's mental hygiene clinics, day hospitals and day centers, which were previously funded under the specialized medical services program and are now funded under the outpatient services program, or other special categories formerly tabulated under this program.

Specialized Medical Services

| Type                                       | No. in Operation on June 30 of Each Year |         |         |         |         |                 |
|--|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|
|  | 1969                                     | 1970    | 1971    | 1972    | 1973    | 1974            |
| Alcohol Treatment Units                    | 29                                       | 32      | 37      | 41      | 65      | 71              |
| Blind Clinics                              | -  | 1       | 1       | 3       | 3       | 5               |
| Blind Rehabilitation Centers               | 2  | 3       | 3       | 3       | 3       | 3               |
| Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories       | 51                                       | 53      | 56      | 57      | 65      | 67              |
| Drug Dependence Treatment Centers          | -  | -       | 6       | 32      | 43      | 44              |
| Electron Microscopy Units                  | 15                                       | 22      | 24      | 29      | 41      | 42              |
| Epilepsy Centers                           | -  | 1       | 1       | 3       | 5       | 7               |
| Hemodialysis Units                         | 30                                       | 32      | 35      | 42      | 46      | 49              |
| Home Dialysis                              | -  | -       | -       | 33      | 47      | 50              |
| Satellite (Self) Dialysis                  | -  | -       | 1       | 7       | 25      | 25              |
| Hospital-Based Home Care                   | -  | -       | -       | 6       | 16      | 31              |
| Intensive/Coronary Care Units              | -  | -       | -       | -       | -       | -               |
| No. of Hospitals                           | 64                                       | 81      | 89      | 99      | 125     | 140             |
| No. of Beds                                | (629)                                    | (1,126) | (1,306) | (1,489) | (1,866) | (2,056)         |
| Nuclear Medicine Units                     | 79                                       | 84      | 84      | 93      | 109     | 109             |
| Prosthetic Treatment Centers               | 5  | 5       | 16      | 18      | 20      | 20              |
| Pulmonary Function Laboratories            | 85                                       | 94      | 97      | 112     | 136     | 137             |
| Renal Transplantation Centers              | 5  | 5       | 5       | 12      | 12      | 16 <sup>3</sup> |
| Respiratory Care Centers                   | 68                                       | 70      | 74      | 93      | 117     | 129             |
| Specialized Diagnostic and Treatment Units | -  | -       | -       | -       | 4       | 10              |
| Speech Pathology Units                     | 54                                       | 62      | 64      | 72      | 85      | 89              |
| Spinal Cord Injury Centers                 | 8  | 10      | 12      | 14      | 15      | 17              |
| Stereotactic Brain Surgery Centers         | -  | 2       | 3       | 5       | 5       | 5               |
| Supervoltage Therapy Units                 | 16                                       | 19      | 20      | 23      | 23      | 25              |
| Total                                      | 511                                      | 576     | 628     | 797     | 1,010   | 1,170           |

<sup>1</sup>No FY 1975 activations; centers consisting of more than one health care facility are now counted separately.

<sup>2</sup>Count includes limited care units where hemodialysis units already exist.

<sup>3</sup>No FY 1975 activations; four VA hospitals with renal transplantation services were designated as centers.

## Medicine

During FY 1975, VA's Medical Services continued to upgrade the quality of care to our nation's veterans.

**Intensive Care Units** - The expansion of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Coronary Care Unit (CCU) program was completed during FY 1975. On June 30, 1975, a total of 2,056 such beds were in operation at 140 VA hospitals, including beds in General Purpose Intensive Care Units located at less active hospitals. Approximately 289,000 days of patient care were given in VA Intensive and Coronary Care Units in FY 1975.

Intensive Care and Coronary Care Units are constructed to provide continuous automatic monitoring of heart rate and rhythm, and the capability for monitoring other parameters, such as respiration, blood pressure and temperature. The units also provide for direct patient observation from the nursing station.

Special equipment is provided for patient capacity and comfort and for all types of resuscitation functions. This equipment is upgraded as often as necessary to assure the utilization of the most modern models. Since much of the equipment is operated electrically, special grounding arrangements are built in and frequently tested for electrical capacity.



*Intensive Care Unit Console*

Intensive Care Units and Coronary Care Units are staffed with specially trained nurses and

nursing assistants and served by physicians qualified in subspecialties of medicine. All units are staffed at a higher per patient level than the usual wards and are so manned on a 24 hour basis. Patients are assigned to ICU and CCU beds for whatever time is considered necessary by the staff, and are then transferred to regular wards for further treatment.

**Specialized Diagnostic and Treatment Units** - The Specialized Diagnostic and Treatment Unit program was begun in 1973 to improve care by providing additional hospital resources to facilitate complicated diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. Patients are accepted from the various bed services for that portion of their overall care which requires such close monitoring. During FY 1975, an additional five units were activated increasing the total number to 10.

**Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories** - The Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories help to provide detailed anatomic and physiologic diagnoses of cardiovascular disease. Currently, 67 Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories have been activated in the VA system. There were approximately 73,740 procedures performed in VA Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories during FY 1975.

**Respiratory Care Units and Pulmonary Function Laboratories** - During FY 1975, there were 145 Pulmonary Function Laboratories in operation. These laboratories support the care programs for patients with respiratory diseases by providing ongoing capability for tests (pulmonary function tests, blood pH, blood gas determinations) needed in diagnosis and in the evaluation of treatment.

At the end of the fiscal year, the VA was also operating 129 Respiratory Care Centers. These Centers are designed to treat pulmonary in-



*Patient Receiving Inhalation Therapy*

sufficiency, most commonly due to pulmonary emphysema. In the near future, Respiratory Care Centers will be established in almost all VA hospitals. Up to 10 percent of the beds in these centers are planned to have monitoring capability. About 984,000 patient days of this type of care were provided by the VA during FY 1975.

**Hypertension Screening and Treatment Program** - Development and activation of VA's Hypertension Screening and Treatment Program continued into its fourth year. Eight hospitals will be added in FY 1976 to the 24 programs already operational. Approximately 230,000 veterans have been screened, 32 percent of whom were found to be hypertensive. Primary care provided by allied health professionals comprise 85 percent of the patient treatment visits.

**Dialysis Program** - Expansion of the VA Dialysis Program continued during FY 1975 in order to meet the needs of the increasing number of patients requiring such care to sustain life. Two additional Hemodialysis Centers were added, bringing the total to 51. Approximately 1,150 patients are treated in VA's Hemodialysis Centers. The centers also offer limited or self care programs which enable suitable patients to actively dialyze themselves with minimal staff assistance. In addition the centers provide training and support for those patients able to continue their maintenance dialysis at home or in a limited or self care setting in a medical facility. Approximately 1,000 patients are presently dialysing at home, a modality which may offer greater rehabilitation potential as well as lower cost. The VA also has 24 smaller "satellite" dialysis units located at other VA facilities which care for approximately 130 patients. The Veterans Administration continues to support studies on dialysis therapy including chronic peritoneal dialysis care using automated equipment.

**Sickle Cell Screening<sup>1</sup>** - The VA sickle cell screening, education and counseling program was largely concerned during FY 1975 with consolidation of the program in 16 existing hospitals (Brooklyn, NY, Birmingham, AL, San Francisco, CA, Dallas, TX, East Orange, NJ, Buffalo, NY, Washington, DC, Tuskegee, AL, Detroit, MI, Memphis, TN, Hines, IL, Little Rock, AR, St. Louis, MO, Chicago, IL, Jackson, MS, and Cleve-

land, OH), and the establishment of new programs in seven additional hospitals (Los Angeles, CA, Richmond, VA, Louisville, KY, San Juan, PR, Houston, TX, New Orleans, LA, and Augusta, GA). This brings to 23 the number of participating hospitals. In total, 24,847 patients were screened, 7,482 attended educational sessions, and 1,488 were counseled, including 139 spouses.

A meeting of the directors of each of the sickle cell programs was held in Atlantic City on May 3, 1975, with experts on sickle cell anemia from VA Central Office participating. The program directors presented personal experiences and problems relative to operations at their own hospitals.

The counselors of each of the sickle cell programs met for a day and a half session in Detroit in February 1975. Counselors from five hospitals which activated sickle cell screening and counseling programs in the spring of 1975 later had an intensive three-day indoctrination at the Sickle Cell Center in Detroit.

Questionnaires are being developed to evaluate the educational impact of education and counseling sessions on patients, both immediately after the sessions and at a later date. These will be reviewed by the members of the Executive Committee of the Sickle Cell Screening, Education and Counseling Program.

One of the outgrowths of the sickle cell screening program is a pilot study at the VA Hospital, Brooklyn, NY, for the thalassemia trait. It appears that about 23 percent of all patients with hypochromic, microcytic anemia, with a maximum corpuscular volume of less than  $73\mu^3$  have the thalassemia trait. This figure coincides with a study in a population of Greek origin in New Haven, CT, about 2 years ago. The VA Hospital, Buffalo, NY, plans a similar study. The need for a program in thalassemia in the VA similar to the sickle cell study is under consideration.

Another program instituted at the VA Hospital, Birmingham, AL, is funduscopy and slip lamp examinations in all patients with the sickle cell trait or allied disorders. It is too early to know whether any pathological changes are present.

Other subjects under consideration as outgrowths of the sickle cell study are the mechanisms behind "mild" homozygous sickle cell disease; evaluation of renal function in sickle cell trait, especially in those patients with a history of hematuria; and frequency of bone changes as

<sup>1</sup> This information is included in compliance with section 654, Title 38, U.S.C.

demonstrated on x-ray in cases of sickle cell trait.

The sickle cell exhibits developed at VA's Central Office and the VA Hospital, Brooklyn, NY, have been on rotational loan around the country, and are shown at individual VA institutions for 2-month periods. The exhibits have also been shown at several professional meetings. Posters and educational pamphlets have been developed and are in constant use and on exhibit.

### **Surgery**

During the year, the VA remained the largest single provider of surgical care in the United States, operating 19,733 acute surgical beds. Although this number is essentially the same as that in FY 1974, more surgical patients were cared for in FY 1975. Also, while only 13 percent of all VA physicians are surgeons, they accounted for 30 percent of the discharges from all VA hospital beds in FY 1975.

VA surgery has advanced to the forefront of this discipline of medicine, and has contributed significantly to the development of new techniques and the improvement of patient care through continuing research. Surgeons are employed only if they are certified or qualified by the American Surgical Board in their respective specialties, a major reason for the high caliber of surgery in the VA. Three VA surgeons became chairmen of university departments of surgery during FY 1975, and at the beginning of the year a permanent Director of VA's Surgical Service was appointed.

Considerable study is being given to regionalization and sharing of specialized surgical programs among neighboring VA facilities. Preliminary steps have been taken in some localities. Modernization of space and design criteria for surgical areas in VA hospitals, initiated in FY 1974, is now being completed. An extensive study of surgical intensive care units throughout the system was made in FY 1975, and the optimum number of such specialized beds was determined for every VA hospital. The computerized reporting of surgical operations, by hospital and throughout the system, was refined during FY 1975.

As a result of Public Law 93-82, the Office of Director of Optometry was established within VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery and assigned to the Surgical Service.

**Open Heart Surgery** - The open heart surgery program continued to increase in volume, while

improving in quality of service and administrative organization. Consolidation and regionalization of cardiac surgery centers was defined as a significant program objective. This will maximize efficiency of the centers, and allow for optimum geographic availability to veterans requiring cardiac surgery. The VA cooperative study on vein by-pass grafting of occluded coronary arteries, completed during FY 1974, was taken under review during FY 1975. The results of the study are expected to provide a definitive evaluation of this operation. A similar study is now underway in patients with unstable ("pre-infarction") angina pectoris.

**Renal Transplantation** - The volume of renal transplantation procedures in the VA continues to increase. In the first half of calendar year 1975, approximately one-fifth (383) of all renal transplants performed in the United States were carried out in 28 VA hospitals. About 1,150 veterans currently on hemodialysis are considered candidates for kidney transplants; not all will receive transplants, however, because of a nationwide shortage of kidney donors. Hopefully, organ donations will become more common in the next few years. In the meantime, existing kidney transplant programs in the VA are being consolidated, persistently low-volume programs are being phased out, and a few new programs may be initiated in order to maintain reasonable geographic availability. It is anticipated that when kidney donors become adequate in number, transplant programs will be required at 36 VA hospitals to perform a minimum of 35 procedures annually. In addition to renal transplantation, the VA is in the forefront of investigating transplantation of other organs.

**Other Types of Surgery** - The large volume of total hip and knee replacements, involving an artificial type of internal joint far superior to all other artificial joints previously used, continued in approximately 70 VA hospitals. This procedure restores almost normal joint function in patients, particularly the elderly, with crippling arthritis, complicated fractures involving the major joints, and various other disabling joint disorders. In FY 1974, a VA hospital pioneered in total shoulder joint replacement, and in FY 1975, total wrist joint and ankle joint replacement were first performed in two VA hospitals respectively. The VA is keeping pace with the rest of the country in the selective use of other types of implant devices which have recently been introduced. VA has representa-

tion in the new medical devices program of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Microsurgery continues to expand in VA hospitals in the areas of eye, ear, vascular and neurosurgery. A workshop on methods of education in microsurgery has been planned for FY 1976. Audio-visual teaching techniques have recently become more sophisticated and some unique applications of these techniques are being investigated in a few VA hospitals.

Chemonucleolysis, which consists of injection of an enzyme into herniated vertebral discs causing their dissolution and thereby avoiding surgery for this disorder, is in the investigational phase under FDA licensure and control. Surgeons at two VA hospitals are participating in the national investigation of chemonucleolysis and, in the process, acquiring expertise in this new modality of treatment.

**Prosthetic and Sensory Aids** - The need for prosthetic services has been increasing dramatically, requiring additional manpower, facilities and funding to support the expanding activities. In FY 1975, VA provided approximately 800,000 prosthetic services for disabled veterans; more than 30,000 of these services were for Vietnam era veterans. The cost of new appliances and repairs in FY 1975 was almost \$34 million, an increase of 18 percent over the previous year.

The VA Prosthetics Research and Development and Prosthetics Patient Care Programs are closely integrated to assure the dynamic application of the results of prosthetics research to patient care. Systematic educational efforts are made to assure that research developments are quickly and effectively moved from research programs to patient care. Centrally directed educational and training programs, supplemented by widespread



*VA Surgeons Utilizing Operating Room Microscope as They Perform a Radical Mastoidectomy*

dissemination of information in a variety of ways, are used to achieve this objective.



*Training in the Use of a Prosthesis*

The VA Qualification Program for Prosthetists which became effective on March 1, 1973, is proving highly successful. Commercial prosthetists who supply limbs for VA beneficiaries must meet certain standards of competence in order to achieve the designation of VA-qualified prosthetists. To date, 818 prosthetists, employed in 442 commercial limb facilities, have demonstrated the level of competence required for VA qualification.

Two more issues of the Bulletin of Prosthetics Research were published by the Research Center for Prosthetics. This publication, which is sold by the Government Printing Office and is indexed by Index Medicus, is a renowned research document both in this country and abroad. A comprehensive index to the first 20 issues was published in the 21st issue (BPR 10-21 Spring 1974). The 22nd issue (BPR 10-22 Fall 1974) was devoted to a conference of VA Researchers in Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Sensory Aids.

The Prosthetics Reference Collection at the Research Center for Prosthetics has been re-organized and expanded in order to provide better

service to researchers and clinicians. The collection now includes video tape cassettes which are available on a loan basis to VA personnel and the general public.

## Neurology

**Multiple Sclerosis** - Multiple sclerosis remains a growing area of attention for VA neurologists. During FY 1975, 2,180 veterans were discharged from VA hospitals with a principal diagnosis of multiple sclerosis, and on the October 2, 1974 inpatient census, there were 542 patients in the VA hospital system with a principal diagnosis of multiple sclerosis. VA neurologists are studying all aspects of multiple sclerosis, for which, to date, no completely satisfactory treatment for amelioration, much less cure, has been discovered. Because its etiology and pathogenesis remain unknown, therapeutic attempts have been empiric and often unscientific. For this reason, a program of multiple sclerosis therapy evaluation on a controlled basis is planned. The intent is to evaluate objectively treatment programs that are purported as being useful, using carefully controlled and, where possible, double-blind studies. Patients receiving the experimental therapy will be under the critical observation of neurologists who are thoroughly familiar with the many facets of the disease.

Epidemiological evidence suggests that multiple sclerosis may be an acquired, possibly infectious, disease, and the role of slow and latent viruses is being considered. Immunological studies are being carried out in patients suspected of having multiple sclerosis at the VA Hospital, East Orange, NJ, and the VA Wadsworth Hospital Center, Los Angeles, CA, and their application being emphasized at the VA Hospital, West Haven, CT. The members of the staff of the Neurovirology Laboratory at the VA Hospital, San Francisco, CA, are focusing their attention on viruses affecting nervous system tissue in a manner which hopefully could lead to an important breakthrough. There is close, ongoing collaboration among these several laboratories.

Although multiple sclerosis is the principal target of the immunological and virological studies that are being carried out, the work being done at the VA Hospital, San Francisco, CA, may be of special relevance in the understanding of the basic causes of other chronic neurological diseases, such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis ("Lou Gehrig's disease"), Parkinson's disease, and hydrocephalus.

A discovery reported this year by the



Neurology Service of the VA Hospital, Minneapolis, MN, indicates that a genetic factor, which appears to be transmitted from parent to child, has been identified in families in which individuals have developed multiple sclerosis. All individuals with multiple sclerosis in nine out of 10 families that were studied inherited this factor, while only two families of those without the disease inherited it.

**Cerebrovascular Disease** - Since it accounts for a high percentage of VA neurological admissions, cerebrovascular disease (stroke—cerebral thrombosis, cerebral embolus, and cerebral hemorrhage) holds special attention in the VA neurology program. Plans are being laid for strategically located Acute Stroke Care Units, where staff interest in stroke is strong. It is expected that these units will reduce mortality and further morbidity from stroke and permit an improved quality of survival, as already documented by the pilot unit at the VA Hospital, West Haven, CT. They will also serve as demonstration and training units for personnel from neighboring hospitals.

**Epilepsy Centers** - Epilepsy care continued to receive high priority during FY 1975. Two specialized Epilepsy Centers were activated and there are now seven centers in operation, providing highly sophisticated observation, diagnosis, and treatment for epileptic patients with seizure disorders that are difficult to control. These are located at the VA Hospitals, West Haven, CT, Durham, NC, Madison, WI, Minneapolis, MN, Omaha, NE, Dallas, TX, and Seattle, WA. The centers provide a type of documented observation not ordinarily available. Split-screen video tape recording devices enable the simultaneous recording of the electroencephalogram and the patient as he is having a seizure, and telemetry electroencephalographic equipment enables a patient with a seizure disorder to be free to move about the Epilepsy Center. Gas chromatography, an analytic chemistry technique, enables physicians at the centers to determine the blood levels of anticonvulsant medications, thereby providing knowledge of the individual's absorption, elimination, and dose requirement of medication. This permits better control of seizures.

#### Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences

In the area of mental health and behavioral sciences, VA has currently 24 designated psychia-

tric hospitals, 96 general hospitals with psychiatric services, 86 mental hygiene clinics, 51 day treatment facilities, 38 day hospitals, 71 alcoholism treatment units, and 49 drug dependence treatment facilities. The delivery of mental health services and diversity of treatment modalities in these facilities utilizes the collective skills of a multidisciplinary treatment team which includes psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, social workers, rehabilitation specialists, and other mental health personnel. On any given day, almost 26,000 psychiatric inpatients are receiving comprehensive mental health services, including traditional psychotherapies; group, individual and family therapy; chemotherapy; and treatment in special programs, such as behavior modification, token economy, social incentive work programs, therapeutic communities, and programs for vocational educational appraisal or training. Special outreach programs have been placed into effect in an attempt to bring veterans suffering from alcoholism and drug addiction into treatment. Goals of treatment have been established and relate to restoring the patient to the highest possible functional capacity and independence.

The trends in inpatient psychiatry, shown in the accompanying table, reflect the shift in emphasis towards increasing the number of patients treated while decreasing the number of psychiatric beds.

| Item                                 | Psychiatric Inpatients |         |                                    |         |                   |         |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
|                                      | Total                  |         | Psychiatric Hospitals <sup>1</sup> |         | General Hospitals |         |
|                                      | FY 1975                | FY 1967 | FY 1975                            | FY 1967 | FY 1975           | FY 1967 |
| Operating beds at end of fiscal year | 29,827                 | 54,345  | 13,353                             | 47,750  | 16,474            | 6,595   |
| Average daily census                 | 26,059                 | 51,667  | 11,905                             | 45,726  | 114,154           | 5,941   |
| Admissions                           | 154,435                | 71,076  | 43,661                             | 42,159  | 110,774           | 28,197  |
| Average monthly turnover rates       | 51.8                   | 12.7    | 34.0                               | 9.2     | 66.8              | 40.0    |
| Patients treated                     | 188,268                | 142,471 | 60,667                             | 106,245 | 127,601           | 36,226  |

<sup>1</sup> Eleven VA hospitals identified as psychiatric in FY 1967 were redesignated in the interval to general hospitals.

During the year, special conferences were held for teams composed of key professional personnel from VA hospitals to study and discuss policies and guidelines relating to multidisciplinary approaches to patient care, education and research, and to develop more effective ways of working together to serve better the patients' needs. Team visits to numerous facilities served as models to stress the need for a multidisciplinary involvement in mental health problems.

Related to the multidisciplinary approach is the emphasis given to mental health efforts within VA's medical districts. Mental health committees

and task forces have been implemented in some districts not only to minimize duplication of effort but more importantly to assure that each patient with psychiatric problems has access to all available treatment and rehabilitative approaches and programs.

The evaluation of treatment programs as they relate to human potential and effectiveness is a high priority, as is utilizing multidisciplinary concepts and programs to meet continuing treatment responsibilities.

**Mental Hygiene Clinics, Day Hospitals and Day Treatment Centers** - Emphasis during the year remained on rapid intensive treatment with shorter periods of hospital stay, and continuing treatment as necessary on an outpatient basis. The VA has increased its commitment to various kinds of outpatient facilities. Treatment alternatives to hospitalization for psychiatric patients include three outpatient programs: mental hygiene clinics, day hospitals, and day treatment centers. VA operates 86 mental hygiene clinics, four of which were activated during the past year. Funding has been approved for an additional 32 clinics. The mental hygiene clinics serve the basic outpatient needs of veterans requiring any of the modalities of modern psychiatric treatment short of hospitalization. All forms of mental illness are treated, from the psychoneurotic or anxiety states to the stabilized psychiatric condition. Day Treatment Centers operate primarily for the benefit of chronic patients who are able, with the help of these facilities, to live in the community while participating regularly in treatment programs. These centers provide continuing treatment to about 2,000 long-term psychiatric veterans on any given day. Day Hospital programs provide intensive treatment for veterans with more acute psychiatric conditions on a day basis, which permits the patient to live in the community and retain interpersonal contacts with family and friends. These day hospital programs provided treatment to 5,217 patients in FY 1975, and the number of patient visits was 153,775. The psychiatric ambulatory care program reflects the philosophy of early short-term treatment on an ambulatory basis as the treatment of choice. Such programs provide a broad array of comprehensive psychiatric services so that quality treatment can be given without undue separation of the veteran from his family, job, and community.

**Alcohol and Drug Dependence** - VA alcohol

and drug dependence treatment activities have escalated considerably during the past few years and continued to increase during FY 1975.

Alcohol continues to be the primary drug of abuse. During FY 1975, VA facilities admitted approximately 92,473 veterans for treatment of alcoholism. Of these, 36,416 were treated in specialized alcoholism treatment units and 56,057 were treated in other hospital-based programs. The number of veterans returning for outpatient treatment for alcoholism after discharge from the hospital increased from 45,377 in FY 1974 to 57,786 in FY 1975, or 27 percent.

For treatment of other drug abuse, the VA admitted to the program as inpatients or outpatients 24,901 veterans in FY 1975, compared to 21,083 in FY 1974. On June 30, 1975, there were 8,873 patients being treated, 1,460 of whom were inpatients and 7,413 of whom were outpatients. There were 1,065,169 outpatient visits made in FY 1975. Of all veterans admitted to VA hospitals for drug abuse treatment during the fiscal year, 42.7 percent were Vietnam era veterans. Also, of all patients treated during the fiscal year, 64.9 percent were admitted with a primary addiction to opiates or opiate-related drugs, and 13 percent with a primary problem of alcohol abuse, often with a polydrug abuse problem. The latter patients were treated by a new modality which, at 10 program locations, responds to all forms of substance abuse.

To provide service for more veterans in need of these specialized forms of treatment, a strong outreach and followup program was initiated. From September 1974 through the end of the fiscal year more than 297,798 outreach and followup contacts were accomplished. Admissions to VA facilities for drug abuse treatment are expected to continue increasing in FY 1976.

A major study to investigate the feasibility of treating alcohol and drug abusers in the same setting became fully operational during FY 1975. The evaluation plan for this project will compare treatment outcomes and effectiveness in separate alcohol or drug dependence treatment and rehabilitation settings. The results of this study may enable the VA to serve more veterans with the resources available if the traditional delineation between treatment services for alcoholism and other drug addiction is found to be nonessential or latently counter-productive.

### **Spinal Cord Injury**

The acute and early care of the spinal cord

injured veteran received special attention during FY 1975. Greater efforts are being made to facilitate expeditious transfers of spinal cord injury patients from military and VA hospitals to VA hospitals with Spinal Cord Injury Centers. During FY 1975, there were 1,007 spinal cord injury patients admitted to VA hospitals for the first time, 449 of whom were admitted within 6 months of injury. A total of 155 spinal cord injured patients were admitted to VA Spinal Cord Injury Centers from the military during FY 1975. Of these, 28.5 percent had been injured less than 1 month, 28.5 percent between 1 to 2 months, 26 percent between 2 to 3 months, and 17 percent from 3 to 6 months.

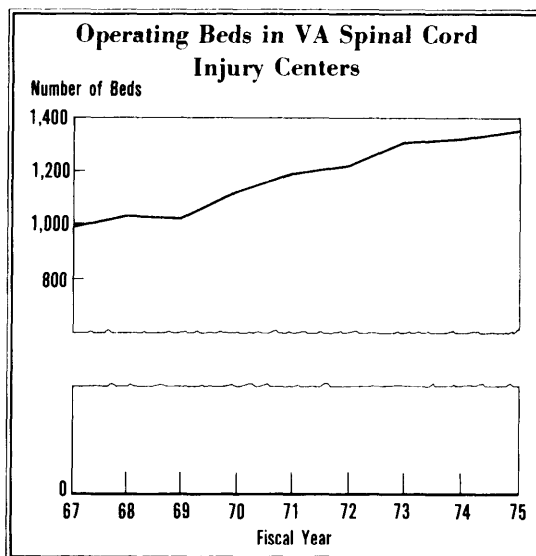
During FY 1975, the VA Hospital, Brockton, MA, activated a 60-bed Spinal Cord Injury Center, emphasizing comprehensive physical, vocational and community oriented rehabilitation. This activation increased the number of spinal cord injury beds to 1,390.

Six physicians were recruited and trained during FY 1975, and seven other physicians, already possessing special training, were added through the Spinal Cord Injury Intensive Recruitment Program. The training program for physicians in spinal traumatology at the VA Hospitals, Bronx, NY, and Long Beach, CA, was expanded to include the VA Hospital, West Roxbury, MA.

Increasingly, the Veterans Administration's training in the management of the spinal cord injury patient involves medical and allied health professionals in the private sector. A 4-day clinical conference held in Palo Alto, CA, in April attracted 137 VA and 164 non-VA participants. The conference focused on the need for comprehensive care of patients with spinal cord injuries, including acute care, intensive rehabilitation, and transitional living.

During FY 1975, continued rehabilitation through the Spinal Cord Injury Home Care Unit program was expanded to include the Spinal Cord Injury Centers at the VA Hospitals, Memphis, TN, Hines, IL, Palo Alto, CA, Wood, WI, and West Roxbury, MA. This brought the total number of such programs in the VA to nine. Earlier activations were at the VA Hospitals, Long Beach, CA, Richmond, VA, Bronx, NY, and Castle Point, NY. These programs have been exceptionally productive in the outplacement of spinal cord injury patients with difficult problems and special needs. Ninety-nine patients were outplaced to the Spinal Cord Injury Home Care Unit Program

during FY 1975.



### Rehabilitation Medicine

VA's Rehabilitation Medicine Service (RMS) concentrated its efforts during FY 1975 on consolidating programs developed the previous year, with major emphasis placed on cardiopulmonary conditions and arthritis.

Geriatric care has been one of the primary interests of rehabilitation medicine. In recognition of the growing number of older veterans needing medical care and/or general nursing care, there has been an increasing focus on intensive rehabilitation centers. For example, the VA hospital at Fort Howard, MD, has been designated as a Rehabilitation Hospital and will specialize in patients needing long-term rehabilitation. RMS has also been a major resource in VA's domiciliary program.

Development and improvement of rehabilitation techniques through a multidisciplinary approach was continued. Workshops and conferences reflected this concept, as did a trend towards moving rehabilitation staff away from clinics and into hospital wards and the community. With the expansion of community care programs, participation of these specialists on the clinical team working with patients towards outpatient rehabilitation and adjustment was considered vital.

Twelve workshops were sponsored during the year. Policies and guidelines presented at the workshops highlighted education, research, and

new approaches to patient care. In response to an increasing interest in techniques for evaluating the effectiveness of patient care, one of the workshops concentrated on the development of outcome goals for RMS. Subsequent meetings will deal with the development of other level goals.

In conjunction with plans to establish several Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Centers, a conference was conducted in June 1975 to discuss current trends in cardiopulmonary treatment. The 40 participants at the conference represented every specialty involved in the care of this type of patient.

Efforts were continued on behalf of patients in VA's Spinal Cord Injury Centers. RMS personnel attended a 3-day conference held in January 1975, at which the participants met with a delegation from the Paralyzed Veterans of America to discuss current treatment needs, therapeutic roles, and philosophy of care. Attempts were also advanced to determine staffing needs for this service at the various Spinal Cord Injury Centers.

**Compensated Work Therapy** - In a major policy development, VA determined that its Compensated Work Therapy program (Work-for-Pay) would follow the wage guidelines for sheltered workshops stated in the Fair Labor Standards Act. Although not legally required to conform to these guidelines, VA supports their philosophy and intent. Therefore, noncompensated work therapy programs have been eliminated and all patients who perform work therapy assignments in which there is economic benefit to the facility receive remuneration. In March 1975, a 3-day workshop was held for representatives of all VA Compensated Work Therapy programs, who were instructed in implementation of the new policy.

**Automobiles and Driver Training for Disabled Veterans** - There continues to be extensive activity in the Prosthetic and Sensory Aids program for providing automotive adaptive equipment for seriously disabled veterans entitled to this benefit under Public Law 91-666 and Public Law 93-538. Heavy emphasis was placed during FY 1975 on research and development on adaptive equipment and on the development of standards of safety and quality for adaptive equipment. Revised Federal Standards go into effect on January 1, 1976. An estimated 63,000 disabled veterans are eligible for or have received one-time VA grants towards the purchase of an automobile or other conveyance which may then be equipped with aids that

modify operating controls. These veterans have continuing eligibility for adaptive equipment for subsequent vehicles purchased by them.

Public Law 93-538, "The Disabled Veterans' and Servicemen's Automobile and Adaptive Equipment Amendment of 1974," which became effective on February 1, 1975, specifies that the Administrator of Veterans Affairs shall provide for the conduct of special driver training courses, directly or by contract in VA facilities where appropriate. Since such driver training had been provided almost universally at VA hospitals having spinal cord injury centers, rather than by the geographic distribution of veterans, it was decided to have at least one driver training center in each of VA's 30 Medical Districts and additional centers in those areas having high veteran population density. Consequently, by the fall of 1975, 40 VA hospitals strategically located coast to coast (including San Juan, PR) will be in a position to offer driver training for handicapped individuals.

The first group of driver training instructors—all Rehabilitation Medicine Service therapists—has already completed a concentrated course in Safety and Driver Training for the Handicapped at the Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, New York University Medical Center, followed with practical experience at VA hospitals having ongoing programs. Second and third groups will receive training at the Southern Illinois University and at the California State University at Long Beach.

A universal contract is currently being developed for local commercial driver training schools and rehabilitation centers which covers instructor training, vehicles with specially adapted equipment, medical examinations of the client, licensure, driving lessons, and reporting on patient progress.

**Audiology and Speech Pathology** - Services have continued to be provided to patients with loss of hearing, speech and voice anomalies, or disordered language. Audiological examinations, besides revealing the extent of impairment, provide valuable diagnostic information to several medical specialties. VA's hearing aid procurement program includes an assessment of performance characteristics that is done at the National Bureau of Standards. Since the hearing aids the VA purchases are of high quality and low cost, they are also used by the Department of Defense and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

When cancer requires that the larynx be removed, the speech pathologist helps the patient

learn how to produce voice and to speak by other means than is normally used. Brain damage, after a stroke or head injury, often results in serious disturbance of language. Here the effort is to restore the patient to the highest level of communicative functioning that can be achieved.



*Speech Therapist Assists Patient in Learning to Speak Clearly Using Symbols and Printed Words.*

During FY 1975, the number of patients served increased by 11 percent over the previous year. There was a total of 402,054 audiology and speech pathology patient visits, compared with 362,755 visits in FY 1974. Additional speech pathology programs were established at the VA health care facilities in Hot Springs, SD, Madison, WI, and San Antonio, TX.

**Blind Rehabilitation** - During FY 1975, 72 VA Visual Impairment Services Teams provided services to 3,580 veterans visiting blind rehabilitation clinics and made 3,954 field visits to the homes of blinded veterans. In addition, VA's three Blind Rehabilitation Centers provided regular rehabilitation and low vision services to 410 blinded veterans. A Psychiatric-Blind Rehabilitation Clinic was activated at the VA Hospital, Downey, IL, and provided services to 41 blind psychiatrically ill veterans.

The Blinded Veterans Association field personnel, under their contract with the VA, continued to visit blinded veterans in their home communities to tell them what is available through the VA and help them apply for needed benefits.

An innovative program for comprehensive care of visually impaired veterans is now under development by the new Office of Optometry of the Surgical Service. VA is creating a system of eye/vision clinics that will be jointly staffed by ophthalmologic (M.D.) and optometric (O.D.) staff doctors, residents, and students. These interdisciplinary clinics will be the first of their kind in the world and will provide a network of medical eye care and optometric vision care to eligible veterans. In addition to this program, a pilot program of three regional interdisciplinary Vision Impairment Centers To Optimize Remaining Sight (VICTORS) is envisioned to assist the VA's present three Blind Rehabilitation Centers in caring for blind or severely visually impaired veterans.

### **Nuclear Medicine**

In September 1947, the VA established Nuclear Medicine as a new medical discipline. This action was followed in time by university, private, and other government hospitals throughout the country. Today, the VA Nuclear Medicine Service continues to optimize the existing and to create the new, both in the organization of new departments and in the development of improved diagnostic services at lower cost.

During FY 1975, the volume of patient procedures performed by VA's nuclear medicine services increased by almost 30 percent, while the total unit cost decreased from \$30.00 to \$22.90. The number of VA health care facilities with nuclear medicine services increased from 109 in FY 1974 to 123 in FY 1975, and VA expects that at least five more hospitals will be able to provide such services in the near future.

The value of nuclear medicine procedures in the medical management of the ambulatory patient has been emphasized for several years. With the impetus towards provision of ambulatory care to more VA beneficiaries, VA's Nuclear Medicine Service is preparing to accommodate a projected increase in workload of 50 to 60 percent.

In keeping with management by consortium, a roster of Nuclear Medicine Chiefs of Service who could act as leaders in their respective VA medical districts, has been compiled to provide cross-utilization of technical services and communication of knowledge and ideas throughout the VA system.

Regionalization is being implemented, and many sharing agreements have been developed with affiliated medical schools and community



*Radio Nucleotide Brain Scan Recording Images on X-Ray Film*

hospitals. For example, an innovative nuclear medicine computer network based at the VA Hospital, St. Louis, MO, became operational in the latter part of the fiscal year and early reports promise a success greater than had been expected. This system brings the diagnostic benefits of nuclear medicine to patients hospitalized in remote areas, and will serve as a model not only for other VA health care facilities but for medical institutions throughout the country. Consolidation of VA nuclear medicine resources is being developed between the VA hospitals at Seattle and American Lake, WA, as well as between those of the VA hospitals at Portland, OR, and Vancouver, WA.

Resource improvement in VA's Nuclear Medicine Services has also included significant advances in human resources, especially among trained professionals.

Of the 50 residencies in Nuclear Medicine established during the year under the aegis of the American Medical Association and the Board of Medical Specialties, more than one-half utilize VA health care facilities. In addition, the VA Nuclear Medicine Service co-sponsored a three day symposium on Standardization, Performance, and

Quality Control in Nuclear Medicine, the first of its kind to be held anywhere, at the National Bureau of Standards in Gaithersburg, MD. The symposium was attended by more than 300 professionals, of whom a large number were VA Chiefs of Nuclear Medicine and related VA personnel.

A Nuclear Medicine Consultants' Symposium was held in VA's Central Office during which the most advanced techniques were in the area of image production in nuclear medicine and ultrasound were discussed. VA plans to publish the proceedings of this symposium.

A highly successful symposium for supervising technologists throughout the VA System sponsored by the Nuclear Medicine Service in VA's Central Office, was held at the VA Hospital, St. Louis, MO. The same hospital, with participation by the Nuclear Medicine Service in VA's Central Office, also held a well attended 3-day symposium on ultrasound.

With respect to ultrasound, a training program in this new discipline has been developed by the VA in conjunction with the National Science foundation (NSF). By the end of the year, 76 VA

health care facilities had ultrasound capability of some degree, whereas 18 months ago only 38 facilities were utilizing this new diagnostic tool in patient care. Various branches of the Armed Services have expressed an interest in participating in the VA/NSF ultrasound training program, and have committed themselves to cooperating in the validation phase of this project as well.

Many individual VA physicians in Nuclear Medicine have distinguished themselves and brought credit to the VA during the year. One has published a book on "Physiological Chemistry of Carbohydrates in Mammals" and another on "Nuclear Medicine in Vitro." Many have been elected to high positions in national and international societies of Nuclear Medicine and one, in addition to many other honors, has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

Atomic cardiac pacemakers were first installed in the United States at the VA Hospital, Buffalo, NY. Fifty-two such devices have now been placed in patients in VA health care facilities with the cooperation of the Nuclear Medicine Service in a safety-surveillance capacity.

## **Radiology**

During the year, VA Radiology continued to be a major supportive and consultative service, performing 5,421,558 examinations of inpatients and outpatients, and processing 15,842,794 x-ray films.

Plans were completed for the radiology services of the new VA hospitals at Los Angeles, CA, Bronx, NY, and Loma Linda, CA. Several upgradings of older departments were accomplished, including a number of outpatient clinics which now have their own x-ray departments. Efforts continued to update and modernize VA radiation therapy services through the use of higher energy therapy machines. A new 18 MEV linear accelerator is planned for the new VA Hospital, Los Angeles, CA.

To keep abreast of developments in the diagnosis of brain disease and tumors, computerized axial tomographic (CAT) units are being installed in a few of VA's larger hospitals. It is anticipated that such equipment will eventually be needed for use in the diagnosis of brain conditions by all large VA hospitals.

Studies of automated reporting systems needed to speed up the availability of x-ray reports on wards and clinics continued during the year. Such systems, which incorporate the use of computers,

were installed at the VA Hospitals, Bronx, NY, Wood, WI, and Boston, MA.

The new Department of Health, Education and Welfare regulations for radiation protection of the patient are now fully followed by VA's health care facilities. VA's Radiology Service, in cooperation with the VA Marketing Center, Hines, IL, continued to evaluate and purchase equipment for all government agencies.

## **Dentistry**

A new program of system management by objectives for the delivery of quality care and the integration of VA dental services to meet the overall health care needs of veterans was initiated during FY 1975. The system employs a task and goal oriented approach designed to establish and achieve objectives consonant with the overall mission of the VA Dental Service.

The planned objectives for improved care have both short and long range indicators. Each has budget and annual cost projections with flexibility for modifying stages and increments of the program as funds and resources are allocated. The approved objectives are:

- Preventive Dentistry
- Team Dentistry
- Dental Auxiliary Expanded Function Program
- Maxillofacial Centers
- Health Systems Review Organization (HSRO)
- Elements in Dental Services
- Efficiency Indicators for all Dental Services
- Updated Space Planning Criteria
- Hypertensive Screening in Dental Services

Seven of these eight objectives have already been activated or are ongoing in several selected VA health care facilities. The new management approach provides a design for expansion and eventually full implementation of these programs, which have been determined vital to the delivery of high quality care.

A new program of hypertensive screening was begun during the fourth quarter of FY 1975. The screening program is an additional preventive health measure designed to reach patients who come to the dental clinic as outpatients and who would ordinarily have no other contact with other medical services in a VA health care facility. Hypertensive screening in the dental clinic is carefully coordinated with the total hypertensive screening program at each facility.

Because of the almost universal existence of dental disease, preventive dentistry is receiving special attention among the immediate objectives of the VA Dental Service. Greater emphasis has been given to training professional and auxiliary personnel in the techniques and concepts of preventive dentistry. Twenty-three additional personnel received specialized training during the year, bringing the total trained at the VA Dental Training Center to 128 during the past three years.

In the pursuit of quality care, the Office of Dentistry has engaged in a coordinated effort with Health Care Facilities Service to achieve improved space utilization and enhance professional capability for the practice of team dentistry. During FY 1975, substantial progress was made in the standardization of space and in the modernization of hospital dental facilities. Implementation of modern concepts of team dentistry requires a significant modification of space used in a dental facility. With the ongoing activation of these

relatively new programs the joint effort to improve space and planning criteria continues.

By the close of FY 1975, every VA dental clinic was supplied with at least one reclining contour type dental chair per full-time staff dentist to facilitate the practice of the modern concept of team dentistry. The replacement of outdated dental chairs, together with the installation of new dental operating units, instrument cabinets, sterilization units and lighting, in the most efficiently designed space, is progressing under the planned objectives of the VA Dental Service.

Action to evaluate the quality of dental care has gained momentum through the inclusion of a dentist as a member of every Health Service Review team. During FY 1975, dentists participated in 26 1-week surveys covering an equal number of health care facilities. The inclusion of a dentist in this mechanism for evaluation reflects a proper concern for the oral health needs of



*Endodontic Surgery with Photographic Technique*



patients and it enables an in-depth peer review designed to appraise the quality of dental care delivered.

A sharp increase in the number of oral malignancies detected was evident in FY 1975. VA dentists initially recognized a total of 760 malignancies, or 14 percent more than in FY 1974. Early recognition and diagnosis of an oral malignancy can be a lifesaving measure and fully illustrates the significance and importance of an oral examination by a dentist.

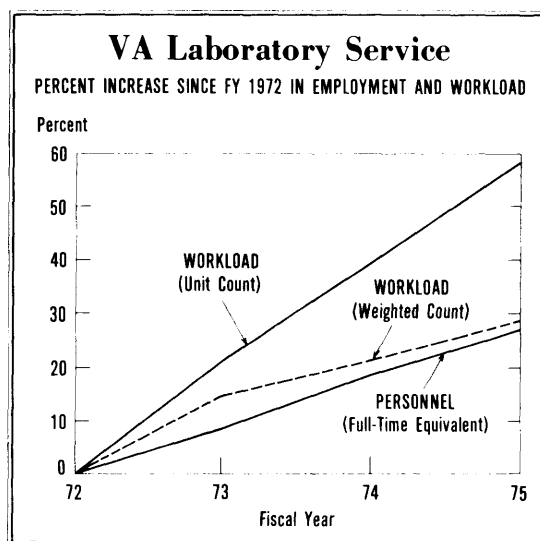
## Pathology

VA's Laboratory Services are becoming increasingly complex in response to the broad spectrum of needs of clinical medicine. Laboratory functions which are becoming available on a round-the-clock basis in all health care facilities include diversified operations in clinical pathology, such as chemistry, microbiology, blood banking, serology, and anatomic pathology, which involves the study, interpretation and diagnosis of surgical, autopsy, and cytologic materials. A broad range of services support patient care, including such specialized medical programs as drug dependence treatment, dialysis and transplantation. Selected VA Laboratory Service data are shown in the accompanying table.

|                           | FY 1975     | FY 1974     | FY 1973     |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Procedures (Unit count)   | 146,756,541 | 129,345,718 | 112,509,407 |
| Workload (Weighted count) | 572,496,574 | 541,215,464 | 512,044,618 |
| Deaths                    | 46,081      | 44,928      | 45,225      |
| Autopsies                 | 21,060      | 19,865      | 20,806      |
| Surgical specimens        | 334,001     | 309,393     | 286,613     |
| Cytology specimens        | 119,009     | 162,056     | 148,519     |

Out of 169 reporting VA Laboratory Services, 168 had been inspected as of June 30, 1975, by the Commission on Laboratory Inspection and Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP). Of those inspected, 163 were accredited and at the remaining five the required improvements are underway to attain accreditation. The results of VA participation in this program are considered very favorable. The program has been received well by Hospital and Clinic Directors, and has contributed significantly to the raising of standards.

All VA Laboratory Services also participate in CAP's Basic, Comprehensive and Special Comprehensive Syphilis Serology Laboratory Survey Programs, and their performance in these programs



compares favorably with the performance of clinical laboratories in the private sector. Selected VA hospitals participate in the Center for Disease Control Proficiency Survey for Toxicology, and selected VA outpatient clinics participate in CAP's Proficiency Evaluation Program.

The VA provides suitable blood, blood components and derivatives to meet the transfusion needs of patients under treatment in VA facilities. Plans for increasing the use of voluntary donor blood continue. During FY 1975, the proportion of voluntary donor blood obtained by the VA rose to 88 percent, up from 84 percent for the preceding year. The Veterans Administration has joined the American Blood Commission and is participating in its studies which are designed to achieve a supply of safe blood adequate to meet nationwide needs. A VA representative was elected to the Board of Directors of the Commission.

The use of specific blood components is increasing at an encouraging rate, helping to insure that blood and blood products are utilized in an optimal manner. Interest in frozen blood is growing and some VA hospitals have initiated programs for its use.

The growth in laboratory workload, particularly with use of multichannel instruments, is producing a tremendous amount of laboratory data which in turn creates management and control problems in the larger laboratories. In an effort to maintain control of the data and provide timely reporting, the VA is installing, on a gradual and systematic basis, laboratory-based computer systems. Currently, five comprehensive labora-

tory-based computer systems are operational and there are plans to install five more of the same type.

An extensive review of current space requirements was completed during the year, and several projects are underway to improve Laboratory Service space and facilities.

The VA has made major investments in Laboratory equipment and, through extensive use of automated and semi-automated equipment, has been able to meet the annually increasing workload. Several newly introduced major laboratory instruments have been evaluated by VA laboratory services in cooperation with the VA Marketing Center, Hines, IL. This is an ongoing program and provides valuable information for the selection of modern laboratory instruments.

**Special Reference Laboratories** - Six VA special reference laboratories provide specific resources to meet unusual nationwide VA needs. They perform the following special procedures: cytogenetics; serology for viral, fungal and other special infectious diseases; serology for coccidioidomycosis; and radio-immunoassays for hormones. Two VA special reference laboratories also perform studies for tuberculosis and other mycobacterial diseases. The VA Hospital, West Haven, CT, provides this service for the eastern part of the United States, and the VA Hospital, Long Beach, CA, does so for the western part of the United States.

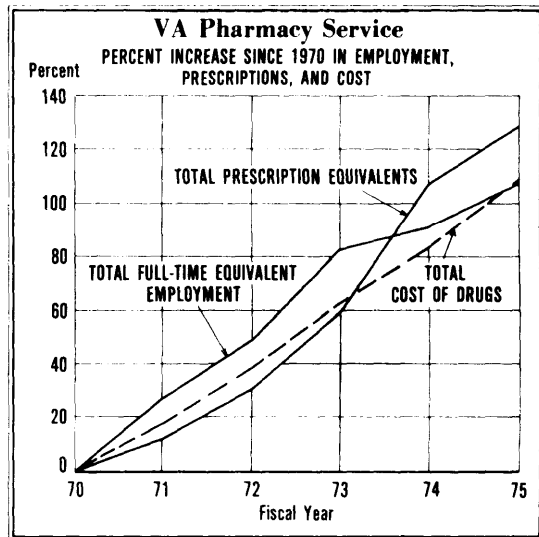
**Electron Microscopy in Diagnosis and Training** - Ultrastructural study of human tissues by electron microscopy has become an important part of diagnostic pathology in the VA. There are now 42 specialized medical programs in electron microscopy in VA health care facilities. The second VA Electron Microscopy Conference was held in Chicago, IL, May 13-14, 1975. During FY 1975, productivity/utilization standards and review procedures were established.

## Pharmacy

The considerable growth and development of VA Pharmacy Service activities during FY 1975 are reflected in the accompanying table.

Many measures have been taken to meet this increased workload, including revised pharmacy criteria to provide for functional space configurations and allocations that reflect the most current pharmacy programs, and active involvement with automatic data processing.

| Item   | FY 1975    | FY 1974    | Percent Increase |
|--|------------|------------|------------------|
| Total prescriptions dispensed                      | 35,760,058 | 29,119,910 | 22.8             |
| Inpatient care prescriptions                       | 13,377,767 | 10,425,898 | 28.3             |
| Ambulatory care prescriptions                      | 22,382,291 | 18,694,012 | 19.7             |
| Prescriptions mailed to VA beneficiaries           | 8,844,486  | 7,501,977  | 17.9             |
| Hospital ward and clinic drug line items dispensed | 7,796,281  | 7,424,448  | 5.0              |
| Prescriptions refilled                             | 9,251,722  | 7,739,532  | 19.5             |



An Automated Prescription Processing, Labeling, Editing and Storage (APPLES) program has been designed as an on-line fast response system for outpatient prescription processing. Terminal devices located at the pharmacy provide the capability for the entry and retrieval of patient medical data via visual display units (CTR) and the printing of prescription labels, mail labels, work lists, refill or renewal requests, and patient medication profiles. Significant savings are realized by eliminating repetitive clerical functions involving the retrieval and refiling of prescriptions for each refill, the typing of labels, and by providing readily accessible information to respond to patient inquiries on the status of prescriptions. Improved service to the patient results from the reduction or elimination of backlogs in the refill mail-out program. Automated controls guard against prescription duplication and excessive drug use.

The Pharmacy segment of VA's Automated Management Information System (AMIS) was revised to include pertinent information necessary to administer a more effective program. The revision places greater emphasis on measurement and coordination.

dination of functional units common to all pharmacy operations. Individualized comparisons of beds, program development, manpower requirements, and budget management are reflected in the revised reporting system. The changes made will provide management with a data base that allows for better cost utilization review of the drug budget.

VA's Pharmacy Service has also directed attention to assessing the quality of care provided to all patients. The pharmacist in the ambulatory care program reviews the patient medication profile before completing refill requests or dispensing any new prescriptions. This allows for a review of the medication regimen and consultation with the patient before drugs are dispensed. The unit dose dispensing program provides a review of the original physician's order and daily review by the pharmacist of all drugs prescribed for the patient.

The necessity of total drug security to avoid potential drug diversion was emphasized during FY 1975. The physical security of the pharmacy areas was increased with intrusion alarm devices being employed for after duty hours, and positive action was taken to reduce the potential for diversion of ward stock drugs.

A controlled unit dose dispensing program is in effect in some 20 VA hospitals. The conversion of beds to unit dose has provided a better medication management system which includes total parenteral nutrition care through the centralized intravenous admixture program. Five VA hospitals—Columbia, MO, Fargo, ND, San Antonio, TX, San Diego, CA, and Tampa, FL—provide this complete medication management service. More conversions to unit dose dispensing will provide the anticipated advantages to the individual health care center, i.e., reduced ward stock to prevent potential drug diversion, reduction of potential medication errors, increased nursing time to be applied to providing better health care delivery, and better drug utilization review and monitoring procedures applied to the individual medication regimens. Authorization was granted to dispense unit dose medications (where available) to veterans while they are in nursing homes.

## **Nursing**

The Veterans Administration Nursing Service maintains an active involvement in a variety of health care delivery services. The major program activities have been in identifying the kinds of nursing care needed or desired by the veteran

populations in defining the spectrum of services to be provided, and in designing and monitoring responsive programs directed toward improving the quality of nursing care.

The Quality Assurance Program for Nursing was initiated this fiscal year. A workshop conducted to prepare nursing representatives from each medical district has been successful in the development of the program utilizing outcome criteria. Nurses from each VA medical district have attended local workshops, and every hospital Nursing Service has established a functioning Nursing Audit Committee. Remarkable progress has been made in the orientation and implementation of the program. Forty percent of VA's Nursing Services collaborated with others to achieve an integrated approach to assess quality patient care; twenty percent shared VA's Quality Assurance Program with non-VA nursing services. Program monitoring will enable VA to further assess, validate, and refine criteria.

The Nurse Clinic Pilot Project was completed on September 30, 1974. The three Nurse Clinics for patients with diabetes, chronic lung disease and arthritis demonstrated the effectiveness of utilizing qualified professional nurses as primary care providers for patients with chronic or stabilized conditions that require long-term management. Nurse management is accomplished within a framework of policies and protocols, with physicians retaining medical responsibility for the patients. In the pilot projects, nursing skills used by nurse practitioners met the health needs of patients and their families. Increased patient activity and decreased rehospitalization were shown, as well as evidence of positive acceptance of the concept by patients.

Professional accountability and innovations in health care delivery are reflected in the changing role of professional nursing, and in the increasing number of nurse practitioners and clinical specialists. Presently there are 377 clinical specialists and nurse practitioners providing primary care in admitting-screening, ambulatory care, hospital based home care, domiciliary care, and nurse-clinics for management of selected patients. Liaison programs with community agencies have been initiated by community health nurses. Eighty-two public health coordinators are involved in planning with other disciplines, referring patients to community agencies, and coordinating placements to nursing homes.

A "Mini-Mental Health Center" program which involves 24-hour per day inpatient and outpatient

care focuses on providing the type of continuing treatment that will support the patient most effectively in his return to the community and his adjustment there. The patient is seen by the same staff member, and, when indicated, includes home visits by nurses.

Nurses are providing individual and group psychotherapy to outpatients through VA's satellite clinics, which has resulted in improved rehabilitation for long-term patients. In one hospital, 375 former patients are recipients of nursing care in the community. In addition to meeting the physical needs of patients, VA nurses provide emotional support and instruction in Reality Orientation Programs to sponsors and families to assist them in maintaining patients in the community.

Nurses are involved in patient/family home dialysis training. Followup conferences and home visits are conducted to assess patients' needs, resolve problems and reduce fears and anxiety. Also, increased emphasis on infection control programs had resulted by the end of the fiscal year in the assignment of 84 professional nurses as practitioners in infection control.

Project proposals dealing with demonstration of geriatric care delivery have been developed in two medical districts. One would establish a multifaceted educational program in VA's Medical District No. 12, the Center of Concerns for the Elderly, to improve the knowledge base upon which quality geriatric nursing practice rests. The other would create a 20-bed demonstration center, the Geriatric Learning Center, through consortia between and among the five hospitals comprising VA's Medical District No. 9, to serve as the environment for learning the latest and most comprehensive approaches to the care of aged and chronically ill veterans.

Nurses from each of VA's Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Centers attended two workshops in SCI care.

During the year, VA's Nursing Service had administrative, professional and developmental responsibility for the VA Nursing Home Care and Community Nursing Home Care programs and for the Hospital-Based Home Care program.

## **Dietetics**

During the fiscal year, 104,508,609 meals were served in VA health care facilities at a raw food cost of \$66.7 million, or 63.9 cents per meal. This was a 14.5 percent increase in raw food cost per meal, as compared with FY 1974.

During this fiscal year, 12 new market forms of

food and supplementary feedings were evaluated at the VA Dietetic Laboratory in Washington, D.C. Two forms were standardized for use throughout the VA, one for sensory evaluation of commercially available convenience foods, and one for use in collecting data on rations served.

As specialized medical services have developed and expanded in the VA, the nutritional care component of these services has been more fully developed and refined. The outcome of complex tests and studies conducted in Special Diagnostic and Treatment Units may depend solely on the integrity of the dietary intake and the accuracy of the calculation, preparation, and service of prescribed diets. The metabolic requirements of spinal cord injury patients, reflected in their prescribed diets, are carefully interpreted into foods that will satisfy the patients' nutritional needs and personal preferences. The nutritional care program for coronary care patients is highly individualized following the acute stage in the Coronary Care Unit through the nutrition education program of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit. The diet of hemodialysis patients is carefully monitored by dietitians in Hemodialysis Centers. Patients and their family members or other responsible persons are instructed on the diet modifications required to maintain the desired protein level and electrolyte balance. Home Dialysis Training Programs include instructions on menu planning and food selection and preparation. As a member of the health care team, the dietitian coordinates her nutritional care plans with the physician, nurse, social worker, pharmacist, and such other concerned professionals as the psychologist and rehabilitation therapist. Nutrition education programs have emphasized helping the patient to develop positive attitudes toward self care, adherence to prescribed treatment, and continuing interest in management or prevention of illness. Coordination with other health care team members reinforces the dietitian's nutritional care, thus making it more effective.

The growing population of aged veterans has nutritional needs specific to their physical state and life style. A letter from VA's Chief Medical Director was sent to state agencies of the Administration on Aging (AOA) to apprise them of the nutrition programs available in VA hospitals. VA hopes through this effort to reach and inform aged veterans living in the community of nutrition programs for which they might be eligible. Plans are underway to develop a joint VA-AOA project to research at selected VA Geriatric Research,

Education and Clinical Centers specific nutritional problems of aged veterans in the community.

With the rapid growth of Ambulatory Care, the Nutrition Clinics in VA hospitals are providing service to both inpatients and outpatients where physical layout and location permit. Outpatient treatment places a demand on the dietitian's skills in interpreting prescribed dietary modifications into food and meals that fit into the patient's budget, food preparation capability, and life style, as well as personal eating habits and food preferences. The list of restricted and allowed foods must be understood and questions must be answered for outpatients to satisfactorily follow their doctor's orders.

Dietitians continue to participate actively in treatment and rehabilitation programs for psychiatric patients. Food plays an important role in the resocialization program designed to help patients prepare for their return to community living. Dietitians teach psychiatric patients to select food from shelves at the market, to choose menu items at restaurants and cafeterias for nutritious meals, and to make mealtime at home an enjoyable social occasion. As one of the participating professional staff of the Group Living Improvement Program, dietitians assist patients to establish themselves in their community home and to learn how to attend to their nutritional needs. Dietitians integrate



*Dietetic Intern Counsels Patient on Selecting Food for His Modified Diet*

nutrition education into the treatment program for alcohol addicted patients who are often debilitated and may evidence nutritional deficiencies. Behavior modification as a treatment modality for obese patients has been employed with some success by dietitians in cooperation with psychologists.

### **Social Work**

VA Social Work Service continues to respond to veterans' health care needs through continuing analysis and strengthening of programs, with an emphasis on improvements in the quality of services and on cost effectiveness.

There has been ongoing refinement of accountability and quality measures through the application of the management by objectives principle and the problem oriented medical record. These tools are contributing to improvements in program administration, deployment of staff, and utilization of VA and non-VA resources. They are also serving as a baseline for the development of program quality evaluation standards and criteria. Selected Chiefs of Social Work Service also participate as team members on Department of Medicine and Surgery audit surveys. The basic vehicle for furthering this effort has been small workshops and seminars covering all VA medical districts.

Operational content for the workshops and seminars was derived from management and service delivery profiles provided by the participants. Dissemination of the workshop summary and the progress reports of individual facilities to all VA medical districts provides working guidelines for day-to-day use in improving the quality of the delivery of social services.

Social work activity in special medical programs has continued to expand both in relation to the number of programs covered and the extent of involvement in all phases of illness. Greater attention is being paid to the social stresses experienced by the patient and the family during the initial crisis of illness. Social workers are increasingly being called upon by others members of the health care team to provide additional services in intensive and coronary care units, in emergency rooms, and in special surgical centers. The result has been an earlier resolution of practical and psychological problems, better communication between the patient and family with the health care team, and reduction of many psychosocial problems which impede recovery and prevent early return to community living.

New program initiatives have been introduced in the area of terminal care and day care for geriatric patients. A proposal for a Research and Training Center in Death, Dying and Bereavement is being developed.

Social Work Service has collaborated with Medical Service and Rehabilitation Medicine Service in developing special medical programs in several new areas, including rehabilitation of cardiac and pulmonary patients and development of centers for rheumatology and arthritis.

Social Work activity in Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) programs has extended to a reassessment of the role of social work in acute care and to increasing efforts in developing community resources, including group living facilities, for SCI patients.

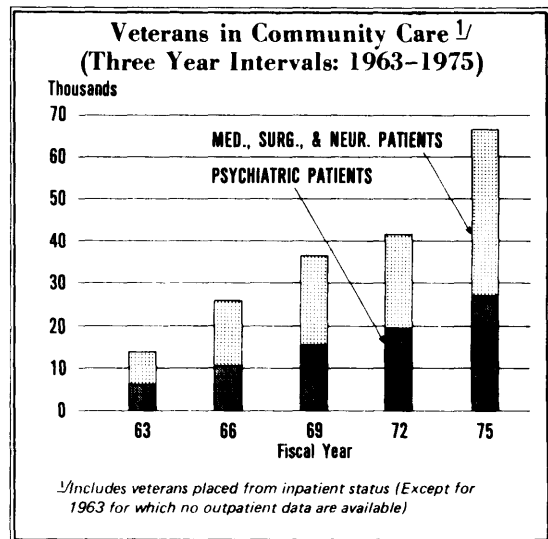
In the Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences, Social Work Service efforts were concentrated on strengthening the multidisciplinary program planning and implementation. This has included participation in conferences related to program design and content, formulation of program guides, and development of the problem oriented medical record in psychiatric programs.

The Social Work Community Care program, which serves as a major alternative to hospitalization, continues to show a steady increase, as evidenced by the accompanying chart. Over the 12-year period covered by the chart, the number of veterans in community care has increased almost fivefold, while in the last three-year period alone, it has increased by approximately 60 percent. Medical and surgical patients have consistently comprised 50 to 60 percent of the total number of veterans in community care.

Facilities used in this program include nursing homes, personal care homes, boarding homes, and other special facilities. The choice of facility depends on the level of care required by the veteran and the rehabilitation goals being pursued. Such facilities are periodically inspected by a multidisciplinary team from the closest VA health care facility. Regular followup visits to the veteran are provided by Social Work Service and other disciplines and are aimed at helping the veteran achieve the highest possible level of community adjustment. Should the veteran's medical or psychiatric condition deteriorate so that rehospitalization is warranted, this is accomplished on a priority basis.

During the fiscal year, emphasis was placed on upgrading the physical standards of the personal care homes used in the program, and on regulating

the fees paid by veterans to the sponsors of personal care homes. This will be a continuing effort in the forthcoming year.



### Chaplain Service

The mission of the VA Chaplain Service is to provide a religious and pastoral ministry for the spiritual welfare of VA patients. VA employs 950 chaplains, either on a full-time or part-time basis, representing all major faiths and denominations.

The VA Chaplain Service focused its efforts and resources during the fiscal year on the integration of its activities with the multidisciplinary approach to the delivery of health care. In this endeavor, VA chaplains provided opportunities for religious worship, sacramental ministry, pastoral counseling, and related supportive services.

The role of the VA chaplains continues to expand and diversify as new trends in the VA health care delivery system emerge. For example, the VA Chaplain Service continues its pioneering efforts with the assignment of specially trained chaplains to VA's Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Treatment Units, and is designing new avenues of service and pastoral assistance to aged or chronically ill veterans in VA's expanding nursing home care program.

The quality of the veteran's life is also an essential concern of the VA chaplains' ministry. As a bridge between the hospital, church and community, VA chaplains assist in effecting a useful adjustment through specially designed programs. A clergy seminar orients communities, ministers,

priests and rabbis to the thrust of VA contributions in health care activities.

The VA Chaplain Service continued its involvement with other Federal agencies and associated groups. In cooperation with the Chaplains' Corps of the Army, Air Force, and Navy through the Military Chaplains Association, four workshops were conducted in "Crisis Ministry" and the "One Parent Family." Relationships and programs with national veterans organizations, national chaplains associations and health care associations are growing and strengthening. The major religious faith groups, through their respective ecclesiastical endorsing agencies, continue to give counsel and assistance to VA chaplains for the enhancement of spiritual programs and activities.

Providing leadership and guidelines for an effective pastoral ministry will be the scope of the new Chaplain's Manual to be published in the Fall of 1975.

### **Veterans Canteen Service**

The Veterans Canteen Service (VCS) operates retail stores and food service facilities at each VA hospital. Canteens provide veterans with merchandise and services essential to their comfort and well-being. Retail stores offer patients articles for occupying their leisure time, for their personal hygiene and grooming, and for their convenience, entertainment and recreation. Food service for employees, patients' families, volunteers and visitors provides a convenient source for regular meals and refreshment snacks, often not otherwise available nearby.

The VCS is by statute an independent, self-supporting organization, financed by the revenues generated from its sales. No appropriations were required in FY 1975, nor have any appropriations been made since FY 1948. Net income beyond current and known future program requirements is returned to the U.S. Treasury. Since the inception of VCS, over \$12 million has been returned to the Treasury, nearly three times the original government investment. The program objective is to generate only sufficient funds to finance its operations. Net operating income for FY 1975 was \$2.5 million, which will be required in FY 1976 to offset increased salary costs and the impact of inflation on inventories.

The VCS is required to provide merchandise and services at reasonable prices, and has always been sensitive to the hospitalized veterans' needs and financial resources. Prices are maintained

uniformly throughout all VA canteens, although this policy results in some canteens operating at a net loss. These losses are offset by profits from other canteens calculated to maintain an overall self-supporting program providing uniform benefits to all veterans. In February 1975, VCS imposed a moratorium on selling price increases as a direct benefit to hospitalized veterans, and was able to absorb the increased cost it paid for merchandise through intensified efforts to improve both its merchandising and operating cost controls.

Space allocated to VA canteen facilities influences the type of services offered and the efficiency and control over operations. Throughout the year, VCS gave priority attention to identifying and securing suitable space, and to developing available space to the best possible advantage.



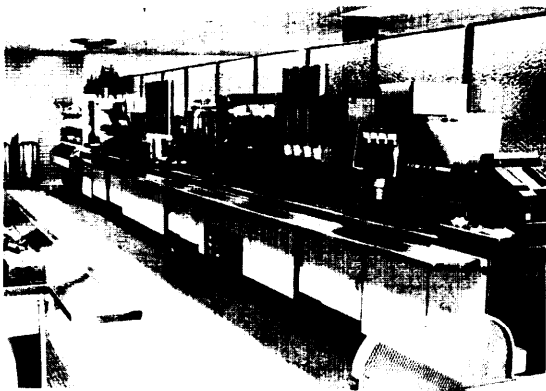
*View of Retail Store*

Twelve retail store remodelings involving total renovation of space were completed or were in the process of completion at the end of the fiscal year. In some facilities there was relocation to better space with improved equipment and decor. A special effort was made to improve the canteens' general appearances, music systems, barber and beauty shops, office equipment, training aids, and operating supplies.

Canteen security equipment was upgraded during the year through the guidance of the Protective Services Staff of VA's Engineering Service.

The Veterans Canteen Service continues to emphasize improvement of its overall food service program. Overall food sales rose from \$30,395,000 in FY 1974 to \$35,141,000 in FY 1975, or approximately 16 percent.

A program to upgrade VA canteen food facilities was continued. Full-scale remodelings were completed in 20 food service areas, 15 dishwashing areas, 17 kitchen areas, 24 dining rooms, and 19 vending activities.



*View of Cafeteria Service Line*

Continued growth is projected for VCS food service in FY 1976, as canteens at many locations are now furnishing meals previously provided by VA Dietetic Service to volunteers, outpatients, and eligible VA employees.

Efforts have been intensified to recruit, employ, and promote qualified female and minority group persons into VCS management positions. The average age of VCS management personnel has decreased while the educational level in this group of employees has increased substantially.

All VCS hourly rate positions subject to the provisions of Public Law 92-392 have been fully converted to the Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System. During FY 1975, the average rate for hourly employees increased by 10.4 percent.

During FY 1975 organizational and functional changes were initiated in the internal audit program of the service. This program, which had formerly operated as a section of the Finance Division, now serves immediately under the Director, VCS, and the scope of canteen audits, previously of a financial and procedural nature, was broadened. A full review of operations is now made to evaluate the economy and efficiency with which resources are utilized and to determine whether desired program results are being achieved. Reports have been expanded to depict results of the expanded operational reviews, and followup procedures have been strengthened to assure that audit recommendations and suggestions receive proper attention.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Since 1946, the policies of the Veterans Administration have explicitly encouraged the establishment of clinical training programs for students in health professional fields through affiliations with medical schools and other educational institutions. Beginning with the training of medical residents, an extensive program has been developed which involves most professions and occupations in the field of health care, and which now includes more than 1,700 VA hospital affiliations with schools of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, graduate and undergraduate programs in psychology and social work, and other allied health fields.

Through these affiliations, the VA provides essential resources for clinical training of students enrolled in the associated academic institutions. Trainees receive varying amounts of compensation depending upon specific agreements with cooperating schools, or special local, regional, or national factors; however, most serve without compensation. In FY 1975, approximately three-fourths of the estimated 73,000 persons provided training in VA hospitals and clinics participated without compensation.

These affiliated training programs, together with the VA's comprehensive programs of continuing education and career development for its own employees, are deemed critically important to the effective operation of the VA health care delivery system. They facilitate both initial recruitment and subsequent career progression of VA staff; they enhance the quality of care rendered to veteran patients; and they contribute significantly to the total health manpower pool of the nation.

The further growth of educational and related activities in FY 1975 has been characterized by continued application of selective factors in developing programs to meet changing occupational needs and recognized geographical differences. By encouraging each hospital to participate in cooperative community educational programs and to develop and modify local hospital training programs to meet its own health manpower needs, the VA Department of Medicine and Surgery continues to emphasize the role of the VA hospital as an important community resource as well as a part of a nationwide health care system.

### Office of Academic Affairs

Created in 1973 as a Central Office component of the Department of Medicine and Surgery, the



Office of Academic Affairs has contributed significantly to the Department's capacity to identify and assess educational needs, and to plan and coordinate the VA education and training programs on a systemwide basis.

This office has continued the placement of senior health professionals and educators as educational directors or coordinators on the staffs of some of the VA's largest and most active teaching hospitals. These carefully selected individuals coordinate training at their respective hospitals and serve as field advisors to the Office of Academic Affairs in the identification of training needs and the development of educational programs. In FY 1975, the number of persons serving in this capacity throughout the United States increased from 24 to 40.

The Office of Academic Affairs has taken a number of additional steps designed to enhance the value, effectiveness and timeliness of VA training activities. First, it has established innovative training programs for new types of health care personnel (e.g. spinal cord injury technicians and patient health educators), whose expertise promises to provide improved levels of service. Second, it has provided special training for established health occupations that are undertaking new responsibilities (e.g. nurse practitioners and clinical pharmacists). Third, it has acted to develop a series of formal evaluation studies to assure the continued effectiveness of ongoing educational programs.

### School Affiliations

At the conclusion of FY 1975, there were 122 VA hospitals and 27 VA Outpatient Clinics participating in close "Deans Committee" affiliations with 98 medical schools, and every one of the 171 VA hospitals was engaged in education or training in cooperation with one or more affiliated universities, colleges, junior or community colleges, or other types of schools.

Among the new VA-medical school affiliations established during the year were the following:

- VA Hospital, Asheville, NC; Duke University Medical School.
- VA Hospital, Columbia, SC; University of South Carolina Medical School.
- VA Hospital, Danville, IL; University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana.
- VA Hospital, Dayton, OH; Wright State University School of Medicine.
- VA Hospital, Downey, IL; Chicago Medical

School/University of Health Sciences.

- VA Hospital, Fargo, ND; University of North Dakota.
- VA Hospital, Murfreesboro, TN; Meharry Medical College.
- VA Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, PA; Hahnemann Medical College.

Medical school affiliations were also established for a number of additional VA outpatient clinics, including those at Columbus, OH (Ohio State University); Honolulu, HI (University of Hawaii); and El Paso and Lubbock, TX (both with Texas Tech University).

Two of the above new hospital affiliations—at Columbia, SC, and Dayton, OH—were developed in association with new state supported medical schools being established with the assistance of VA grants under the provisions of Public Law 92-541, the "Veterans Administration Medical School Assistance and Health Manpower Training Act of 1972." Public Law 92-541 has also been a primary force in expanding the large number of VA affiliations with educational institutions for training in health fields other than medicine.

The fundamental consideration in VA affiliations with educational institutions is the willingness of the parties to cooperate in educational programs of mutual benefit. To such affiliations, the VA brings its substantial clinical facilities, its highly trained staff, and its capacity to coordinate activities at the national level with accrediting agencies and other organizations, both public and private.

Some VA hospitals are engaged in as many as 40 or more discrete training programs through affiliation with as many as 20 different educational institutions in the surrounding community. At the same time, it has not been agency policy to encourage the involvement of more than one educational institution in a given area of education in the same VA hospital.

The accompanying table indicates the extent of VA affiliation with educational institutions.

| Educational Institution  | VA Hospitals | Schools |
|--|--------------|---------|
| Medical schools . . . . .                                      | 122          | 98      |
| Dental schools . . . . .                                       | 72           | 57      |
| Nursing schools . . . . .                                      | 157          | 390     |
| Schools of pharmacy . . . . .                                  | 51           | 63      |
| Departments of psychology . . . . .                            | 128          | 106     |
| Schools of social work . . . . .                               | 144          | 105     |
| Other health professions and<br>occupations programs . . . . . | 171          | 899     |

To strengthen the close cooperative arrangements between the VA hospital and educational institutions providing training in the health care professions and occupations, many VA staff members hold faculty appointments in these institutions. As shown in the accompanying table, 3,244 VA physicians, 267 VA dentists, and 1,214 other VA staff members held such appointments in FY 1975.

| Academic Title                      | Number of Individuals Holding Appointments as of December 31, 1974 |               |             |                |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------|-------------|----------------|
|                                     | Total  | VA Physicians | VA Dentists | Other VA Staff |
| Total .....                         | 4,725  | 3,244         | 267         | 1,214          |
| Professors .....                    | 478  | 412           | 13          | 53             |
| Clinical professors .....           | 94   | 70            | 11          | 13             |
| Associate professors .....          | 640  | 519           | 22          | 99             |
| Associate clinical professors ..... | 234  | 185           | 15          | 34             |
| Assistant professors .....          | 1,318  | 1,046         | 58          | 214            |
| Assistant clinical professors ..... | 489  | 379           | 34          | 76             |
| Instructors .....                   | 478  | 267           | 23          | 188            |
| Clinical instructors .....          | 363  | 192           | 45          | 126            |
| Lecturers .....                     | 76   | 23            | 10          | 43             |
| Other titles .....                  | 555  | 151           | 36          | 368            |

### Graduate Medical and Dental Education

Effective cooperation between VA hospitals and medical and dental schools continues to provide a mutually beneficial program to both the VA and the participating schools.

In addition to the formal VA-medical school affiliations, there are a number of program affiliations between VA hospitals and community hospitals without formal medical school affiliation. Some of these will evolve into medical school affiliations as new schools currently anticipated become a reality. Of the VA hospitals without formal medical school affiliations, 12 have a Medical Advisory Committee drawn from prominent physicians in the surrounding community. An additional hospital previously in this category converted to a formal medical school affiliation during FY 1975, and others are moving in the same direction. Seven of the 12 hospitals maintained limited residency programs in the past year.

In 1974-75, the VA participated in 988 residency programs for physicians. Of these, 856 were components of residencies approved in the name of groups of hospitals, including, among others, university or medical center hospitals and VA hospitals. Of the remaining 132 programs, 72 were approved in the name of VA hospitals, with

residents being assigned to non-VA hospitals for varying periods of training; and 60 were approved in the name of non-VA hospitals, with residents being accepted for training in VA hospitals, usually for short term assignments.

VA residency programs represent all accredited clinical specialties and subspecialties in the fields of medicine and surgery with the exception of those areas, such as pediatrics and obstetrics, in which there are currently no VA patient care programs. The number of programs in individual VA hospitals ranges from a single specialty in a few of the unaffiliated hospitals to a full complement of all recognized medical specialties in those hospitals with full and active Deans Committee affiliations.

In FY 1975, 6,800 physician and dentist positions were supported in VA internships and residencies. These programs, combined with the teaching activities of VA staff members in support of medical student and dental student training, constitute a major mechanism by which the quality of patient care in VA hospitals is maintained at a level commensurate with that in the best medical centers.

### Allied Health Training

Allied health personnel includes all persons, other than physicians, dentists and medical and dental students, engaged in providing direct health services to patients.

During FY 1975, VA hospitals provided training for over 43,000 persons in allied health professions and occupations. This was accomplished through affiliation with structured academic programs, or through independent job-related training. A significant feature of this training effort is that over the past 6 years the number of VA-funded allied health trainees has increased only slightly, while the number provided training on a without compensation basis has more than doubled.

In FY 1975, a number of new training programs were initiated or reemphasized under VA auspices. Some of these programs represented a continuation of pilot programs found to be of significant value. Examples are programs for the training of physician's assistants, nurse practitioners, mental health associates, basic health workers and biomedical engineers. In all of these programs, the VA has made major contributions to the process of defining optimal curricular content and training approaches.



*Spinal Cord Technician with Doctor and Patient*

In the role of educational innovator, the VA worked actively in FY 1975 on the design of training programs for several new types of health workers. One of these, the spinal cord injury technician, is defined as a professional who is capable of offering comprehensive basic health care services to patients with a spinal cord injury. The scope of this worker's expertise will encompass basic nursing, social work, and rehabilitative techniques. It is anticipated that the introduction and utilization of the spinal cord injury technician will result in delivery of a superior level of health care to patients with chronic and disabling illnesses.

A second type of professional now being trained under VA auspices is the health services researcher. Through this program, individuals with expertise in behavioral or managerial science will be trained to apply such expertise to problems in health care delivery.

A third new type of health professional being trained for the first time under VA auspices is the

patient health educator. These individuals are trained to provide patients with specific information about the nature of disease and its treatment, as well as about good personal and family health practices. A unique feature of this program is that the Office of Academic Affairs is not only responsible for the training programs in this area, but also for the operation of five pilot programs in the delivery of patient health education services.

A fourth developmental area of training is in the field of aging. The Office of Academic Affairs has initiated efforts to identify and define the types of professionals required to provide optimal health care to aged patients. The development of these programs is being pursued in conjunction with VA's Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Centers and with other Federal agencies.

#### **Continuing Education**

In FY 1975, the VA's nationwide program of continuing education for Department of Medicine

and Surgery employees continued to experience the significant growth and development which has characterized the past few years. Important factors contributing to this continuing growth trend include increasing numbers of skilled VA staff; rapid changes in medical, scientific and administrative technology; and the recent move toward some form of continuing education requirements for relicensure, for recertification by professional specialty organizations, and for membership in professional associations for physicians, dentists, nurses and other categories of health care personnel.

Activities conducted through this program are designed to improve employee performance and to maintain and strengthen specialized proficiencies by bringing to VA staff the latest medical, scientific and administrative knowledge. The ultimate objective is attainment of the highest possible qualitative levels of health care for veteran patients.

The educational opportunities in which VA employees participated during FY 1975 were offered through a wide variety of educational approaches, techniques, and instructional methods. Over 3,500 lectures, workshops, and symposia were provided for staff members by individuals or organizations in medical, dental, allied health, and administrative disciplines. Nearly 28,000 employees received full or partial support for specialized, individualized training or to participate in educational conferences, workshops, seminars or institutes under VA auspices or through non-VA sources. Many programs were multidisciplinary in nature and dealt with such diverse subjects as hypertension, stroke, alcohol and drug abuse, rehabilitation medicine, and care for the aging patient.

The Dental Training Center, located at the VA Hospital, Washington, D.C., offers one example of specialized individual training. The Center provides specialized career development courses for selected dentists and dental auxiliaries. The curriculum is designed to meet the particular needs of the VA and is intended to supplement courses offered by universities and other sources. One hundred thirty-three dentists and 55 auxiliary personnel attended courses at the Center in FY 1975. In addition to class and clinic training, the Center provides audiovisual materials. Two hundred fifty-three single concept films have been produced to date, utilizing outstanding authorities in all disciplines of dentistry. These have gained wide recognition at national and State professional

meetings and requests have been received from many foreign dental schools for loan of the films.

In addition, over 20,000 employees were provided full or partial support of tuition and registration costs for attendance at non-VA courses, workshops, symposia, institutes and other educational activities and programs conducted by professional organizations, medical schools and other educational institutions. Arrangements were also made for 108 visits by senior medical and dental faculty to non-affiliated or remotely located VA hospitals.

The ongoing program by which accredited status is sought for the continuing education programs of VA health care facilities continued to receive priority emphasis in FY 1975. Through the special accrediting programs of the American Medical Association and recognized State Medical Associations, 47 VA health care facilities are now recognized as being qualified to offer appropriately accredited continuing education programs.

### **Regional Medical Education Centers**

Public Law 92-541 contained legislation directing the Administrator to develop Regional Medical Education Centers (RMEC's) in geographically dispersed areas of the United States. To date, four such Centers have been identified and are being developed to full potential. Action was taken to establish the first three Centers late in FY 1974 and a fourth was designated in FY 1975. It is anticipated that an additional Center will be developed during FY 1976.

Regional Medical Education Centers have been established in order to bring educational programming closer to the hospitals in the areas in which Centers are located. Each Center will have the responsibility for reaching up to 30 health care facilities. It is expected that each Center will develop and conduct, first, an ongoing educational needs identification program; second, a program of educational experiences that will effectively meet the identified educational needs; and third, an evaluation program that will facilitate measurement of the impact of the educational experiences on training program participants.

The RMECs are charged with providing continuing education programs for medical and health-related personnel; including the teaching of newly developed skills and techniques and the remediation of verified deficiencies of basic medical skills, and other educational and training activities.

During 1974-75, over 80 training programs were offered to more than 3,300 VA and 1,400 non-VA participants. It is expected that as the

fourth RMEC becomes functional and the others refine their programming, additional programs will be developed to accommodate an increasing number of participants.

### **Cooperative Health Education Programs**

Throughout FY 1975 there was continued emphasis on VA participation in cooperative community education programs through consortia such as Area Health Education Centers (AHECs). Most of this activity is centered in communities remote from major medical centers. Eight VA hospitals serve as focal points for the development of Area Health Education Center activities in their communities. Additional hospitals participate in community programs through other cooperative mechanisms. This is part of a nationwide effort begun in 1972 to assure better utilization of the educational and health care resources of such communities. Through establishment of effective linkages with major medical centers, these programs can help communities provide more and better health manpower, and therefore, more and better health care to their citizens.

Support for operational activities of such Centers is provided from both public and private resources including various grant programs of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, State systems of higher education, private foundations, local voluntary funds, and in-kind contributions of facilities and clinical instruction from the VA hospital and its professional staff.

The AHEC Program has enabled participating VA hospitals to enhance their service to veterans by improving the training of health care personnel and by enhancing community continuing education for their own staffs. Programs underway include family practice residencies; training programs for nurse practitioners, dental technologists and dietitians; and continuing education for a wide variety of health care workers.

### **Administrative Training and Executive Development**

During FY 1975 more than 2,500 individual management training and developmental assignments were made to selected executives and high potential mid-level managers in the Department of Medicine and Surgery. These included assignments to such activities as the Health Care Administrator's Forum; the Interagency Institute; local Management Workshop-Seminars; residential courses at

the Federal Executive Institute, the Brookings Institution, and the Civil Service Commission Executive Seminar Centers; and university-based middle management training programs.

It is expected that these developmental activities will result in improved efficiency and effectiveness among VA management personnel in the area of general management.

### **Exchange of Medical Information**

As the nation's largest unitary health care delivery and hospital system, the Veterans Administration is interested in exploring and developing new methods of exchanging medical information for both educational and clinical purposes. Such efforts materially assist the VA in providing the most effective and up-to-date care to the veteran patient, regardless of his location in the United States.

The Exchange of Medical Information (EMI) program of the Veterans Administration authorizes the agency to support innovative pilot projects in biomedical communications. Seventeen such projects were conducted in FY 1975. Every VA hospital participated in at least one of these projects, and in most instances the communities surrounding the participating hospitals were also involved. This involvement of local communities in many EMI projects has helped to emphasize that, in addition to its role as a national health care resource, the Veterans Administration is an integral part of the community health care delivery system in each population center where a VA hospital is located.

The following are typical of the EMI projects conducted in FY 1975:

- In May 1975, the VA concluded an 11-month series of experiments in biomedical communications via the spacecraft Applications Technology Satellite-6 (ATS-6). The project involved some 90 hours of broadcasting covering about 75 subjects which were developed and presented via five modes. These included medical grand rounds, video seminars, computer-assisted instruction, clinics for outpatients and families, and teleconsultation. Careful planning of experiments, involving approximately 14 months of developmental activity prior to launch of the space vehicle, was the keynote to VA participation in this project.

Ten VA hospitals located in the Appalachian region of the United States participated in the ATS-6 experiments. These were the VA hospitals

at Altoona, PA; Asheville, NC; Beckley, WV; Clarksburg, WV; Dublin, GA; Fayetteville, NC; Mountain Home, TN; Salem, VA; Salisbury, NC; and Wilkes-Barre, PA.

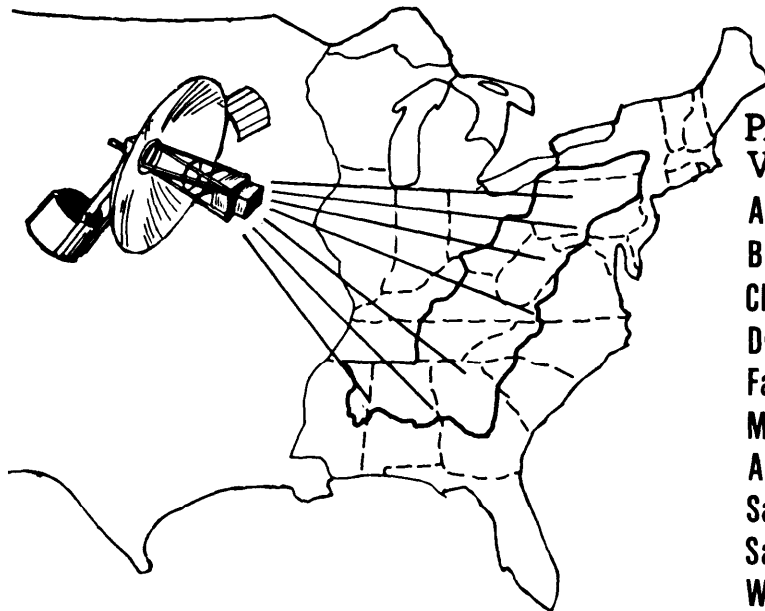
The mountainous terrain and relative isolation of many of the communities in Appalachia often make communications difficult and expensive. Therefore, this region appeared to be an appropriate site to test the feasibility of satellite communications for medical purposes. Preliminary data indicate that the participating hospitals have found this to be an acceptable and effective method for meeting their medical communication needs.

- An Interactive Telecommunications System (ITS) for Central Maine was initiated for the investigation, implementation, and evaluation of an experiment in professional medical education and health care delivery for areas of low population density. Its focus will be a Family Practice Residency Program, which will be the vehicle for addressing problems of communications, continuing professional education, and personnel shortages for rural regions. ITS involves a consortium of five hospitals including the VA hospital at Togus ME. The component resources of the involved hospitals are adequate to provide the required

training and clinical experience for the successful training of residents; however, the success of the Family Practice Residency Program hinges on the ability to bring these resources together. The Interactive Telecommunications System, which the grant makes possible, will supply this ability by implementing closed circuit telecommunications among the participating institutions.

- A pilot project entitled "Regionalized Computerized Consultation: Fluid and Electrolyte" was instituted. This project involves the VA hospital at Indianapolis, IN, as the core institution, and four other VA hospitals located at Fort Wayne and Marion, IN; Danville, IL; and Cheyenne, WY. It makes possible the extension of clinical consultation for fluid and electrolyte problems to remote locations through utilization of the Federal telecommunications and teletype systems. In addition, computer stored medical information is made available to clinicians through the installation of acoustic couplers at terminals located at participating hospitals. The project not only provides consultation service for fluid and electrolyte problems for participating outlying hospitals, but provides for better patient care through improved availability of consultation services.

## AN EXPERIMENT IN BIOMEDICAL COMMUNICATIONS APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SATELLITE - 6



### PARTICIPATING VA HOSPITALS

Altoona, PA.  
Beckley, WV.  
Clarksburg, WV.  
Dublin, GA.  
Fayetteville, NC.  
Mountain Home, TN.  
Asheville, NC.  
Salem, VA.  
Salisbury, NC.  
Wilkes-Barre, PA.

## Medical Media

In FY 1975, there were 356 full-time and 27 part-time employees assigned to medical media production activities in VA hospitals. One new service was activated and another was authorized for activation in FY 1976. Over 2,750,000 individual pieces of photography and art work were produced. Much of this production was for use in teaching slide sets, motion picture segments, and videotapes for closed circuit television, as parts of scientific exhibits. More than 3,000 hours were devoted to closed circuit television activities and approximately 7,500 hours to videotaping and recording.

Educational materials from a variety of sources, including government and commercial producers, were used for patient and employee training activities. Twenty-four videotape programs were produced, including a series of 16 which comprise a basic course in radiographic film processing for x-ray technicians.

Summer internship programs for photographers were offered at the VA hospitals at Houston, TX; San Francisco, CA; Durham, NC; Palo Alto, CA; and Boston, MA. Another five internships were offered to students in accredited schools of Medical Art at the VA hospitals at Brooklyn, NY; Bronx, NY; Birmingham, AL; Palo Alto, CA; and Boston, MA. Hospitals were selected to provide a full exposure of technical and relevant subject material for students.

Eight employees had 14 entries accepted for exhibition in the international print and transparency competition of the Biological Photographic Association. The motion picture "Dialogue on Biofeedback" was awarded an Honorable Mention and was selected for exhibition at the meeting. Four employees successfully completed the requirements for certification as Registered Biological Photographers.

## Library

The 365 professional librarians working in the 171 VA hospital libraries assure that their collections and services represent all the interests of the hospitals they serve including patient care, public health, education, research, administration, and patient and employee services.

During FY 1975, the number of libraries having Medical Literature On-Line (MEDLINE) computer terminals doubled, from 15 to 30. In many instances the terminals were acquired through the



*VA Physician Using Interactive MEDLINE  
Computer Terminal*

formation of consortia with medical libraries in the community, thereby enabling a large number of hospitals and physicians within the community to have access to this invaluable source of biomedical information. The terminals provide on-line access to the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) MEDLARS computer which is programmed to store, analyze, and retrieve bibliographic citations to the 250,000 biomedical journal articles NLM indexes annually. The MEDLARS data base includes MEDLINE, covering medical literature indexed from 1973-1975, backfiles of MEDLINE for 1969-1972, and Selective Dissemination of Information Line (SDILINE), containing the most recent references indexed at NLM. SDILINE allows the libraries to furnish interested physicians automatically with citations to the most current biomedical literature in their specific areas of interest. Several other on-line data bases have proved to be especially valuable. These include CANCERLINE, containing all references indexed and abstracted in *Cancer Chemotherapy Abstracts*; TOXLINE, containing citations on toxicology and adverse drug reactions; and CHEMLINE, a subset of TOXLINE, containing material for identification of chemical compounds.

A contract has been awarded for production of the union list of audiovisual software (16 mm film, audiocassettes, 35 mm slides and videocassettes). By bringing together holding and location information for all software available for loan within the VA library network, the VA comes a step closer to

having a nationwide collection of print and non-print materials with easy access for all VA libraries as opposed to its current 171 separate collections. This concept provides the basis for shared acquisition programs, rapid document delivery services, and other tangible benefits in services and costs. Since a union list of periodical holdings is currently in its fifth edition, all that remains to be accomplished in reaching this goal, aside from updating, is the production of a union list of books held within the VA.

The combination of rapid access through MEDLINE data bases to the universe of medical literature, easy access through union lists to the wealth of materials comprising the total holdings of all VA libraries, and funds used to upgrade book, journal and audiovisual software collections, has begun to produce results in terms of innovative library services.

The library at the VA Hospital, Washington, D.C., is one example. It has initiated a service called LATCH—"Literature Attached to Charts." At the request of a patient's doctor or nurse, the library, using MEDLINE and printed indexes, performs a literature search relating to the patient. Within 24 hours, copies of relevant articles are attached to the patient's chart thereby making pertinent information immediately available to everyone furnishing care to the patient.

Several libraries have taken an active role in the provision of total patient care through participation in multidisciplinary hospital rounds. These "rounds," or meetings (primarily a means for planning in hospital treatment and discharge placement) are held once a week in each ward. Through participation in these meetings, the patient's librarian ascertains the informational needs of the patient or the patient's family and delivers the material accordingly.

The library at the VA Center, Waco, TX, is developing a comprehensive patient education resource center designed primarily for the neuropsychiatric patient. The primary purpose of the center is to provide a centralized service to which the physician or other health care professionals may refer a patient for information leading to an understanding of the nature and management of his illness. It also serves as an information center available to patients on a self-motivated basis, a training center for health-related education for students and volunteers, and a resource center for staff members for inservice education and other assistance.

These and many other innovative approaches to

delivering library service to health care staff and veteran patients, initiated in FY 1975, serve as models for application throughout the VA library network specifically, and the hospital library world in general.

### **Assistance for Health Manpower Training Institutions**

During FY 1975, the Administrator of Veterans Affairs announced two additional sets of awards under Public Law 92-541, bringing to 122 the number of health professions and occupations training programs receiving assistance through this unique dual resource. In each instance, the selected institution or agency receives a direct grant of program support funds and utilizes the clinical resources of one or more VA medical facilities, through new or strengthened affiliation arrangements.

Two new State medical schools (Wright State University in affiliation with the VA Hospital Dayton, OH; and the University of South Carolina in affiliation with the VA Hospital, Columbia, SC) have begun the second of their 7-year grant supported programs and have applied for provisional accreditation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (American Medical Association/Association of American Medical Colleges), which will permit them to enroll charter classes in 1976. The other three universities whose applications were approved during FY 1974 (Texas A&M University/Baylor College of Medicine in affiliation with the VA Hospital, Temple, TX; East Tennessee State University in affiliation with the VA Hospital, Mountain Home, TN; and Marshall University in affiliation with the VA Hospital, Huntington, WV) still await the first step in the accreditation process. Funds for the initiation of these grants are held in reserve.

The awards made during FY 1975 bring to 18 the total number of established medical schools which have received assistance to expand and enhance their undergraduate medical education programs through broadened involvement of Veterans Administration medical facilities with which they affiliate. In addition to developing and strengthening individual clinical departments, the grant support is directed to such activities as establishment of "clinical campuses" distant from parent medical centers, and conversion from 2 to 4-year programs. The grants range from approximately \$150,000 to \$1,500,000 per year and are for periods of from 5 to 7 years.



The 41 new grants in FY 1975 to schools of other health professions and occupations support education and training projects, most of which are directed to improving the utilization or distribution of health manpower. Recipients include academic institutions with programs in nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, podiatry, social services, and the traditional allied professions, as well as consortia of academic and health care institutions. Each of the grant-supported activities encompasses one or more VA health care facilities among the clinical affiliates. Many are specifically designed to build upon the resources unique to the VA hospitals or clinics, or to produce manpower especially prepared to meet the common needs of the VA and the communities in which they are located. Among these are training for multidisciplinary services to aging adults; programs for personnel for ambulatory and outpatient activities in such fields as rehabilitation and prosthetics; programs for nurse practitioners and physician's associates; continuing education in single and multidisciplinary programs; and projects which deal generally with upgrading and expanding basic training programs which prepare personnel for medically underserved areas. These grants vary in length from 2 to 7 years and range generally from about \$15,000 to \$250,000 each year.

Close liaison is maintained with the Bureau of Health Manpower of the Health Resources Administration, Department of Health Education and Welfare, to avoid overlapping or duplication of support.

## RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The research program of VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery contributes to the health care of veterans by generating new knowledge and by assisting in the recruitment and retention of competent professional people.

During the fiscal year, four VA researchers have received recognition on a national or international scale: Dr. Ludwik Gross, VA Hospital, Bronx, NY; Dr. Roger Unger, VA Hospital, Dallas, TX; Dr. Hubert Pipberger, VA Hospital, Washington, D.C.; and Dr. William Oldendorf, VA Hospital (Brentwood), Los Angeles, CA.

The Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award was presented to Dr. Gross for his discovery that viruses induce, or cause, leukemia and cancer in mammals, and for his continuing work in the biology and epidemiology of these viruses. His work stood alone for many years, yet today it is

the basis of the major thrust in cancer research funded by the National Cancer Institute.

Dr. Unger's work has been recognized not once but twice. He received the Banting Medal of the American Diabetes Association and the David Rumbough, Jr. Award of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. The research which prompted these awards has shown that the body's blood sugar balance is maintained by two hormones—insulin, with a role which has been known for years, and glucagon, whose exactly opposite role was not appreciated. Dr. Unger's work is revolutionizing the understanding of diabetes and may lead to drastic changes in its treatment.

Dr. Pipberger pioneered in the computer interpretation of electrocardiograms—heart tracings. His very sophisticated technique is already used in examining patients. For his work, he received the Einthoven Medal from the University of Leiden, Holland.

Dr. Oldendorf received the first Ziedes des Plantes Medal from the Medical Physics Society of W'urzburg, West Germany. Although he is a neurologist, Dr. Oldendorf originated an x-ray technique for scanning the brain. Called "transmission section" scanning, his concept is the basis for current computerized methods used for diagnosis.

## Quality Review

The results of research reflect its quality and one of the essential functions of research management is to assure and improve that quality. In the VA, the evaluation of quality begins at the hospital or clinic where the research is done. A Research and Development Committee composed of local medical and scientific professionals reviews a research proposal in detail and recommends or disapproves its funding. These committees often include faculty members of the affiliated medical schools and can use outside experts to review proposals in medical or scientific fields in which they lack expertise. The review of a proposal frequently results in suggested changes which strengthen its design and improve the quality of the research.

Research projects requiring large expenditures are reviewed initially and all projects are reviewed periodically by one or more of VA's 15 categorical Merit Review Boards. These Boards and VA's Central Office research management provide quality standards and their enforcement for the decentralized research system.

While the Merit Review Boards evaluate re-

search quality and recommend funding, their opinions are returned to the individual hospital or clinic for the facility's guidance. The final decision remains at the local level.

Results of Merit Review serve another purpose. They indicate to VA's Central Office research management how well the local health care facility is administering its research program. On the basis of this evaluation, funding for each facility is determined annually.

### **Funding**

Research Advisory Groups (RAG) provide the mechanism needed for recruitment, and also for handling unforeseeable financial needs. There are four groups—each composed of three VA professionals and each considering requests from about one-fourth of the VA health care facilities. The groups meet every 2 months, and can consider promptly any request for one-time funding. Since the members all work in health care facilities, they are sensitive to and knowledgeable about the needs of the hospitals and clinics. In calendar year 1974, the RAGs recommended \$2.1 million of \$3.9 million requested, of which VA's Central Office could allocate \$1.6 million.

The agency's reputation for quality research conducted in a decentralized, adaptable organization provides research-minded physicians and dentists a strong incentive to join the VA. Once recruited, the employee submits an abbreviated research proposal which is reviewed by the local Research and Development Committee. With the hospital or clinic's recommendation, this proposal is sent to the RAG which adds its recommendation. If both are favorable and reasonable, the investigator receives interim funds—averaging about \$20,000. As work begins, the investigator prepares a full-scale research proposal for submission to his local Committee and, if large enough, to the Merit Review Board which recommends a continuing funding level.

This mechanism provides for the continued production of research of high quality and contributes to the recruitment and retention of excellent professional personnel.

### **Cooperative Studies—Multi-Hospital Research**

The VA is widely acclaimed for its Cooperative Studies—integrated multi-hospital research. Such a study may involve dozens of medical and scientific people. Its strength lies in its careful design,

meticulous execution, and relative speed when hundreds of patients can be studied within months. The following examples illustrate its breadth and effectiveness.

**Effective Prognosis for Survival of Prostatic Cancer Patients**—To predict the survival of patients with prostatic cancer, physicians have relied heavily on the clinical stage of the disease when the patient arrives for treatment as well as the pattern revealed by the microscopic study of cell structure of the tissue involved. In addition, a normal electrocardiogram and no history of cardiovascular disease have been favorable indications. Otherwise, means for prognosis in these cases has been limited.

Recently, the VA Cooperative Urologic Research Group reported on an additional aid for predicting survival of these patients. The study involved 750 patients in hospital and outpatient clinics at 21 VA hospitals. Nonprotein-bound serum cortisol (NPC), and total 17-hydroxycorticosteroid (17-OHCS) levels were determined before and after treatment. In general, it was found that the lower the initial value of NPC and 17-OHCS, the greater the probability of survival during the first year of treatment. The levels of these steroids appeared to be a better prognostic indicator of survival in the first year than did the patient's age, treatment, or stage of the disease.

**Change in Blood Pressure after Stopping Treatment**—Studies by the VA Cooperative Study Group on Antihypertensive Agents have indicated that adequate control of blood pressure for a sustained period on medication could result in a permanent modification in a small number of cases.

A group of 86 male patients with established hypertension had been treated for 2 years or longer with an effectiveness indicated by an average diastolic pressure below 96mm Hg during the last year of treatment. Older persons and those whose blood pressures were at the lower end of the spectrum of "high" blood pressure at the time medication started were most apt to remain with normal pressure after the treatment stopped.

### **Individual Research Projects and Programs**

**Prosthetics Research**—The Prosthetics Research Study, Seattle, WA, tested a controlled environment treatment developed in England. This treatment is intended to expedite healing of freshly

amputated limbs. Though it does not allow immediate prosthetic fitting and ambulation, replacement by a rigid socket and intermediate prosthesis is possible after 10 days.

The VA Prosthetics Center, New York, NY, has developed a myoelectrically controlled electric hook capable of unusually high grasping force. Several prototypes are under evaluation.

Cooperative studies were conducted involving possible prevention of amputation for peripheral vascular disease or at least amputation as distally as medically feasible. The Seattle Study, operating at the VA and other hospitals, and the VA Hospitals at San Francisco, CA, and Castle Point, NY, have found increasing success in healing after amputating not only below the knee but often at the ankle, in contrast to many texts which teach amputation through the thigh. Patients with more distal amputations, treated by immediate post-surgical prosthetics management, are more rapidly rehabilitated and discharged. Even the prosthesis costs substantially less than an above-knee artificial limb.

Experimental prototypes of a unique combination power bed-wheelchair were demonstrated during the year. They allow a quadriplegic independent mobility within a hospital or a ranch-style home and patio.

Several ambulators are being designed to enable a patient who cannot stand independently to work in the upright position and to move voluntarily for short distances on level surfaces. These will allow activities in a kitchen, bathroom, office, or at a public telephone, especially where narrow passages limit a wheelchair.

Clinical studies on mobility and reading aids for the blind and partially sighted continued at the three Blind Rehabilitation Centers. Western Michigan University, with VA education funds, conducted a series of courses for orientation and mobility instructors on two ultrasonic aids and on the VA-supported laser cane. This new pool of skilled instructors will expedite transition from evaluation to wider clinical use by blinded veterans and others.

**Dental Research**—A new toothpaste, designed for use by the elderly or weak who may be unable to spit it out, was developed through research in oral biology. This paste, which has already been used by the astronauts, can be swallowed with no ill effects.

A medical investigator at the VA Hospital, West Haven, CT, has made use of Scialom pins for

setting fractures of facial bones which cannot be managed by splints. The pins bear the name of the French dentist who designed them originally for securing dental crowns. They are made of tantalum, a noncorrosive material used in transplantations, and range from one to two inches long and are similar to a hypodermic needle in diameter. A single pin is relatively easy to insert into the bone surrounding the tooth socket. Since it does not adhere to the bone, but actually becomes loose in a short time, the pin can be withdrawn easily by the dentist after a few days. When the investigators fused together a double tripod of pins with three prongs extending into the lower jaw-bone and the opposite three embedded in the crown, the triplant was almost impossible to dislodge. The successful use of this procedure with animals and clinical results with four accident victims was reported this past year.

**Cancer Research—Advances in Lung Cancer Detection:** Investigators from the Pulmonary Disease Section, VA Hospital, East Orange, NJ, and the Solomon A. Berson Research Laboratory, VA Hospital, Bronx, NY, report that the production of adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH)—in a “Big” form molecularly larger than the pituitary ACTH—in lung tumors is clinically useful as a biological marker in lung cancer. “Big ACTH” has no bioactivity and leads to no clinically detectable endocrine syndromes, such as Cushing’s disease.

The immunoassay of “Big ACTH” is potentially useful in both diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer—the most common cancer in males. Because of the great sensitivity of radioimmunoassay, surgery may be unnecessary to obtain diagnostic specimens. In this study, bronchial washings also contained “Big ACTH.”

The report further suggests that in cases in which lymph node or liver biopsy specimens are histologically positive for cancer, but the primary site of the tumor is unknown, the probability of the site being in the lung is favored if “Big ACTH” can be detected in the tissue.

**Breakthrough in Diagnosis of Breast Cancer:** During a study of plasma membranes of cells from normal, cancerous, and other abnormal human breast tissue, a San Francisco VA research biologist discovered alterations in the appearance of the plasma membrane of glandular epithelial cells lining the mammary ducts. Specimens of cancerous breasts (even from the supposedly normal portions), or noncancerous abnormal breasts, could be distinguished from normal. Normal epi-

thelial cells have a plasma membrane that appears to have a multitude of minute, hair-like projections, known as microvilli, giving the cells the appearance of brushes. Specimens from cancerous tissue show three distinct alterations of the microvilli, by which the investigators could easily distinguish the specimens of cancerous breast tissue from all other specimens.

**Cardiovascular Research—Coronary Risk Screening:** In an attempt to arrest the development of the current high mortality in coronary heart disease, a VA cardiologist and colleagues began a long-term epidemiologic study sponsored by the Long Beach, CA, Heart Association. They screened 2,524 Long Beach citizens, mostly in their forties and fifties, with no history of heart disease. Six major risk factors known to predispose people to coronary heart disease were evaluated.

The investigators found that in many adults showing no symptoms, risk factors predisposing to coronary heart disease are not being detected or treated. They conclude that the best approach to the epidemic of coronary heart disease is prevention; first, by detecting the presence of risk factors and then, by starting long-term treatment.

**Computerized ECG Analysis:** From the VA Hospital, Washington, D.C., computer analyses of electrocardiograms (ECG's) were submitted to a diagnostic test against two of the nation's expert cardiologists. The result showed cardiologists 64 percent correct, and the computer 88 percent correct. The computer has a precise memory of the profiles of many thousands of patients with known heart diseases. If a new record resembles a profile in the computer's memory, a diagnosis can be made.

Independently, cardiologists at the VA Hospital, Minneapolis, MN, tested the computer analyses in more than 1,000 cases and found it 88 percent correct, a degree of reliability they judge sufficient to warrant using the computer for ECG analysis on a routine basis.

**Surgery Research—Pain Following Chest Surgery Alleviated by Nerve-Freezing:** Pain after chest surgery limits the ability of patients to breathe deeply and cough frequently enough to avoid pulmonary complications. Drugs given to relieve the pain often leave the patient with shallow respiration and inadequate coughing reflex.

To overcome these difficulties, a new technique called "cryoneurolysis" was carried out on 38

patients, with an equal number of controls, at two hospitals—the VA Hospital, Albuquerque, NM, and the Roswell Park Memorial Institute. A significant decrease was found in the need for narcotic dosage during the postoperative period when cryoneurolysis was used. This process anesthetizes the incision and does not require repetition. The patients breathe deeply and cough normally during convalescence and are easily able to sit up and use the arm on the operated side, which greatly simplifies nursing care.

**National Study of Operating Room Hazards:** An investigator at the VA Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI, was largely responsible for a national study by the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) identifying risks to some hospital personnel. It found that breathing waste anesthetic gases in the operating room (OR) is hazardous to health and that OR personnel had a significantly higher incidence of cancer, kidney and liver disease, and abortion. Also, there was a far greater incidence of birth defects occurring among children of these health professionals than among professional people not working in operating rooms.

The hazard, first noticed in Russia and European countries, was confirmed in the U.S. by studies of Michigan OR personnel by the VA investigator who brought it to the attention of the ASA. His preliminary findings strongly suggest that the anesthetic gases are at least partly responsible for these hazards—particularly birth defects and cancer. Several anesthetic gases are similar in chemical structure to known human carcinogens. The investigator strongly recommends venting waste anesthetic gases at all locations where anesthetics are given.

**Drug Dependence Research—Exploring the possibility that different classes of psychoactive drugs exert different patterns of effects on sleep,** medical investigators at the VA Hospital, San Francisco, CA, studied the effects of a high dosage of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)—considered to be the main ingredient of marijuana—on the sleep patterns of young patients, average age 25 years, who were accustomed to using marijuana.

In the present study, administration and withdrawal of high dosages of THC induced striking changes in electroencephalogram (EEG) sleep patterns. These effects were far greater than those produced on waking EEG activity. The investigators suggest that THC, because of its apparently unique pattern of effects on sleep, could prove to

be a useful tool in understanding the mechanisms and pharmacology of sleep.

#### **Research in Metabolic Disorders—Pancreatitis**

*Treatment:* Aside from different treatment for the two kinds of pancreatitis—hemorrhagic and edematous—the outlook is grave for the hemorrhagic form which has a mortality rate of 30-50 percent or higher, compared to a mortality of 5-13 percent observed in cases of edematous pancreatitis. Thus, early determination whether a patient has acute, swollen pancreatitis or the more critical hemorrhagic form is crucial to both treatment and prediction of the probable course and outcome of the disease.

Medical investigators at the VA Hospital, Sepulveda, CA, report that the detection of methemalbumin in the blood serum of effusion from the abdominal or chest cavities of patients is virtually a certain indication of the hemorrhagic form of pancreatitis. They were able to make the crucial determination of the presence or absence of methemalbumin by means of a simple, quick spectrophotometric assay developed and reported by them earlier.

*Diabetes Treatment:* Traditionally, the metabolic disorders of diabetes mellitus have been ascribed entirely to insulin deficiency. However, more recently, a research team at the VA Hospital, Dallas, TX, has demonstrated two new lines of evidence supporting the theory that the opposing hormone, glucagon, is involved in the development of the severely high blood sugar levels that are typical of diabetes.

The research group found that development of the abnormally high blood sugar levels, characteristic of diabetes, does indeed require the presence of glucagon. Finally, suppression of glucagon in animals with experimentally induced diabetes led to a rapid reduction of the high blood sugar level. This suggests a potentially valuable new approach to the treatment of diabetes.

*Danger of High Doses of Vitamin C:* In the course of treating nine Vietnam era veterans at the VA Hospital, Bronx, NY, who were receiving ascorbic acid tablets (vitamin C) to maintain a urine acid level sufficient to help prevent infection, investigators observed that four of the nine paraplegics had very low levels of serum vitamin B<sub>12</sub>—the antianemia factor of liver extract and the most potent antipernicious anemia substance known.

Evaluating the reasons for this deficiency, the Bronx investigators discovered that large doses of

vitamin C, such as those recently recommended for prevention of the common cold, may destroy from 50 to 95 percent of the vitamin B<sub>12</sub> contained in a meal.

**Research in Nuclear Medicine**—Medical investigators at the VA Hospital, Lexington, KY, have reported a new technique for the thyroid function test using the radioisotope <sup>99m</sup>Tc Technetium-pertechnetate, which saves time and money while reducing the hazard of radiation exposure to the patient's thyroid gland by almost 10,000 times.

The results of their technetium thyroid-scan study were so nearly identical to the standard <sup>131</sup>I-radioactive iodine uptake (RAIU) test, that the investigators recommended that their new radioisotope technique be used in place of the 24-hour RAIU test in screening and diagnosing possible thyroid disease in the interest of saving time, money and radiation exposure.

**Research in Speech Pathology**—Speech pathologists have divided oral communication into two kinds—transmission of meaning and of emotion. The former relates to putting words together to convey an idea; the latter, to altering inflections or pitch of the voice to convey emotion. Not only a person's ability to convey information orally, but his ability to understand persons speaking to him may be disturbed by damage to the brain, such as in aphasia resulting from a stroke. Aphasic patients who are unable to use speech to convey ideas have been found to be able to recognize the emotion conveyed by a voice even though they do not understand the words.

Investigators at the VA Hospital, Gainesville, FL, recognizing an indication that the two kinds of speech comprehension are controlled by different areas of the brain, designed an experiment to determine if there are differences between the sides of the brain in the comprehension of the emotional content of speech.

The results suggest that aphasic patients with right-sided damage have a defect in comprehension of the emotional content of speech—medically referred to as auditory affective agnosia.

#### **Health Services Research and Development**

The Health Services Research and Development Service (HSR&DS) has continued to place emphasis on developing a program keyed to the most comprehensive and expeditious delivery of health care to patients in the VA system. During the year,

this program was restated in terms of the goals and objectives established by the Department of Medicine and Surgery management by objectives process, thereby insuring integration of research and development with operating plans.

With the rapidly expanding demands for ambulatory care, a number of projects have been supported that look to appropriate and efficient patient treatment prior to, or in lieu of, hospital admission. These projects often take the form of development, pilot test and evaluation of innovative health care delivery models. Modeling activities have included projects such as the prototype Preadmission Psychiatric Assessment Unit developed at the VA Hospital, Salt Lake City, UT, for evaluating the physical, psychological and social status of applicants for mental health care prior to their admission to or treatment at the hospital. This system for collecting data on, and assessing the condition of, patients proved successful and was incorporated into the regular operation of the hospital at the completion of its pilot stage this year. A formal cost and effectiveness evaluation is now being conducted to determine the "exportability" of the model to other hospitals. Similarly, a project begun last year to develop and test clinical algorithms for diagnosis and treatment of simple acute illnesses will lead next year to pilot testing of the algorithms as an integral component of a functional ambulatory care model at the VA Hospital, Tucson, AZ, and possibly at other hospitals.

In the area of hospital functions and services supporting direct patient care, recent studies include such varied subjects as cost-benefit analysis of manual and computerized patient appointment scheduling systems; pilot test of a semiautomated system for preparation of radiology reports; and initial development of a nationwide on-line pharmacy information system that can provide patient medication history as well as the usual pharmacy inventory and control functions. Work on the planned integrated clinical and administrative hospital information system began with the initial steps to identify and define the fundamental data elements required in the operation and management of medical districts and their component hospitals under the regionalization concept now being implemented.

The VA is cooperating with the National Center for Health Services Research of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in two programs intended to encourage research and development in health services and to train personnel appropri-

ately for such work. The National Center for Health Services Research will fund a number of grants for the establishment of Health Services Research Centers in academic institutions having working relationships with health service delivery settings. To encourage VA hospital participation, HSR&DS has offered, to each VA health care facility that successfully participates with a university in applying for and obtaining a Health Services Research Center grant, funding to provide manpower for active participation by the hospital. Similarly, Education Service and HSR&DS have entered into a cooperative arrangement with the National Center to help provide interdisciplinary education and training in health services research to selected trainees. Each trainee will be expected to have a health care background and to be working for a Ph.D. in an approved educational institution. Those students who successfully complete the program will be offered VA employment in a variety of suitable positions through which they may be able to influence favorably VA health care delivery.

A major ongoing effort of HSR&DS, the Health Services Review Organization, was implemented during the second half of FY 1975.

## SUPPORT

### Operating Costs

The operating costs of VA's Department of

| Activity                                    | Fiscal Year         |                                  | Percent Increase |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
|   | 1975<br>(thousands) | 1974 <sup>1</sup><br>(thousands) |                  |
| Total medical programs                      | \$3,460,533         | \$2,950,649                      | 17.3             |
| Medical care                                | 3,328,230           | 2,837,682                        | 17.3             |
| Inpatient care                              | 2,478,611           | 2,151,368                        | 15.2             |
| Hospitals                                   | 2,253,636           | 1,967,177                        | 14.6             |
| VA hospitals                                | 2,210,014           | 1,934,901                        | 14.2             |
| Contract hospitals                          | 39,597              | 28,374                           | 39.6             |
| State home hospitals                        | 4,025               | 3,902                            | 3.2              |
| Nursing homes                               | 161,890             | 125,341                          | 29.2             |
| VA nursing homes                            | 105,247             | 83,941                           | 25.4             |
| Community nursing homes                     | 47,272              | 32,536                           | 45.3             |
| State nursing homes                         | 9,371               | 8,864                            | 5.7              |
| Domiciliaries                               | 63,085              | 58,850                           | 7.2              |
| VA domiciliaries                            | 53,010              | 49,292                           | 7.5              |
| State domiciliaries                         | 10,075              | 9,558                            | 5.4              |
| Outpatient care                             | 593,776             | 482,125                          | 23.2             |
| CHAMPVA                                     | 13,208              | 589                              | 2,142.4          |
| Education and training                      | 177,756             | 155,380                          | 14.4             |
| Miscellaneous benefits and services         | 64,880              | 48,217                           | 34.6             |
| Miscellaneous operating expenses            | 36,881              | 31,165                           | 18.3             |
| Medical administration                      | 19,161              | 18,356                           | 4.4              |
| Research and development in health services | 3,887               | 2,672                            | 45.5             |
| Postgraduate and inservice training         | 10,484              | 7,043                            | 48.9             |
| Exchange of medical information             | 3,349               | 3,093                            | 8.3              |
| Research                                    | 95,422              | 81,802                           | 16.6             |
| Medical research                            | 91,627              | 78,608                           | 16.6             |
| Prosthetic research                         | 3,796               | 3,194                            | 18.8             |

<sup>1</sup> Revised

Medicine and Surgery during FY 1975 were \$3,460,533,000, an increase of \$509,884,000 over FY 1974. The accompanying table shows the distribution of these costs by program.

Although much of this increase is the result of rising workload, a portion must be attributed to inflation. The accompanying table lists those categories which showed the most notable increases in FY 1975.

| Item                        | Change (FY 1975 v. FY 1974) |         |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
|                             | Amount (thousands)          | Percent |
| Personnel services          | 252,554                     | + 12.3  |
| Beneficiary travel          | 14,850                      | + 51.0  |
| Communications              | 3,586                       | + 18.2  |
| Utilities                   | 12,739                      | + 36.6  |
| Outpatient dental fees      | 6,160                       | + 13.6  |
| Medical and nursing fees    | 10,859                      | + 31.6  |
| Community nursing homes     | 14,446                      | + 45.4  |
| Contract hospitalization    | 10,758                      | + 39.1  |
| Other contractual services  | 19,313                      | + 40.1  |
| Provisions                  | 6,844                       | + 11.4  |
| Drugs and medicines         | 21,356                      | + 21.9  |
| Medical and dental supplies | 20,200                      | + 28.1  |
| Fuels                       | 5,470                       | + 63.4  |
| Operating supplies          | 13,160                      | + 39.2  |
| Prosthetic appliances       | 4,986                       | + 19.4  |

These net increases have resulted in higher per diem costs, as shown in the accompanying table.

| Type of VA Health Care Facility | Fiscal Year |         | Increase |         |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|----------|---------|
|                                 | 1975        | 1974    | Amount   | Percent |
| Hospitals                       | \$75.71     | \$65.08 | \$10.63  | 16.3    |
| Medical bed sections            | 79.49       | 68.02   | 11.47    | 16.9    |
| Surgical bed sections           | 102.45      | 89.74   | 12.71    | 14.2    |
| Psychiatric bed sections        | 54.12       | 46.45   | 7.67     | 16.5    |
| Domiciliaries                   | 15.82       | 13.89   | 1.93     | 13.9    |
| Nursing home units              | 42.79       | 35.83   | 6.96     | 19.4    |

The rising costs of medical supplies and materials, increased workload, and the VA's efforts to deliver quality medical care are all contributing factors in the higher cost per patient day and cost per patient treated. Compared to FY 1974, the cost per patient day in VA hospitals increased by \$10.63 to \$75.71 in FY 1975, while the average cost per patient treated increased by \$129 to \$1,984 in FY 1975. While per diem costs have historically been utilized as cost guidelines for VA's health care system, the cost per patient treated is more indicative of the VA's attempt to hold down the costs per hospitalization episode, as the accompanying table illustrates.

Even in light of increasing hospital employment, inflation, and the ever changing medical

| Fiscal Year | Per Diem Cost |                  | Cost per Patient Treated |                  |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
|             | Amount        | Index (1970=100) | Amount                   | Index (1970=100) |
| 1970        | \$38.42       | 100              | \$1,524                  | 100              |
| 1971        | 43.41         | 113              | 1,626                    | 107              |
| 1972        | 56.21         | 137              | 1,851                    | 121              |
| 1973        | 57.92         | 151              | 1,769                    | 116              |
| 1974        | 65.08         | 169              | 1,855                    | 122              |
| 1975        | 75.71         | 197              | 1,984                    | 130              |

technology, the VA has endeavored to keep the costs of hospitalization at a minimum without sacrificing quality. Two primary reasons for VA's successes are a reduction in the average length of patient stay for hospitalization and an increase in outpatient care. The reduction of the average length of patient stay in hospital (from 69.6 days in FY 1970 to 36.5 days in FY 1975), is an area the VA is constantly seeking to improve.

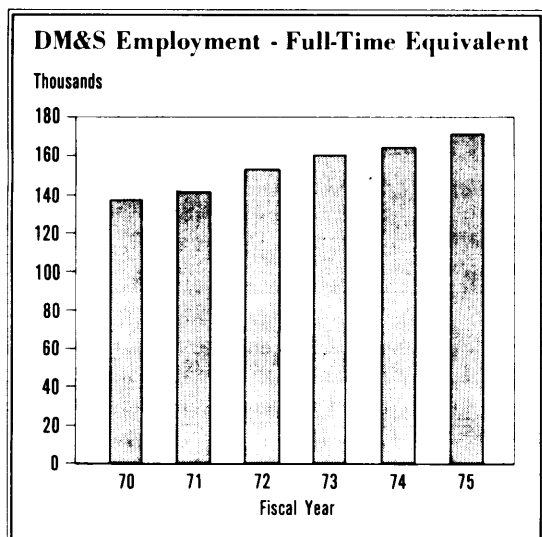
## Employment

The net full-time equivalent employment (FTEE) in VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery (DM&S) for FY 1975 and FY 1974 is shown in the accompanying table. The largest increases occurred in VA hospitals and outpatient activities, where FTEE increased over FY 1974 by 3,926 and 2,306, respectively.

| Appropriation/Fund  | Fiscal Year |                   | Percent Change |
|---|-------------|-------------------|----------------|
|   | 1975        | 1974 <sup>1</sup> |                |
| Total   | 173,339     | 166,079           | + 4.4          |
| Medical care  | 164,457     | 157,704           | + 4.3          |
| Inpatient care  | 141,117     | 136,664           | + 3.3          |
| Hospitals   | 131,821     | 127,895           | + 3.1          |
| Nursing homes   | 6,511       | 5,880             | + 10.7         |
| Domiciliaries   | 2,785       | 2,889             | - 3.6          |
| Outpatient care   | 22,071      | 19,765            | + 11.7         |
| All other   | 1,270       | 1,273             | - 0.2          |
| Medical administration and miscellaneous operating expenses | 748         | 772               | - 3.0          |
| Medical administration                                      | 674         | 709               | - 4.9          |
| R&D in health services                                      | 75          | 63                | + 19.0         |
| Research  | 4,232       | 3,873             | + 9.3          |
| Medical research  | 4,170       | 3,821             | + 9.1          |
| Prosthetic research   | 62          | 52                | + 19.2         |
| Canteen service   | 3,169       | 3,060             | + 3.6          |
| Supply fund   | 680         | 624               | + 9.0          |
| Consolidated working fund                                   | 53          | 46                | + 15.2         |

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

The FTEE increases reflect a continuing trend in DM&S employment as shown in the next chart. The infusion of qualified personnel resulted in an increase in the employee to patient ratio in VA



hospitals from 1.27:1 in FY 1970 to 1.65:1 in FY 1975 and is allowing VA to approach its goal of one employee per 500 outpatient visits. This enabled VA to improve both the availability and quality of medical care.

### Voluntary Service

Changes in the VA health care system and in patterns of volunteer activity throughout the U.S. continued to affect the VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) program during FY 1975.

The substantial increase in VA outpatient and community care was reflected in increases in the number of regularly scheduled volunteers in three services. The involvement of volunteers in activities supervised by VA's Social Work Service showed the greatest gain, reflecting steady growth in volunteer services for patients in contract nursing homes and foster care homes. It also showed some increase in the Telecare program in which selected volunteers keep in touch with veteran patients living in the community who are alone for prolonged or frequent periods of time.

VA's Medical Administration Service, under which many outpatient clinic and admissions area volunteers serve, showed almost as great an increase, with VA's Pharmacy Service not far behind. In the clinic and admissions areas, volunteers were particularly effective in maintaining a comfortable and friendly atmosphere for waiting patients and their families, spotting potential problems, and helping guide patients to scheduled appointments. Under close supervision, a small

number of specially trained volunteers helped patients complete medical history questionnaires for computerized record-keeping. The increase in the Pharmacy Service volunteers reflected in part the assistance given to VA staff in the packaging and labeling for mailing of pre-measured dosage drugs to outpatients.

The nationwide effects of competition for volunteers, the economy, and the energy crisis were offset by increased recruitment efforts on the part of VAVS staff and participating voluntary organizations. For example, one of the largest of the organizations with membership on the VAVS National Advisory Committee initiated a study of its mechanism for recruiting, training, and referring volunteers to VA hospitals; another produced a recruitment film and established a VAVS section in its national magazine; a third adopted a series of resolutions calling for specific actions to increase recruitment of volunteers from its membership.

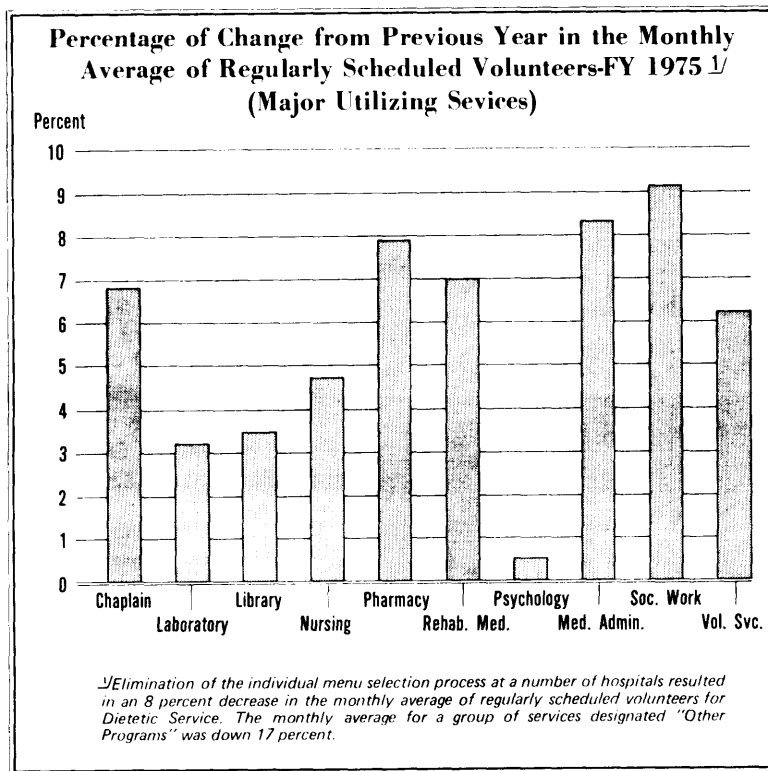
At the same time, the Chiefs of Voluntary Service in VA hospitals actively sought new volunteer sources among community organizations and institutions. In keeping with VA's policy that VA hospitals also serve as an educational resource, arrangements were made with college and high school faculties for the enrollment of students in VAVS assignments related to their chosen careers. In a few instances, and with excellent results, the VA joined other community hospitals in providing volunteer experience for selected traffic violators referred by the courts in lieu of fines or imprisonment.

Nationally, agreement was reached with the 8.5 million member American Association of Retired Persons-National Retired Teachers Association toward recruitment of older volunteers, and increased support was extended to the VAVS National Advisory Committee member organizations by publication of a semiannual newsletter devoted to their VAVS interests and activities.

The result of these and other recruitment activities was maintenance of a monthly average volunteer census of over 106,000, and an increase of 500,000 volunteer hours of service to a total of 10,300,000.

Emphasis was also placed on staff recruitment and training as elements essential to the quality of the VAVS service. New candidates accepted for staff positions received 6 months training under experienced Chiefs of Voluntary Service at selected VA hospitals before undertaking their own programs. Seven regional conferences during the year provided training and information exchange





opportunities for the entire staff, and Voluntary Service Officers benefited from the medical district pattern through exchange of information and consolidation of resources.

Pertinent also to the future quality of the VAVS program was the growing incidence of

leadership activity undertaken by the Chiefs of Voluntary Service in local and regional organizations of volunteer administrators. In a number of instances, this role involved designing and conducting college level courses in the administration of volunteer programs.



*Volunteer Writing Letter for Spinal Cord Injury Patient*

## Facilities

**Construction**—In FY 1975, total construction obligations amounted to \$206 million. Of this total, 22 major construction contracts amounting to \$159.7 million were awarded by VA's Central Office. Eight construction contracts were awarded for Phases 2 through 7 of the 702-bed replacement hospital at Bronx, NY; Phase 2 of the 500-bed replacement hospital at Loma Linda, CA; and Phase 2 of the 820-bed hospital at Los Angeles, CA.



*Replacement Hospital, Bronx, NY*

At the end of FY 1975, 182 projects were under construction at a total estimated cost of \$297.5 million. Major projects underway during FY 1975 included a 328-bed addition at Phoenix, AZ; a 500-bed hospital at Loma Linda, CA; a 820-bed hospital at Los Angeles, CA; a 702-bed hospital at Bronx, NY; and a Spinal Cord Rehabilitation Center at West Roxbury, MA.

In FY 1975, 122 projects were completed at a construction cost of \$72.7 million. These projects included replacement, modernization, alteration and improvement of existing VA facilities. Major projects completed during this period included research additions to the VA hospitals at Omaha, NE, and Cleveland, OH; and a 180-bed nursing home care facility at Long Beach CA.

The accompanying table provides summary fiscal data on the construction program.

**Health Care Facilities Planning** — During FY 1975, revised criteria for the Respiratory Care Program were approved, and revised criteria for Ambulatory Care were completed. Major revisions of criteria for Dental Service, Surgical Clinics, and Rehabilitation Medicine have begun, and work is continuing on major criteria revisions of Pharmacy, Surgery, Radiology, Research, and Hemodialysis. A functional relationship matrix was developed to be used as a guide for planning health care facilities, and it is now being included in all of the space planning criteria revisions.

| Description                          | Construction Status |   |           |   |                    |   |                                       |   |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---|-----------|---|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|
|                                      | Total               |   | Completed |   | Under Construction |   | Authorized But Not Under Construction |   |
|                                      | Num-ber             | Estimated Construction Cost (million dollars) | Num-ber   | Estimated Construction Cost (million dollars) | Num-ber            | Estimated Construction Cost (million dollars) | Num-ber                               | Estimated Construction Cost (million dollars) |
| Total <sup>1</sup>                   | 730                 | \$1,355.75                                    | 122       | \$72.68                                       | 182                | \$297.46                                      | 426                                   | \$985.61                                      |
| Replacement and relocation hospitals | 15                  | 789.02  | 2         | 15.87   | 4                  | 165.59  | 9                                     | 607.56  |
| Modernization                        | 14                  | 130.78  | 0         | 0   | 4                  | 35.09   | 10                                    | 95.69   |
| Cemeteries                           | 23                  | 7.84  | 0         | 0   | 2                  | 0.12  | 21                                    | 7.72  |
| Nursing home care units              | 27                  | 42.30   | 7         | 5.12  | 10                 | 13.13   | 10                                    | 24.05   |
| Research facilities                  | 22                  | 48.41   | 6         | 5.84  | 5                  | 5.23  | 11                                    | 37.33   |
| Other improvements                   | 629                 | 337.40  | 107       | 45.85   | 157                | 78.30   | 365                                   | 213.26  |
| Air conditioning                     | 28                  | 82.47   | 6         | 17.81   | 9                  | 24.83   | 13                                    | 39.83   |
| Other                                | 601                 | 254.93  | 101       | 28.04   | 148                | 53.47   | 352                                   | 173.43  |

<sup>1</sup> All figures rounded from detailed reports.

A space survey of all VA medical facilities provides the agency with a computerized space profile of each facility. In FY 1975, the space survey data bank output was made available on microfiche or microfilm for use as planning aids. Progress was also made in upgrading the computerized master equipment file which provides the agency with an equipment guide list for each function.

**Use of Architect/Engineer (A/E) Firms in VA Design** — During FY 1975, the VA commissioned 118 A/E firms at \$8.4 million in fees; 34 A/E firms for major projects amounting to \$6.2 million in fees; 17 A/E firms for seismic studies amounting to \$1.3 million in fees; and 67 A/E firms for local-level projects amounting to \$0.9 million in fees.

During FY 1976, the VA is planning to commission 324 A/E firms at \$28.8 million in fees; 104 A/E firms for major projects amounting to \$24.7 million in fees; and 220 A/E firms for local-level projects amounting to \$4.1 million in fees.

**Construction Research** — As part of the program to provide the most advanced concepts, materials and techniques in VA hospital design and construction, a total of 12 research and development project studies in building technology were in progress during the year. The majority of these studies are being performed through contracts with private consultants. The reports on these studies are used as the basis for establishing policy and technical criteria in the form of construction standards for the VA hospital program. In addition, the reports are made available to other government agencies and to the public.

A significant project underway is the study of the potential fire hazard in hospitals associated with the movement of smoke and toxic gases. The results of this study indicate that air conditioning systems normally installed in hospitals can be operated during a fire emergency so as to create an effective air barrier to prevent smoke and toxic gases from migrating to non-fire areas. The data collected from this project are already being used in the development of new fire code provisions by the National Fire Protection Association and in preparing revised fire safety criteria for VA hospitals.

Of the seven projects initiated during the year, two projects are of particular significance. The first is intended to develop a standard on direc-

tional-graphic systems for more effective direction of VA hospital users and for improved identification of spaces in both new and existing VA hospital buildings. The second project is intended to develop a computerized program which will permit the VA to calculate the heating and cooling loads of a hospital at the preliminary stage of design; simulate the various heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems that might be installed; predict the annual and monthly energy requirements and utility costs of the hospital; and provide data for determining the life cycle costs of each of the systems.

**Advisory Committee on Structural Safety** — Public Law 93-82 requires that hospitals, domiciliaries, and other medical facilities, including nursing home facilities contracted for under Section 620, Title 38 U.S.C., are to be of fire, earthquake and other natural disaster resistant construction. To comply with this law, an Advisory Committee on Structural Safety of Veterans Administration Facilities was appointed to advise the Administrator on all matters of structural safety in the construction and remodeling of VA facilities. The Advisory Committee's recommendations for fire, earthquake and other natural disaster resistant construction are developed as Construction Standards by the VA staff.

The Advisory Committee recommended the adoption of the VA Handbook H-08-8, entitled "Earthquake Resistant Requirements for VA Hospital Facilities." This handbook sets forth requirements for earthquake resistant design of VA hospital facilities. The committee also recommended standards for fire safety construction of VA facilities pending the results of a Code Comparison Study now underway.

**Maintenance of Facilities** — Maintenance of VA-owned physical facilities is accomplished by VA's Engineering Service personnel. Over \$59 million of nonrecurring maintenance funds were expended during the year for about 1,400 projects related to maintenance of physical facilities and capital equipment, and accomplishing minor improvements.

A program for correction of electrical deficiencies at VA health care facilities was initiated during the year and is being continuously developed and progressively implemented. Approximately \$8 million of nonrecurring maintenance funds were obligated in FY 1975 for upgrading electrical distribution systems and for

providing nine additional facilities with adequate emergency power.

A program was also initiated during the year for air conditioning existing VA medical facilities on the basis of procedures for project development. These procedures were established to assure selection and installation of systems with the most favorable life cycle costs and with due regard for conservation of energy.

Air pollution at VA facilities has been reduced by the installation of incinerators meeting VA specifications and the conversion of boilers to less polluting fuels. The VA facilities are now in compliance with national, State and local air pollution abatement requirements.

**Energy Conservation** — The VA is in the forefront among government agencies in implementing a policy of energy conservation.

Energy conservation in the design of new buildings is one of VA's major objectives. Design criteria for the many functions of a hospital have been changed to provide for better utilization of energy. Solar energy, total energy and selective energy plants are being investigated for possible use in hospitals. Energy saving devices and existing hardware are used extensively.

Air conditioning criteria have been revised to reduce energy loads, and lighting levels have been reduced for the same reason. A few of the systems being implemented are listed below.

1. An *annual cycle energy system* is being considered for use in one of the VA outpatient clinics. This system was developed by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and is based on a unique concept. Summer cooling will be provided by chilled water and ice which have been generated the previous winter through the operation of the heat pump for heating.

2. A *solar energy system* is being contemplated for use on one of VA's research buildings. This is a pilot study being made on a modified Swedish design research building for heating and air conditioning.

3. A *selective energy system* is being investigated for use at the new VA hospital at Augusta, GA. The VA hospital will buy its electricity from the utility company to handle its normal lighting load, and will also generate its own electric power to run its air conditioning system. The waste heat will be used to run additional air conditioning to

make up the total air conditioning load for the building.

4. The *heat recovery wheel*, which was first introduced to VA in the VA hospital at Phoenix, AZ, in 1969, is now standard VA design practice.

5. *Heat pumps* are now in operation at the VA hospitals in Durham, NC; Long Beach, CA; and Tuscaloosa, AL. This system is now being used wherever it is feasible and appropriate.

**Land Management** — During FY 1975, 21 VA facilities were surveyed by the General Services Administration (GSA) in accordance with Executive Order 11724. A total of 669 acres at six facilities were recommended to be excessed as a result of the GSA surveys. During FY 1975, the VA voluntarily excessed 122 acres to GSA for further Federal utilization or disposal. There were 27 new outleases of land or building space issued by the VA during FY 1975.

Draft Environmental Impact Statements were prepared and issued for the replacement hospital at Augusta, GA; a parking garage; and a clinical building and seismic corrections. State clearing houses were notified of compliance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-95 for 28 projects located in 22 States. Land Use Master Plans have been developed and approved for seven VA hospitals.

During FY 1975, the Space Management Division was established in the Land Management Service of VA's Office of Construction to coordinate and perform the agencywide building space program involving space acquired by means other than VA fee acquisition or construction. The program covers 7 million square feet of space with an annual rental of \$40 million. Initial steps were taken to acquire by lease four regional data processing centers, and 10 satellite outpatient clinics. This action was taken in cooperation with the GSA regional offices.

**Historical Preservation Activity** — The VA historic preservation program is receiving a wider exposure throughout the agency with the coming of the Bicentennial year. This renewed interest has increased the quality of data available on the history of many VA properties and created a new sensitivity to local history on the part of employees and visitors. Additional care is being taken to avoid projects which might be detrimental to historic properties.

The VA has opposed external activities which may have an adverse effect on historic sites, such as construction of a motorcycle race track near the VA Hospital, Ft. Meade, SD; sale of land adjacent to the North Little Rock Division of the VA Hospital, Little Rock, AR, for high rise development; and construction of a high rise complex overlooking the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. The VA has received good cooperation from State Historic Preservation Officers on historic preservation matters.

During the year, special funds were made available for structural stabilization at one of the VA's oldest properties — a quarters unit built in the 1750's on the ground of the present VA hospital at Perry Point, Maryland.

**Building Management** — VA's Building Management Services are improving in many respects, with a definite trend toward professionalism. Appropriate pest control personnel involved in the application of restricted use pesticides are being trained for certification as required by Public Law 92-516, the Federal Insecticide and Rodenticide Act, as amended. The VA is meeting the emphasis placed on the decor of the patients' environment by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals through training of program personnel and application of innovative approaches. The VA recognizes that sanitation requirements to prevent cross-infections in health care facilities are greater than at any time in the past. The employee uniform program is under study, with a view towards more satisfactory and economical management of the program. The laundry and linen functions are also being studied to determine possible management or technical changes which would contribute to cost reductions.

**Security and Law Enforcement** — Upgrading actions were continued in all facets of security and law enforcement at VA health care facilities during FY 1975. Basic physical security improvement ranged from replacements of key lock hardware within rigid material and key control specifications, to the installation of equipment for preventing thefts of dangerous drugs. Bomb threat procedures and plans for the prompt search and rescue of incapacitated patients were required at each facility. Supporting these improved patient and property security measures, a full range of actions was initiated to improve the capabilities of hospital police officers to perform the unique security and law enforcement role found in a

hospital environment. Centralized training of VA police is continuing with increased emphasis on patient protection and proficiency in law enforcement activities.

Law enforcement authority included in Public Law 93-43 has, thus far, enabled 127 VA hospitals to achieve the capability for enforcing codified VA rules through the U.S. District Courts. By virtue of this capability, improved physical security, and a persistent training effort, over 2,200 arrests were effected for crimes on VA property. VA Hospital Police effected confiscations of over 750 weapons and 1,000 illegal drugs in FY 1975. Drug thefts were down, from 79 in FY 1974 to 66 in FY 1975, and intercepts of attempted drug thefts increased from only 19 in FY 1974 to 79 in FY 1975. The intensive activities of a mobile drug investigation team in responding to reports of illegal drug introduction at hospitals further reflects the focus of attention on drug related crimes.

### Supply

VA renders supply support to the most extensive medical program in the Federal government. A Marketing Center, two Supply Depots and a Subdepot, and 171 Supply Services in health care facilities furnish support to about 250 VA installations and about 400 installations of other government agencies throughout the United States, the Republic of the Philippines, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The annual supply workload approximates \$760 million. About \$580 million is expended for supplies and equipment for VA activities, and \$160 million is expended for services, including utilities, equipment rentals, and other contractual services. The remaining \$20 million is expended for supplies and equipment for other government agencies.

To accomplish its mission, the Central Office supply program provides centralized direction of VA supply activities, a national buying and distribution system, and supply support for field activities.

The VA operates a business-type revolving fund, without fiscal year limitation. Important objectives of the Supply Fund are efficient management of inventories, and the achievement of a break-even operation during the year. During FY 1975, the Fund was operated with a profit of \$192,694 which represents 0.07 percent of the \$265 million Supply Fund sales.

The VA Marketing Center at Hines, IL, pur-

chased and contracted for goods and services totaling \$296 million during the year. In meeting the commercial definition of "marketing," the Marketing Center provides highly sophisticated technical, general and medical equipment and supplies to all VA medical complexes through contracts or volume purchases for the VA's internal distribution system. It consummates contracts and/or agreements, putting into priority perspective the goals and mission of the agency. These contracts range from artificial limbs, hearing aids, ophthalmic lenses, brain and body scanners, laundry items and systems, to agreements providing whole blood and derivatives, accreditation checks, and even individual assets and income reports. In addition to VA requirements, this Center supports other Federal civilian agencies by contracting for nonperishable subsistence, drugs, and x-ray film requirements. It also supports about 25 Federal civilian agency customers by supplying medical supplies and equipment. This support amounted to \$112 million of the \$296 million business.

Two supply depots and a subdepot located in Somerville, NJ, Hines IL, and Bell, CA, are operated by the VA Supply Service for centralized distribution of supplies and equipment to all VA facilities, as well as other government agencies. Eight commercial warehouses are utilized for the storage and distribution of frozen fruits, juices, vegetables and meats. During the year, outbound depot shipments totaled approximately 42,000 tons and contained approximately 639,000 line items. Depot personnel monitor the nationwide silver recovery program which insures that maximum amounts of this scarce natural resource are recovered. After processing, the silver is sold through competitive bidding and profits from the sale are credited to the Supply Fund.

Although the basic mission of the depots is the same, each specializes in certain functions because of available resources. The VA Supply Depot at Somerville administers a nationwide annual contract for books and periodicals, which totals approximately \$1.5 million, and is responsible for the selection, in accordance with medical criteria, of films required for VA's Nationwide Recreation Motion Picture Program. Somerville Depot personnel also conduct acceptance inspections of all intensive care patient monitoring equipment procured by the VA Marketing Center for use in VA hospitals and in other government agencies.

The VA Supply Depot at Hines maintains accountability of an estimated \$35 million inven-

tory located at the three depots and eight commercial frozen food warehouses. Nationwide distribution of hearing aids is accomplished from this point, as is the maintenance of a national supply cataloging system. A unique function of the Hines Depot is the operation of a Service and Reclamation Division which provides preventive maintenance and repair for x-ray, technical, medical and general hospital equipment. From here, highly trained technicians and repairmen visit hospitals throughout the nation and, through a systematic inspection and repair program, insure that hospital equipment is maintained in a manner commensurate with the needs of good patient care and safety at minimum costs.

The VA Subdepot at Bell makes monthly shipments of depot-stocked and locally procured items to the Veterans Memorial Hospital and the VA Regional Office in Manila. In addition, it performs a local buying and shipping service for American Samoa and the Trust Territories of the Pacific.

The Supply Services at VA health care facilities are responsible for planning, directing, and managing the total program to supply all staff and operating elements with necessary goods and services. The Supply Services at VA hospitals also support a number of small installations of other government agencies located in the same vicinity. During FY 1975, this support exceeded \$900,000.

The VA continues to be the leader in developing a total supply support concept within the hospital setting. This includes the assumption of responsibilities for centralized collection, decontamination, processing, sterilization and redistribution to the point of need of complex surgical instruments and sophisticated life-saving equipment. The rapid introduction of new life-saving medical and surgical procedures demands continued development of supply processing techniques to meet particular needs and prevent hospital-acquired infections. In April 1975, the first of a series of training films depicting the latest concepts of cleaning, processing, sterilization and distribution of medical/surgical instruments and supplies was produced at the VA Hospital, Gainesville, FL. This training film was later broadcast from a Denver, CO, studio, via satellite, to 10 geographically isolated hospitals.

During FY 1975, the VA continued to play an active role in providing support to other government agencies and departments in supply and services, under the authority of The Economy Act (Section 636, Title 31 U.S.C.). Many of the

interagency agreements negotiated during the year were with new customer agencies, such as the Postal Service Bulk Mail Centers, Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery activities, and the Civilian Conservation Corps program under the Manpower Administration of the Department of Labor.

The VA emphasized the small business program, and awards to small firms increased. During FY 1975, 55.5 percent of all VA purchases were from small business firms. VA, in the same reporting period, awarded contracts in excess of \$597 million to small business firms across the nation.

In FY 1975, the VA continued to work vigorously in the Minority Business Enterprise Program of the Small Business Administration (SBA). Based on preliminary SBA data, the VA awarded 309 contracts worth \$19.4 million, compared with 283 contracts worth \$15.5 million in FY 1974. This increase was accomplished through the joint effort of the Office of Construction and DM&S Supply Service and Engineering Service.

The VA is working closely with the Experimental Technology Incentives Program (ETIP), which is administered by the National Bureau of Standards. The ETIP program is designed to support governmental procurement systems (Federal, State and local) as an incentive for stimulating innovation and technological change in the nation's health care delivery system. VA's Supply Service is establishing a Testing and Evaluation Division which will permanently incorporate the ETIP program into the VA procurement system. This Division has as its main function the task of insuring that all medical equipment, supplies and devices purchased by the VA are safe and effective. This function will be carried out in conjunction with the Food and Drug Administration's Bureau of Medical Devices and Diagnostic Products. The Bureau and the VA exchange data on medical devices. The teletype systems of both agencies have been linked to provide rapid transmission of product recalls, defects and other data that could adversely affect hospital patients throughout the country.

During FY 1975, all property of the National Cemetery System transferred to the VA by the Secretary of the Army was screened and cataloged.

During the year, Supply Service was involved in providing the equipment for more than 170 new construction projects, including modernization and improvements of existing facilities, outpatient clinics, and nursing homes.

Approximately 30 percent of the total line

items available through the VA's distribution system are generic drugs. During FY 1975, sales increased by 12.8 percent and receipts by 14.8 percent, while the total inventory value increased only 6.2 percent. It is anticipated that 53 new line items of drugs will be added to the VA distribution system, with an initial cost of approximately \$3.8 million.

Excess personal property having an acquisition cost of approximately \$1.6 million was redistributed within the VA for continued use.

The ongoing conversion of the Supply accounting automated data processing (ADP) monthly batch card system to the new Logistics (LOG I) daily update ADP system was accelerated during FY 1975. Seventy-one health care facilities have been converted to the new system, and the balance of VA facilities are targeted for completion by June 1, 1976.

A VA gift to the Republic of South Korea of used and obsolete excess prostheses, approximating 20,000 pounds, was presented to Consul General Young Park at a ceremony at Long Beach Harbor, CA. The shipment consisted of wheelchairs, braces, canes, crutches, special shoes, walkers, exercisers, lifts, and other items.

### **Biomedical Engineering Program**

VA's Biomedical Engineering program has progressed rapidly towards the establishment of professional biomedical engineering practice and the resolution of many problems associated with the introduction of sophisticated medical instrumentation throughout VA health care facilities. Eighty professional biomedical engineers now serve as consultants to the medical team in all areas of biomedical engineering at the professional level. These individuals assist in equipment selection and evaluation, and establish programs to assure the accuracy, reliability and safety of medical instrumentation. Most VA health care facilities now have a program of Biomedical Engineering or are supported by biomedical engineers and biomedical engineering technicians through VA's regionalization program. Costs of servicing medical instrumentation have been reduced by millions of dollars during the program's 3 years of operation. This resulted from the utilization of VA employees to service medical equipment rather than continued use of manufacturers service contracts.

An Engineering Service Center has been established to provide centralized support to the VA health care facilities with respect to instrumenta-

tion documents and service literature. Comprehensive educational programs have been established for biomedical engineering technicians and medical equipment repairmen (seventy percent of whom are enrolled in training), and continuing education programs are now being developed for biomedical engineers.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER ACTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

### Management by Objectives

The concept of Management by Objectives (MBO), which has been a basic part of organization theory and management studies from a very early time, is a logical and practical approach to health planning. The VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery completed during the year its initial MBO effort, utilizing a comprehensive approach to setting objectives for FY 1977.

The VA anticipates that the MBO process will be a very effective tool in the planning and implementation of its health care program to assure the delivery of high quality comprehensive health services to veteran patients. This successful initiation of the process on the Central Office level, will be extended in the near future to the VA health care facilities.

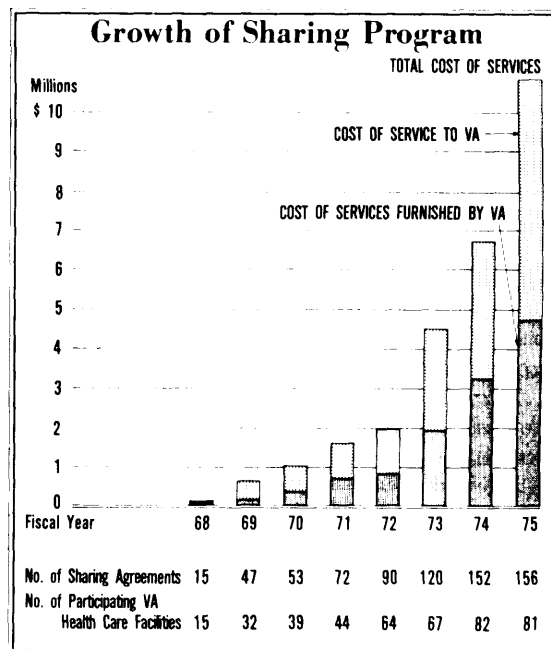
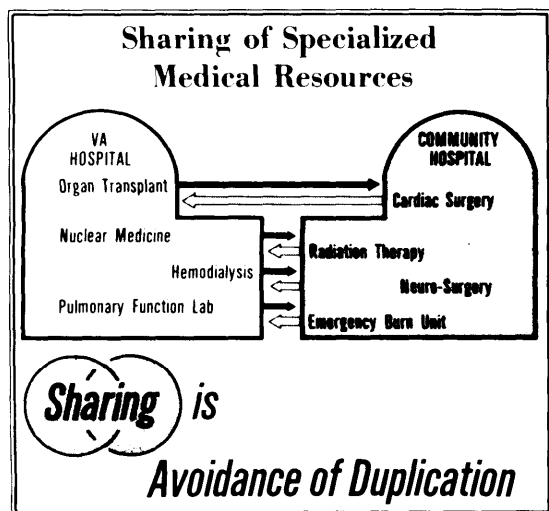
### Sharing of Specialized Medical Resources

The program of sharing specialized medical resources between VA hospitals and other Federal, state and community hospitals and clinics has

continued to make progress for the ninth consecutive year. The authority for sharing specialized medical resources is Public Law 89-785, which permits the VA to share its specialized medical resources with other hospitals and clinics and conversely to utilize the resources of the community hospitals and clinics when such services are otherwise not available in VA facilities. The sharing of such resources has helped to minimize duplication of costly and highly specialized medical resources and has improved the cooperation between the VA health care facilities and their community counterparts.

Sharing programs were strengthened through a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare which now permits the VA to receive reimbursement from Medicare for end-stage renal dialysis services provided by a VA health care facility to a Medicare beneficiary through a sharing agreement.

The concept of sharing has continued to be emphasized by the Veterans Administration. Special emphasis has been directed to the better utilization of specialized medical resources within a VA medical district and through the concept of sharing such resources. Procedures to expedite renegotiation of existing sharing contracts have been developed by decentralizing this authority to the VA medical district level. VA health care facility officials have continued to implement and





expand this program. During FY 1975, 81 VA health care facilities had entered into 156 sharing agreements with community health care facilities. The total cost of services amounted to \$10.9 million; of this total, \$4.7 million represented the cost of services furnished by the Veterans Administration. The accompanying chart illustrates the growth of the sharing program since FY 1968.

### Health Care Review

During the first half of FY 1975, 23 administrative surveys were conducted by the Health Care Review Service. A substantial change in direction was then initiated moving away from a focus on administrative compliance toward a primary interest in assessment of the quality of patient care. This change was based on a new program developed by the Health Services Research and Development Service, titled Health Services Review Organization (HSRO), encompassing both Systematic Internal Review (SIR) and Systematic External Review Program (SERP). During the second half of FY 1975, a revised survey format was implemented putting into practice the new emphasis on quality of patient care. A total of 19 initial such survey visits were conducted which resulted in numerous modifications in the program's structure and content. It is planned that six surveys will be conducted each month during the next fiscal year.

SERP surveys will be performed at each VA health care facility once every 2 years. All services having any relationship to patient care and its quality are included in the survey program. Although only VA employees have been thus far selected for team membership, other individuals outside the VA, who have some basic knowledge of VA policies and practices, will be included in the future. It is anticipated that these additional members will be chosen from members of academic institutions and local medical societies.

Deficiencies, or opportunities for improvement, are called to the attention of the health care facility staff, with recommendations. Recommended corrective action is tailored to suit the documented deficiencies and may include training and education, policy alterations, resource reallocation, individual or program performance modification, physical facility alterations, budgetary change, or support for new legislative authority or appropriations. The Departmental operational services and all other staff elements of VA's Central Office are involved in the analysis of each

report to effect appropriate actions and to accomplish proper corrective measures.

SIR is the component of HSRO with the "front line" major effort of quality assurance. SIR, like SERP, includes representation from all VA health care facility services and all employees, with surveillance of all aspects of patient care. Evaluations focus objectively on patterns of care through the selection of locally adapted criteria and predetermined standards. SIR is conducted on an ongoing basis by the staff of every VA health care facility. Therefore, HSRO emphasizes an accountability for all of the health care staff by participation in the conduct of the evaluation of the quality of care. Those criteria selected include institutional structure as well as processes of care and outcome of care. The SIR evaluations are structured with orderly steps for continuous performance that will lead to recommendations, plans for corrective action and the evaluation of consequences of such corrective action. Educational strategy development to assist in deficiency correction is an integral part of these plans.

### Quality of Care Report

On March 31, 1974, the President directed the Veterans Administration to carry out a comprehensive review and analysis of the quality of health care services being received by the veteran patient in the VA's medical care program. The resulting report, which became known as the Quality of Care Report (referred to hereafter as the Report), concluded that while the majority of patients in VA hospitals and clinics were receiving health care of a quality which meets or exceeds the standards of nationally recognized professionals, the quality in certain areas was less than satisfactory due to staffing, equipment, environmental or space deficiencies. By the end of FY 1975, substantial progress had been made in correcting the deficiencies which were identified in this special study.

The Report identified five specific areas in which improvements were determined to be critically necessary:

1. **Basic, or "Core," Staffing Requirements**—At the time of the survey in April and May 1974, an immediate critical need was identified for an additional 7,963 Full Time Employment (FTE) in the area of "core" staffing. VA received FY 1975 and FY 1976 funding for 6,206 of the additional FTE required, and in February and May 1975 was

able to provide another 250 FTE to VA hospitals. Funding for the remaining 1,757 FTE will be requested in the FY 1977 budget. "Core" staffing funds are used to employ direct patient care personnel, including physicians and nurses.

**2. Specialized Medical Services Requirements**—At the time of the survey, VA recognized that the prevailing standards of medical care would no longer justify gradual introduction of certain special programs, such as medical, surgical and coronary intensive care units; pulmonary function laboratories; and mental hygiene clinics. For example, the lack of intensive care capability in any hospital in FY 1974 could be considered a serious direct patient care deficiency. The survey noted the staffing, equipment, and construction requirements involved in meeting VA needs to establish these programs. (The staffing funds are provided to hospitals at the appropriate time in the activation plan of each program — usually when construction is nearing completion, and the equipment is provided in the same manner.) The total staffing requirement identified as needed to support the activation of these programs was 1,056 FTE. VA has been funded for 660 FTE through FY 1976, and will be requesting the remaining funds in FY 1977. The status of construction of these new units is as follows:

a. *Intensive Care Units, Medical:* Twenty-four VA hospitals were identified as needing medical intensive care units. Seven of these units have been completed and are operating, six are being constructed, and the remaining 11 are at various stages in their project development.

b. *Intensive Care Units, Surgical:* Twenty-two VA hospitals were identified as needing surgical intensive care units. These needs were reevaluated and it was determined that the existing intensive care capability at 20 of these hospitals can and should be used to meet their surgical intensive care needs. VA is therefore proceeding with the development of only two of the identified projects.

c. *Coronary Care Units:* Four VA hospitals were identified as needing coronary care units. Two of these units have been completed and are in operation, and construction projects to establish the other two are being developed.

d. *Respiratory Care Centers:* Thirty-two VA hospitals were identified as needing respiratory

care centers. Three of these units have been completed and are in operation, nine are under construction, and construction projects for the remaining 20 are being developed.

e. *Pulmonary Function Laboratories:* Fourteen VA hospitals were identified as needing pulmonary function laboratories. One of these units has been completed and is in operation, four are being constructed, and construction projects for the remaining nine are being developed.

f. *Mental Hygiene Clinics:* Thirty-two VA hospitals and outpatient clinics were identified as needing mental hygiene clinics. Twelve of these units were funded in FY 1975, and the remaining 20 will be funded in FY 1976.

**3. Fire Fighting Requirements**—Twenty-eight VA hospitals were identified as having requirements in this area. A need for an additional 117 FTE was reported, and the necessary resources have been provided. Appropriate equipment is being secured for the six hospitals identified as having requirements for fire fighting apparatus. One maintenance and repair project was identified and a construction project is being prepared for consideration and funding.

#### **4. Structural Requirements and Deficiencies**

a. *Safety and Fire Protection:* Eighty-four projects were identified in the maintenance and repair category. Thirteen of these projects were funded in FY 1975, 64 will be funded in FY 1976, two have been determined unnecessary, and the remaining five are being reprogrammed to other budget categories for accomplishment.

One hundred and ninety-five other projects were identified in the minor and major construction category. VA hospital directors have been authorized to proceed with the selection of architect-engineers to develop 149 of these projects, 28 are at various stages of pre-construction development in VA's Central Office, 17 will be accomplished in FY 1976 as maintenance and repair projects, and the remaining one is being considered for cancellation.

In addition, a new program is being developed that will place a safety and fire engineer in every VA medical district with responsibility for identifying deficiencies under the changing codes, developing facility fire and safety plans, and training safety and fire personnel.

b. *Patient Support Systems*: Three projects were identified in this category. All are minor construction projects and are at various stages of pre-construction development in VA's Central Office. These projects provide for the installation of medical gas systems, including central oxygen, vacuum, and compressed air in patient rooms.

c. *Potable Water Supply*: One project was identified in this category which is under development in VA's Central Office.

d. *Electrical Deficiencies and Emergency Generation*: Twelve projects were identified as maintenance and repair category projects. Ten of these projects were awarded for accomplishment during FY 1975, and architect-engineering contracts have been awarded for development of the remaining two.

One hundred and twenty-eight other projects were identified as minor and major construction projects. Forty-six of these were earmarked for accomplishment through FY 1976: two were funded as maintenance and repair projects in FY 1976, 34 are at various stages of pre-construction development in VA's Central Office, and four are being considered for accomplishment in FY 1977. Of the remaining 82, 41 are being considered for inclusion in the FY 1977 budget, and the other 41 will be considered for inclusion in the FY 1978 budget.

e. *Boiler Plant Replacement*: Three projects were identified as maintenance and repair projects and these were awarded for accomplishment in FY 1975. Three other projects were identified as minor and major construction projects and these are at various stages of pre-construction development in VA's Central Office.

f. *Environmental Control Requirements*: This category, although titled Air Conditioning Requirements in the Survey Report, includes temperature and humidity control, air filtration, air movement, and pressure control. Modern medical standards and VA policy call for such environmental control in every hospital. Based again upon a systemwide survey of the severity of climatic conditions, a priority listing was developed for the scheduled air conditioning of all VA health care facilities.

The fact, not widely known, that patients with cardiopulmonary disease do poorly in hot, humid climates and that proper air conditioning is not,

therefore, just a comfort factor but a matter of mortality led to the inclusion of these requirements in the Report.

Recognizing and so indicating in the Report that this was a large and expensive program, it was recommended that the program be supported at a rate of \$50 million and 10 projects per year until completion. Improvements in FY 1976 will approximate this level.

5. **Ambulatory Care Space Requirements**—The orientation of health care delivery has dramatically changed during the past several years. While VA resources had historically been expended in the provision of inpatient hospital care, efforts have been redirected in large measure to provide the veteran with health care in an outpatient modality. The resultant growth of the VA's ambulatory care program, occasioned by both changing medical standards and the passage of Public Law 93-82, has created serious deficiencies of space in which to provide this care in VA hospitals. These facility deficiencies, and the confusion and delays such serious crowding produces, directly compromise the quality of care that can be provided to patients.

Therefore, ambulatory care construction projects already scheduled for future funding requests at the time of the survey, were considered as deficiencies justifying inclusion in the Report.

Since few VA hospitals were constructed to provide space for an ambulatory care program of the present magnitude, it was realized, and so stated, that the projects included in the Report were only the beginning of a longterm program of major importance.

Finally, the VA addressed itself to two other problems, with both legislative and operational implications, that it considered of major importance to the VA's ability to assure every veteran the best possible care. The first of these problems is the eligibility definitions for veteran health care, which can be confusing, conflicting, and difficult to interpret. Legislation addressed to this matter (H.R. 3347) received VA support. The second of these problems is the recruitment and retention of certain health care personnel. Legislation for the correction of this problem was also supported by the agency.

VA recognized that while it had many available or recently developed tools to identify its problems and needs, a better method was required to insure correction of problems. Therefore, in the recent reorganization of the line operations of the

Department of Medicine and Surgery in VA's Central Office a specific line responsibility was created for receiving and reviewing all survey reports, conducting special visits that may be required, and instituting by directive or by resource allocation the necessary corrective measures. This is the Operations Review and Analysis Office under the Associate Deputy Chief Medical Director for Operations. It is believed that this organizational assignment combines these critical responsibilities with the appropriate level of authority to insure timely and adequate corrective action. VA has also recently established a Health Service Review Organization (HSRO), discussed in the section on Health Care Review above, which provides procedures and techniques for every VA health care facility to use in a

continual monitoring of their own patient care activities.

Also, VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery will for the first time, in FY 1976, give separate budget identity to its Health Services Research and Development (HSR&D) field activity. This action will provide HSR&D with a strengthened approach in exploring new mechanisms in health care delivery.

In conclusion, VA identified in the Report only those deficiencies which it had an opportunity to identify during the period of April and May 1974 or which it had fully documented prior to that time. The Veterans Administration will take the necessary steps to eliminate any other deficiencies not identified in the Quality of Care Report.

# To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan

## Compensation and Pension

### COMPARATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

|                                   | FISCAL YEAR      |           |                |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------|
|                                   | 1975             | 1974      | Percent Change |
| Cost (billions)                   | <b>\$ 7.6</b>    | \$ 6.7    | + 13.4         |
| Disability cases on rolls         | <b>3,226,701</b> | 3,241,263 | - 0.4          |
| Service connected                 | <b>2,220,169</b> | 2,210,756 | + 0.4          |
| Non-service connected             | <b>1,006,127</b> | 1,030,046 | - 2.3          |
| Special acts and retired officers | <b>405</b>       | 461       | - 12.1         |
| Death cases on rolls              | <b>1,628,146</b> | 1,627,482 | <sup>1</sup>   |
| Service connected                 | <b>368,955</b>   | 371,202   | - 0.6          |
| Non-service connected             | <b>1,259,160</b> | 1,256,245 | + 0.2          |
| Special acts                      | <b>31</b>        | 35        | - 11.4         |

<sup>1</sup> Less than 0.1 percent

### SUMMARY

Compensation and pension programs administered by the VA fall into four broad categories:

1. Disability Compensation - A veteran is entitled to compensation for disability incurred or aggravated while on active duty. The amount of compensation is based on the degree of disability.

2. DIC and Death Compensation - Dependents of a veteran who died of service connected causes

after January 1, 1957 are entitled to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). Dependents of veterans who died before that date are entitled to Death Compensation, or may elect to receive dependency and indemnity compensation.

3. Disability Pension - Veterans who served in time of war are eligible for pension and benefits for non-service connected disabilities. The veteran must either be permanently and totally disabled or age 65 or older, and meet specific income limitations. Spanish American War veterans are entitled to a pension on the basis of their service.

4. Death Pension - The dependent spouse and children of a war veteran who died of non-service connected causes are eligible for death pension benefits, subject to specific income limitations.

During FY 1975 the cost of compensation and pension benefits continued to rise. Compensation and pension payments to veterans and their dependents amounted to \$7.6 billion in FY 1975, an increase of \$900 million from last fiscal year. The increasing cost is primarily attributable to two factors: additional Vietnam era veterans and their beneficiaries being placed on the rolls, and payment increases brought about by enactment of new legislation.

Public Law 93-527 (December 21, 1974) increased the disability and death pension rates, and the dependency and indemnity compensation payments made to parents of deceased veterans, by about 12 percent. Annual income limitations applicable to these cases were increased by \$400.

The aid and attendance allowance for veterans was increased to \$123 and the housebound rate to \$49. The aid and attendance allowance for widows receiving pensions and for parents receiving dependency and indemnity compensation was increased to \$64.

## COMPENSATION

The number of veterans receiving compensation for service connected disabilities increased by 9,413 during FY 1975. This was primarily because of an increase of 33,685 Vietnam era veterans receiving this benefit. Regular Establishment cases showed a minor increase of 1,428 cases. Korean conflict cases showed a decrease of 368 cases, while World War I and World War II cases showed substantial declines.

Cases of death compensation decreased slightly by 2,248 during FY 1975 with declines recorded for all periods of service except the Korean conflict and Vietnam era. The increase for Korean conflict and Vietnam era was only 3,373, not enough to offset the combined losses of 5,721 for the other periods of service.

## PENSION

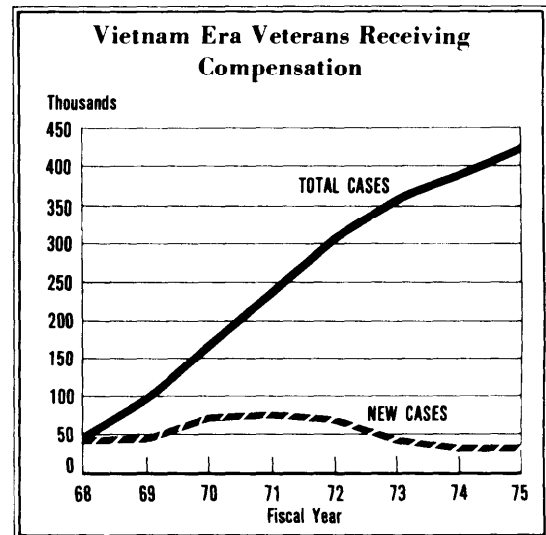
Veterans in receipt of pensions continued to decline in FY 1975, with a net loss of 23,919 cases. This was primarily due to the continuing decline of World War I cases.

The death pension program shows an increase of 2,915 cases over FY 1974. Losses of 11,924 World War I cases and 3,229 Spanish American War cases were more than offset by increases of 9,518, World War II cases, 5,568 Korean conflict cases and 2,997 cases from the Vietnam era.

## PERIOD OF SERVICE

### Vietnam Era

Although there were 33,685 more Vietnam era veterans receiving compensation at the end of the fiscal year, this was the smallest increase since the Vietnam era was so designated in August of 1967. The accompanying chart shows the current downward trend in the rate of increase of Vietnam era compensation cases. However, the chart also shows that the total number of Vietnam era veterans receiving compensation continues to increase, and with new cases exceeding losses this trend will continue for many years to come.



Only 7,299 Vietnam era veterans were receiving disability pensions at the end of the fiscal year, an increase of 1,414 cases. Since the average age of these veterans is only 30 years, no appreciable increase in those applying for disability pension was expected. The number of service connected death cases increased by 6.7 percent to 53,985. The non-service connected death pensions cases numbered 16,480 at the end of the fiscal year, an increase of 2,997 cases or 22.2 percent.

### Korean Conflict

The number of Korean conflict veterans receiving compensation decreased by 368 to 240,038 during FY 1975, the second consecutive drop since that conflict ended 19 years ago. Although it is too soon to determine whether a trend has actually been established, the number of Korean conflict compensation cases declined in 8 of the 12 months of the past fiscal year. The high mark on the rolls was reached in June 1973 at 240,756. In comparison, the highest number of World War II veterans receiving compensation was in FY 1953, only 8 years after the end of the war.

In contrast to compensation, the number of Korean conflict veterans receiving pensions continues to rise. At the end of the fiscal year, there were 51,660 Korean conflict veterans on the pensions rolls, a 13.3 percent increase over FY 1974.

The number of death compensation cases showed a minor increase of 104 to 39,350 at the end of the fiscal year. Since the FY 1966 high of

40,367, the number of Korean conflict cases has dropped 2.5 percent. The number of death pension cases increased 6.1 percent to 96,526. As with disability pensions, the number of Korean conflict death cases should continue to increase for some time.

## World War II

Veterans of World War II comprise the largest single group receiving compensation for service connected disabilities. The number on the rolls continued to decline in FY 1975. At the end of FY 1974, a total of 1,329,774 were receiving service connected compensation as compared to 1,308,914 in FY 1975, a reduction of 20,860 cases or 1.6 percent. Conversely, non-service connected pensions showed an increase of 34,479 to 571,093 cases, a 6.4 percent increase.

Service connected death compensation cases declined 4,564 cases in FY 1975 from 196,462 to 191,898 or 2.3 percent. The non-service connected death pension caseload increased 9,518 to 539,926 or 1.8 percent in fiscal year 1975. It is expected that death pension cases for World War II will increase in future years as the mortality rate for World War II veterans increases with advancing age.

## World War I

The caseload related to World War I veterans receiving disability compensation declined during the past fiscal year by 787 or 2.2 percent. The comparative caseloads for FY 1975 and FY 1974 were 35,015 and 35,802, respectively. For caseloads related to payments of disability pensions the decline was significantly greater, 65,470 or nearly 15 percent. The comparative caseloads for FY 1975 and FY 1974 were 374,714 and 440,184.

Death pension caseloads dropped from 592,726 in FY 1974 to 580,812 in FY 1975, a decrease of 11,924 or 2 percent.

## Other Periods

In addition to the recipients of disability compensation and pension payments from the wars and armed conflicts cited above, there were eight veterans of the Spanish American War receiving disability compensation as of June 30, 1975. A total of 989 veterans of this war were receiving disability pensions. The death compensa-

tion and pension caseloads were 253 and 24,405 respectively. There are 11 veterans of the Mexican Border Service receiving disability compensation and a total of 372 receiving disability pensions. There are three death compensation cases while the death pension cases increased from 499 in FY 1974 to 554 in FY 1975. There are no living veterans of the Indian Wars and the Civil War. There is one widow receiving death compensation as an Indian War beneficiary and 86 widows and children are receiving death pension benefits. There are 10 widows and children receiving death compensation with Civil War entitlement and 388 receiving death pensions. There were 193,983 peacetime veterans receiving compensation as of June 30, 1975, and 48,441 cases for which beneficiaries of deceased peacetime veterans were receiving compensation.

## BENEFIT OVERVIEW

The accompanying tables present a broad picture of the compensation and pension programs. They show the number and percent of all current cases for each period of service, a comparison of this composition with FY 1974, and the change for each period of service between FY 1974 and 1975.

Overall, the number of disability compensation cases has increased only 0.4 percent from FY 1974 to FY 1975. World War II veterans accounted for 59.0 percent of the disability compensation cases in FY 1975. Vietnam era veterans increased from 17.6 percent of the total in FY 1974 to 19.0 in FY 1975, due largely to the loss of World War I and World War II cases. World War I veterans represented only 2.5 percent of this group. Veterans of the Korean conflict and other periods of service comprise the remainder of disability compensation cases. World War I awards have decreased by 7.6 percent and World War II awards by

| Period of Service | Disability Compensation Cases |                  |           |                  |          |         |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|---------|
|                   | FY 1975                       |                  | FY 1974   |                  | Change   |         |
|                   | Cases                         | Percent of Total | Cases     | Percent of Total | Number   | Percent |
| World War I       | 54,679                        | 2.5              | 59,148    | 2.7              | - 4,469  | - 7.6   |
| World War II      | 1,308,914                     | 59.0             | 1,329,774 | 60.1             | - 20,860 | - 1.6   |
| Korean conflict   | 240,038                       | 10.8             | 240,406   | 10.9             | - 368    | - 0.2   |
| Vietnam era       | 422,536                       | 19.0             | 388,851   | 17.6             | + 33,685 | + 8.7   |
| Peacetime         | 193,983                       | 8.7              | 192,555   | 8.7              | + 1,428  | + 0.7   |
| Spanish American  | 8                             | 1                | 9         | 1                | - 1      | 11.1    |
| Mexican Border    | 11                            | 1                | 13        | 1                | - 2      | 15.4    |
| Total             | 2,220,169                     | 100.0            | 2,210,756 | 100.0            | + 9,413  | + 0.4   |

<sup>1</sup> Less than 0.1 percent

1.6 percent. The largest gain was shown by Vietnam era veterans, whose rolls increased 8.7 percent.

Disability pension cases have decreased 2.3 percent from FY 1974 to FY 1975. World War II veterans represent 56.8 of all disability pension cases, World War I veterans 37.2 percent, and Korean veterans only 5.1 percent. Vietnam era veterans and veterans from other periods of service comprise less than one percent of the total. In the comparison of FY 1974 with FY 1975, there has been a decline in the number of older veterans, such as World War I veterans down 14.9 percent, Spanish American War veterans down 27.4 percent, and Mexican Border veterans down nearly 10 percent. The groups of younger veterans receiving disability pensions have increased over the past year - World War II by 6.4 percent, Korean conflict by 13.3 percent, and Vietnam by 24 percent.

| Period of Service | Disability Pension Cases |                  |           |                  |          |         |
|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|---------|
|                   | FY 1975                  |                  | FY 1974   |                  | Change   |         |
|                   | Cases                    | Percent of Total | Cases     | Percent of Total | Number   | Percent |
| World War I       | 374,714                  | 37.2             | 440,184   | 42.7             | 65,470   | 14.9    |
| World War II      | 571,093                  | 56.8             | 536,614   | 52.1             | + 34,479 | + 6.4   |
| Korean conflict   | 51,660                   | 5.1              | 45,587    | 4.4              | + 6,073  | + 13.3  |
| Vietnam era       | 7,299                    | 0.7              | 5,885     | 0.6              | + 1,414  | + 24.0  |
| Spanish American  | 989                      | 0.1              | 1,363     | 0.1              | 373      | 27.4    |
| Mexican Border    | 372                      | 0.1              | 413       | 0.1              | 41       | 9.9     |
| Total             | 1,006,127                | 100.0            | 1,030,046 | 100.0            | 23,918   | 2.3     |

There has been a 0.6 percent decline in the number of death compensation cases, for which payments are made to the dependents of deceased veterans. World War II represents 52 percent of all cases. Vietnam era and peacetime cases comprise 14.6 percent and 13.1 percent of the total respectively with the remainder distributed among other periods of service. Only two periods of

| Period of Service | Death Compensation Cases |                  |         |                  |         |         |
|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|
|                   | FY 1975                  |                  | FY 1974 |                  | Change  |         |
|                   | Cases                    | Percent of Total | Cases   | Percent of Total | Number  | Percent |
| World War I       | 35,015                   | 9.5              | 35,802  | 9.6              | - 787   | - 2.2   |
| World War II      | 191,898                  | 52.0             | 196,462 | 52.9             | - 4,564 | - 2.3   |
| Korean conflict   | 39,350                   | 10.7             | 39,246  | 10.6             | + 104   | + 0.3   |
| Vietnam era       | 53,985                   | 14.6             | 50,616  | 13.6             | + 3,369 | + 6.7   |
| Peacetime         | 48,441                   | 13.1             | 48,784  | 13.1             | - 343   | - 0.7   |
| Spanish American  | 253                      | 0.1              | 278     | 0.1              | - 25    | - 9.0   |
| Mexican Border    | 3                        | 0.1              | 3       | 0.1              | -       | -       |
| Indian Wars       | 1                        | 0.1              | 1       | 0.1              | -       | -       |
| Civil War         | 9                        | 0.1              | 11      | 0.1              | - 2     | - 18.2  |
| Total             | 368,955                  | 100.0            | 371,202 | 100.0            | 2,248   | - 0.6   |

<sup>1</sup> Less than 0.1 percent

service have shown increases over FY 1974. Vietnam era cases have increased by 6.7 percent, and Korean conflict by 0.3 percent.

Death pension cases increased by 0.2 percent between FY 1974 and FY 1975. Losses of World War I and Spanish American War cases were more than offset by the increase in World War II, Korean conflict and Vietnam era cases. In FY 1975 World War I cases represented 46.1 percent of the total, and World War II cases 42.9 percent. Cases from Korean conflict and other periods of service comprised the remainder of this group.

| Period of Service | Death Pension cases |                  |           |                  |         |         |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|---------|
|                   | FY 1975             |                  | FY 1974   |                  | Change  |         |
|                   | Cases               | Percent of Total | Cases     | Percent of Total | Number  | Percent |
| World War I       | 580,802             | 46.1             | 592,726   | 47.2             | 11,924  | 2.0     |
| World War II      | 539,926             | 42.9             | 530,408   | 42.2             | + 9,518 | + 1.8   |
| Korean conflict   | 96,526              | 7.7              | 90,958    | 7.3              | + 5,568 | + 6.1   |
| Vietnam era       | 16,480              | 1.3              | 13,483    | 1.1              | + 2,997 | + 22.2  |
| Spanish American  | 24,405              | 2.0              | 27,634    | 2.2              | 3,229   | 11.7    |
| Mexican Border    | 554                 | 0.1              | 499       | 0.1              | + 55    | + 11.0  |
| Indian Wars       | 85                  | 0.1              | 97        | 0.1              | 12      | 12.4    |
| Civil War         | 382                 | 0.1              | 440       | 0.1              | 58      | 13.2    |
| Total             | 1,259,160           | 100.0            | 1,256,245 | 100.0            | + 2,915 | + 0.2   |

<sup>1</sup> Less than 0.1 percent

## REORGANIZATION

A basic principle in the reorganization of regional office structure begun in 1973 is establishment of Processing Team Concept Units in Adjudication Divisions. This principle enlarged Adjudication Divisions by integrating all elements affecting the claims processing function, including activities previously handled by the Administrative and Finance and Data Processing Divisions. It splits out of Adjudication Divisions the counseling and Rehabilitation activities and those education activities involving liaison outside the office. During FY 1975 Processing Team Concept Units were established at 16 regional offices, bringing the total number of converted units to 35.

## TARGET

The Target system is a benefits delivery system which is designed to provide telecommunication of claims data to the data processing center to facilitate payment of benefits. It also permits on-line inquiry and response about the status of claims in the data processing center. With this capability, transactions on pending claims can be processed immediately, without waiting for time-consuming transmission of data by mail. The

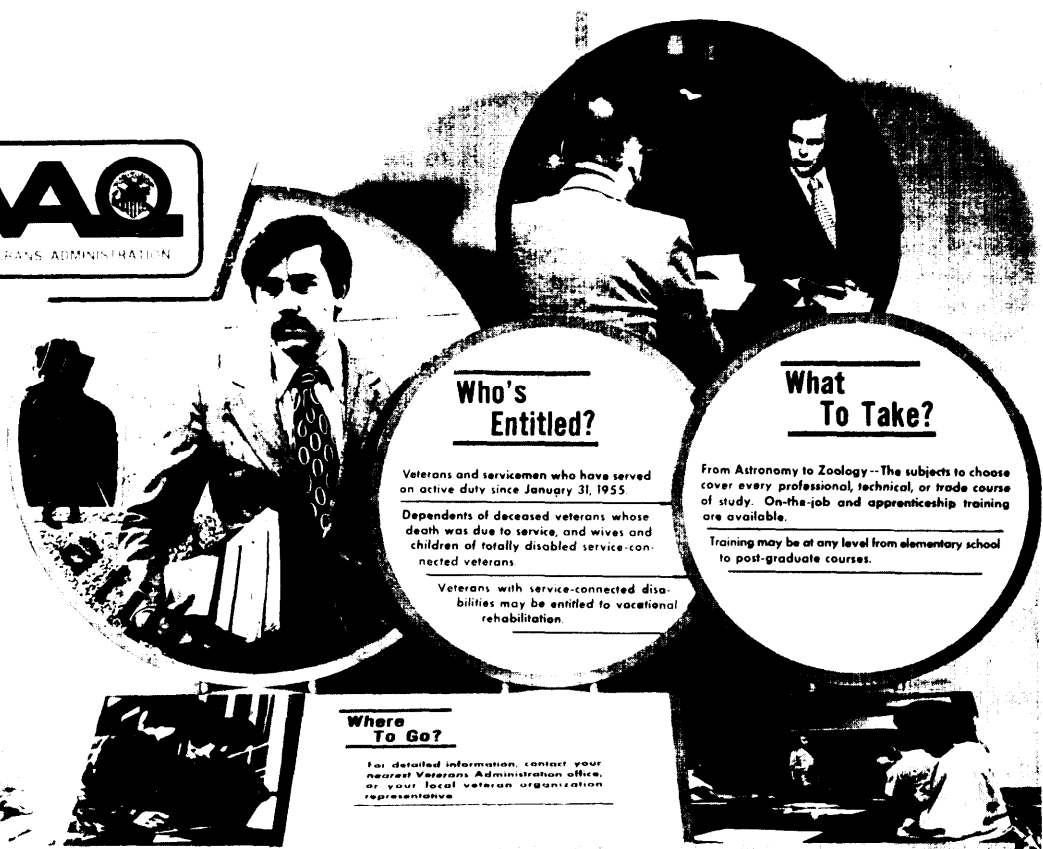


pilot project for the Target system, referred to as Pilot/Target, is being developed at the Philadelphia and Baltimore regional offices, and the Hines and Austin Data Processing Centers.

During FY 1975, the inquiry subsystem for Pilot/Target was installed at the Philadelphia and Baltimore regional offices. The subsystem provides immediate visual display of basic data for eligibility determinations as well as extensive information on the status of any established claim. Printed information is available when required. In addition, the capacity for processing changes of claimant name or address, stop, suspend and

resume payment transactions, and for processing of some types of education awards was installed. The testing and evaluation of training and operating procedures continued as new capabilities were put into service. Test and evaluation activities include in-depth studies of each processing capacity after it is installed for use in the field stations. Pilot/Target development will continue at the Baltimore and Philadelphia regional offices in the coming year, while the inquiry subsystem will be expanded to include the Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C. regional offices.





### Who's Entitled?

Veterans and servicemen who have served on active duty since January 31, 1955

Dependents of deceased veterans whose death was due to service, and wives and children of totally disabled service-connected veterans

Veterans with service-connected disabilities may be entitled to vocational rehabilitation

### What To Take?

From Astronomy to Zoology--The subjects to choose cover every professional, technical, or trade course of study. On-the-job and apprenticeship training are available.

Training may be at any level from elementary school to post-graduate courses.

### Where To Go?

For detailed information, contact your nearest Veterans Administration office, or your local veteran organization representative

## Education Benefits

### COMPARATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

| Item                                       | Fiscal Year     |          | Percent Change |
|--|-----------------|----------|----------------|
|  | 1975            | 1974     |                |
| Benefit costs (millions) .                 | <b>\$ 4,401</b> | \$ 3,189 | + 38.0         |
| Post-Korean trainees (thousands) . . . . . | <b>2,692</b>    | 2,359    | + 14.1         |
| Sons and daughters . . .                   | <b>71,433</b>   | 63,010   | + 13.4         |
| Spouses . . . . .                          | <b>16,519</b>   | 12,952   | + 27.5         |
| Voc. rehab. trainees . . .                 | <b>24,840</b>   | 26,974   | - 7.9          |
| Trainees counseled . . .                   | <b>86,792</b>   | 76,871   | + 12.9         |

### SUMMARY

Despite the conclusion of hostilities in Vietnam and a reduction in the number of net discharges from the all-volunteer armed services, the VA has provided education assistance to more veterans and eligible persons during FY 1975 than

in any other year under the current program. A total of 2,804,358 veterans, service personnel, and veterans' dependents trained during the year, representing an increase of 13.9 percent over FY 1974. Rate increases provided by Public Law 93-508 and Public Law 93-602, along with the state of the national economy, encouraged many additional veterans and dependents to attend school. Education assistance payments in FY 1975 rose to a record level of \$4,401,118,449. This is the highest annual expenditure since the original World War II program was enacted in 1944.

Also contributing to the record expenditure was the passage of Public Law 93-337. This law extended to 10 years the former 8 year delimiting period for use of educational assistance benefits. If this change had not been enacted, over 4 million post Korean veterans discharged before the effective date of the current program (June 1, 1966)

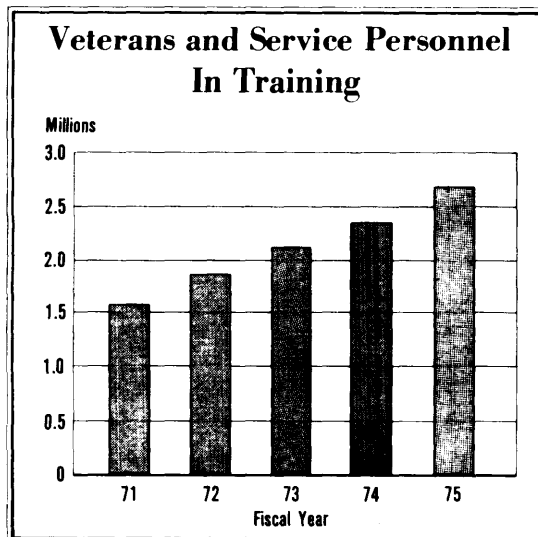
would have become ineligible as of June 1974.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### Veterans Education Assistance

During the first 109 months of education assistance under the current program 59.3 percent of the Vietnam era veterans and service personnel have received training. Under the World War II program, only 50.5 percent of the veterans received training.

The 2,691,566 veterans and active duty personnel who trained during FY 1975 represent a 14.1



percent increase over the 2,358,608 beneficiaries in FY 1974.

Through April 1975, a total of 461,000 veterans and active duty personnel had availed themselves of training under programs to assist the educationally disadvantaged as provided in subchapters V and VI, title 38, United States Code. These persons have received training to overcome their educational handicaps without charge to their basic entitlement.

In general, the veterans training under the current program have had a higher level of prior education than those in either the Korean conflict or World War II program. The median prior education was 12.1 years for World War II veterans, 12.5 years for Korean conflict veterans, and 12.6 years for all post-Korean trainees.

Public Law 93-508 increased most education assistance allowances by 22.7 percent effective

September 1, 1974. The basic rate for a single veteran in full time institutional training increased from \$220 to \$270 per month. Effective January 1, 1975, Public Law 93-602 extended this increase to persons training while on active duty, on-the-job, in flight schools, on a less than halftime basis, or by correspondence. This increase was substituted for the 18.2 percent originally provided for these types of training by Public Law 93-508.

In addition to the rate increases, Public Law 93-508 made a number of other changes to the program. Most importantly, this law:

1. Granted an additional 9 months of entitlement to veterans pursuing a standard undergraduate college degree.

2. Removed the previous 800 man-year limitation on the use of the veteran-student services (work-study) program. In addition, the number of hours an individual veteran may work during a semester or other enrollment period was increased from 100 to 250 hours, and the maximum allowance rose from \$250 to \$625 per enrollment period.

3. Authorized education loans to certain eligible veterans training in a State of up to \$600 per regular-school year, depending on financial need. Interest is not to accrue, and repayment will not begin, until nine months after the veteran ceases to attend school on at least a half-time basis.

4. Required that for a sales or vocational course to be approved for veterans education assistance, at least 50 percent of the graduates be employed in the field for which the course was designed to provide training.

### Dependents Education Assistance

This education program serves survivors of those veterans who died from service connected causes or dependents of those veterans whose service connected disabilities are rated total and permanent. Spouses and children of service personnel who are prisoners of war, missing in action, or interned by a foreign government for more than 90 days are also eligible under this program. Up to 36 months of full-time training is provided in approved schools. Individuals who trained this year totaled 87,952, which represented an increase of 15.8 percent over the prior year. Of these beneficiaries, 71,433 were children and 16,519 were spouses. College level training was taken by 87.4 percent of all dependents in training.

Dependents also benefited from the rate increases provided by Public Law 93-508 and Public

Law 93-602. In addition Public Law 93-508 authorized the education loan program for dependents and provided them with a farm cooperative program similar to that available to veterans.

### Vocational Rehabilitation

The mission of the vocational rehabilitation program is to assist service disabled veterans in need of rehabilitation to overcome the handicapping effects of their disabilities and to prepare for, obtain and hold productive employment. Through individualized counseling, each veteran is helped to select a suitable vocational objective and to plan a program of rehabilitation training to achieve the goal selected. The VA provides all necessary medical, prosthetic and other services and special supplies and equipment for successful rehabilitation. VA rehabilitation staff maintain continuing close contact with the veteran throughout the training to assist as needed. While in training, the veteran receives a monthly subsistence allowance in addition to disability compensation. The VA also pays the cost of tuition, books and supplies to the training facility. On completing training, the veteran is helped to secure and maintain employment in the field for which he or she trained.

During FY 1975 the eligibility requirements for vocational rehabilitation applicable to certain service-disabled veterans were liberalized, making benefits potentially available to many more veterans. Prior to the enactment of Public Law 93-508 veterans having a compensable disability rated less than 30 percent which resulted from service after the Korean conflict, or during the period between World War II and the Korean conflict, could be provided training under the vocational rehabilitation program only if the service connected disability were found to constitute a pronounced employment handicap. Public Law 93-508 eliminated this requirement so that the determination as to need for vocational rehabilitation is now made on the basis of the same criteria for all veterans otherwise eligible. Information about this change in the law and its meaning for them was sent to all veterans affected whose basic termination date for benefits has not passed.

Public Law 93-508, as subsequently amended by Public Law 93-602, also increased the subsistence allowance for vocational rehabilitation trainees approximately 22.7 percent over the rate in effect prior to September 1, 1974. The impact of these liberalizations on the use of vocational

rehabilitation benefits began to be evidenced in the latter part of FY 1975. During the period January through June 1975, the number of veterans counseled and the number entered into training under the vocational rehabilitation program showed an increase over the numbers so served during January through June 1974. For the year as a whole, however, the rehabilitation training program decreased in size, with a total of 24,840 veterans in training, 7.9 percent fewer than the 26,974 enrolled in FY 1974. This represents a continuation of the decline that has occurred each year since FY 1972, when the number of veterans in rehabilitation training totaled 31,635, the peak for the Vietnam era. Of those in training, 18,487 were attending colleges and universities, 4,855 were in trade or technical schools or in special training situations, such as rehabilitation centers, and 1,498 were in on-the-job and on-the-farm training.



*Veteran Crafting Silver and Gemstones—Skills Learned Through VA Training*

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As mandated by law, the extended period of eligibility during which seriously disabled veterans can be provided vocational rehabilitation terminated June 30, 1975 for most World War II and Korean conflict veterans. Special efforts were made in cooperation with the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare to ensure that those seriously disabled veterans who were enrolled in training under the VA program on the termination date

would be continued in training under the State-Federal program, and that veterans applying subsequently to initiate training would receive sympathetic consideration.

In FY 1975, as in the previous year, intensive outreach and follow-up efforts were directed toward encouraging veterans in need of vocational rehabilitation services to participate in the program and toward ensuring that such participation culminates in rehabilitation, as evidenced by successful employment. As part of this effort, VA continued its collaboration with National Alliance of Businessmen and the Department of Labor in a joint project to identify and assist service disabled veterans in need of training or employment assistance.

Counseling and rehabilitation staff are taking a strong role in helping to implement the overall VA program of affirmative action in behalf of the employment of disabled veterans. The resources of these specially trained staff are being made available to assist in the selective placement and effective utilization of qualified handicapped persons in public and private employment. While the focus of VA efforts is on assistance to disabled veterans, help may also be provided non-veterans such as VA employees and applicants for employment. In cooperation with the Department of Labor and Civil Service Commission the VA sponsored a session on affirmative action at the 1975 meeting of the American Personnel and Guidance Association.

## COUNSELING

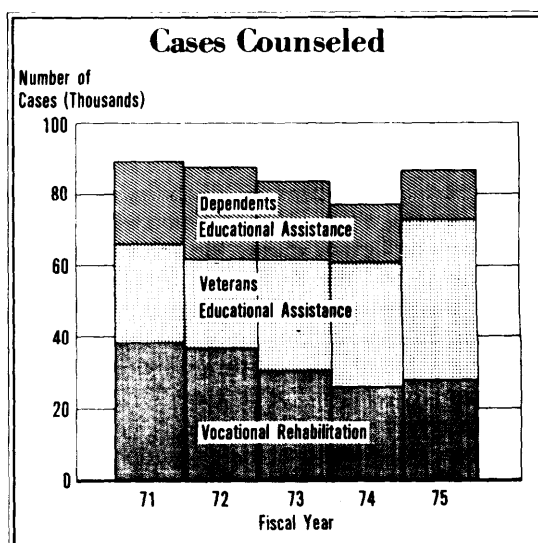
Educational and vocational counseling services are furnished eligible veterans and dependents under the vocational rehabilitation training program and the GI Bill and dependents education assistance programs. This year the total number of counseling cases was 86,792, compared to 76,871 in FY 1974. This increase of 12.9 percent reverses a slow downward trend which began in FY 1971. As shown in the chart, the FY 1975 increase was in GI Bill counseling and counseling under the vocational rehabilitation program. Contributing factors included the liberalization of eligibility requirements for vocational rehabilitation training, extension of the delimiting date for GI Bill training from 8 to 10 years, increased educational allowances and impact of the economic recession on the availability of jobs.

VA counseling is available at approximately 70 VA locations and 175 college and university

counseling centers and community and private agencies providing service under contract with the VA. Of the 86,792 cases of counseling in FY 1975, 56,133 were completed by VA counseling psychologists, and 30,659 by counseling psychologists in VA contract centers.

Under the vocational rehabilitation program, counseling is an essential part of the process through which a rehabilitation plan designed to meet the needs of the individual veteran is developed. During FY 1975, there were 27,634 rehabilitation counseling cases, compared to 25,795 in FY 1974, a 7.1 percent increase.

Under the veterans GI Bill and the dependents education assistance programs, counseling is available to all eligible persons on request and, under certain circumstances, is required before benefits may be authorized. Whether voluntary or required the purpose of counseling is to help the veteran or dependent arrive at sound decisions regarding his or her educational goals and plans. During FY 1975, GI Bill counseling cases totaled 44,928, as against 34,715 in FY 1974, an increase of 29.4 percent. Dependents' counseling declined from 16,361 in FY 1974 to 14,230 in FY 1975, a 13.0 percent decrease.



## STATE APPROVING AGENCIES

State approving agencies were utilized originally to meet requirements of the World War II programs. Courses offered for training veterans and eligible persons must be approved by the State

approving agency where the training facility is located or by the Administrator. The VA currently has contracts with 74 State approving agencies at a cost to the VA of more than \$11 million annually. Services include continuing supervision of schools

and training establishments having veterans and eligible persons enrolled in approved courses.

Public Law 93-508 increased the allowances paid to State approving agencies for administrative expenses.







# Housing Assistance

## COMPARATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

|  | Fiscal Year |           | Percent Change |
|--|-------------|-----------|----------------|
|  | 1975        | 1974      |                |
| Loans closed                             |             |           |                |
| Guaranteed or insured                    | 288,167     | 306,198   | - 5.9          |
| Mobile home                              | 2,028       | 5,062     | - 60.0         |
| Direct                                   | 2,665       | 2,608     | + 2.2          |
| Average loan amount                      |             |           |                |
| Guaranteed or insured                    |             |           |                |
| (Pimary loans for homes)                 | \$27,951    | \$25,029  | + 11.7         |
| Mobile home                              | \$ 9,455    | \$ 9,032  | + 4.7          |
| Direct                                   | \$18,344    | \$16,829  | + 9.0          |
| Maximum interest rate                    |             |           |                |
| GI                                       | 9½%         | 8½%       | + 8.6          |
| Mobile home                              | 12%         | 12%       | -              |
| GI loans outstanding                     | 3,856,154   | 3,751,827 | + 2.8          |
| Loans in default                         | 45,889      | 37,853    | + 21.2         |
| Defaults as percent of outstanding loans | 1.13        | 1.01      | + 11.9         |
| Properties on hand                       | 10,836      | 11,135    | - 2.7          |

## SUMMARY

During FY 1975, the VA assisted more than 293,000 veterans to become homeowners. Of this total, over 98 percent obtained guaranteed loans. Since the beginning of the home loan program, VA guaranty support has encouraged private lenders to

extend \$113.5 billion for the purchase or construction of homes to 8.8 million veterans. In addition, more than 322,000 veterans have bought homes with the assistance of VA direct loans totaling almost \$3.2 billion; and nearly 14,000 severely disabled veterans have received specially adapted housing grants from VA for over \$158 million.

The Veterans Housing Act of 1974, enacted December 31, 1974, contained a number of provisions which expanded VA home loan benefits.

The Act makes it possible for a veteran who has used his GI loan benefits to regain entitlement, provided the veteran has disposed of that property and the loan has been paid in full, or another veteran has agreed to assume the outstanding balance on a GI loan and has consented to the use of his entitlement.

Restoration of entitlement was previously restricted by a requirement for a compelling reason for the veteran's disposition of the property, or loss of the property by condemnation or hazard. As a consequence of the elimination of the compelling reason requirement, over 4 million veterans whose GI home loans have been paid in full are potentially eligible for new loans.

Previously the law provided that only supervised lenders (those subject to State or Federal supervision and examination, such as savings and loan associations, banks and insurance companies),

could make VA loans without prior VA approval. The Act authorized VA to extend the automatic processing privilege to nonsupervised lenders who meet standards prescribed by VA.

The new Act authorized VA to approve condominium projects for guaranteed loans without the previous stipulation that the Department of Housing and Urban Development must have, prior to VA guaranty of any loan in such a project, insured at least one loan in the project. This feature is also expected to generate new business of substantial volume.

The specially adapted housing grant (made to assist severely disabled veterans in constructing or modifying their homes) was increased from \$17,500 to \$25,000. The maximum guaranty for conventionally constructed housing was raised to \$17,500. These changes were made in recognition of the increasing costs of housing.

The Act removed the July 1, 1975 expiration date for VA's mobile home program. It also authorized increased loan maximums of \$12,500 for single-wide mobile homes, and \$20,000 for double-wide units (\$27,500 with developed lot). The maximum loan maturity for double-wide homes was increased from 15 to 20 years.

Under the Act VA received authority to guarantee loans for the purchase of used mobile homes which meet VA requirements for construction, design, general acceptability and safety.

VA may now guarantee loans for the purchase of mobile home lots in those cases where veterans already own mobile homes. These loans may include the cost of making necessary site preparations.

The Act repealed VA's authority to guarantee farm and business loans. VA is still authorized to guarantee loans for the purchase or construction of farmhouses which veterans will occupy as their homes.

The Act also amended the Federal Credit Union Act to permit credit unions to make GI mobile home loans at maturities set forth in the new law.

## MOBILE HOME LOANS<sup>1/</sup>

Since the inception of the mobile home loan program in February of 1971, VA has guaranteed 17,653 mobile home loans, thereby assisting lenders in providing \$156,768,685 in loans to veterans who probably would have been unable to

afford a home in the conventional market. During FY 1975, 2,220 applications were received and 2,028 mobile home loans amounting to \$19,263,972 were guaranteed.

During FY 1975, mobile home loan activity declined from the level of the previous year. This is primarily attributable to the general economic conditions prevailing throughout most of the year, which adversely affected the whole housing industry. The mobile home industry, which is more vulnerable to economic changes, was especially affected, as evidenced by the numbers of mobile home manufacturers and dealers leaving the industry during the year. The VA mobile home loan activity declined at a rate only slightly less than the rate of decline in mobile home shipments by the mobile home industry during the year.

A mobile home section was added to the Central Office staff in FY 1974 for the purpose of providing the specialized expertise needed to establish an effective liaison between VA and lenders, manufacturers and dealers' organizations which dominate the industry. During FY 1975, members of the mobile home loan section conducted mobile home seminars, prepared press releases, spot radio announcements, and two mobile home exhibits to be shipped to State mobile home shows in order to encourage more widespread participation in the program by dealers, lenders and veterans.

## Plant Inspections

Each mobile home plant producing mobile home units to be sold to veterans is inspected quarterly to see that the units produced and the manufacturing process are in compliance with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A119.1 standards, adopted by the VA as its mobile home construction requirements.

The inspection of the manufacturing process in mobile home plants involves observing the handling of materials and the assembly operation at all stages of construction. In addition, the quality control program is checked, including the type of materials used and the provisions for protecting materials during storage.

A total of 762 mobile home plant inspections were made by VA during FY 1975. An additional 1,206 inspections by third-party inspectors were accepted by VA as meeting VA requirements. Approximately 25 percent or 180 inspections made by VA noted noncompliance with the ANSI standards. The noncompliances noted generally

<sup>1/</sup>This information is included in compliance with Section 1819, Title 38, U.S.C.

did not involve major structural items and typically were either immediately corrected or satisfactory arrangements were made to assure prompt correction. As reported in previous years the major noncompliances noted by VA during inspection were centered in the area of plumbing and heating. No other pattern of noncompliance has developed from the inspections.

VA experience with the mobile home industry as well as local, State and area associations has been most satisfactory. VA has received full cooperation of all parties concerned with VA inspections. There have been no reported instances of flagrant, willful violations of construction standards, and no instance of manufacturers refusing to cooperate or permit inspections.

### **Mobile Home Onsite Inspections**

During FY 1975, VA made 1,131 inspections of mobile homes secured by GI loans. Each inspection covered the mobile home and its site and included where possible an interview with the veteran owner or spouse, or both.

In some cases the inspectors were unable to check some of the items and, therefore, total responses relating to a particular item do not always equal the total number of inspections. The percentage figures given below relate to the total number of responses for a particular item.

The inspectors found that 78 percent of the mobile homes were located in mobile home parks and 22 percent were on individual sites.

They found that 89 percent of the units were at the locations named in the original loan applications and that 11 percent had been moved from the locations specified in the applications.

The average size of the units inspected was 853 square feet, approximately the area of a 70 x 12 foot unit. For 98 percent of the units, the inspectors considered the size of the lot to be adequate for the mobile home. Provisions for automobile parking were provided for 97 percent of the mobile homes.

Public water facilities were connected to 60 percent of the homes, while 40 percent had private water supply systems. Sewage was disposed of through public or community disposal systems in 65 percent of the homes and the remaining 35 percent were equipped with individual septic tank systems.

At the time of the inspections, 76 percent of the units had skirting, but only 31 percent had

tiedowns installed which were adequate to withstand hurricane-force winds.

The general condition of the mobile home units was also reported. Nearly 40 percent were reported in excellent condition and 58 percent in good condition.

Interviews were conducted with occupants of 79 percent of the 1,131 units inspected. Their units had been occupied, on average, about 6 months at the time of the interviews. The average interview lasted 28 minutes. Some of the results of the interviews are:

96 percent were satisfied with the treatment received from VA;

96 percent were satisfied with their lenders;

72 percent were satisfied with their park operators;

75 percent were satisfied with their dealers.

As to future housing plans, 57 percent planned to remain in their mobile homes, 18 percent wanted to move into conventional housing, 20 percent wanted to move their homes to other sites and 5 percent wanted to buy another mobile home.

VA onsite inspection reports show that some 15,000 veterans have obtained satisfactory housing through mobile home loans since the program was initiated.

### **Compliance with Warranty**

Every new mobile home financed by a GI loan must have a written warranty from the manufacturer to the purchaser, which includes a specific statement that the mobile home meets the manufacturing standards prescribed by VA.

During FY 1975, VA field stations reported 310 complaints on mobile home units that were considered justified, and 18 unjustified complaints. By the end of the fiscal year, 243 (78 percent) of the justified complaints had been resolved and 67 (22 percent) were pending resolution. Of the complaints, 257 (83 percent) were under warranty; 24 (8 percent) were due to faulty setup operations; and 29 (9 percent) were attributed to both warranty and faulty setup.

The nature of complaints varied from relatively minor defects to seriously defective items to be repaired. A total of 224 (72 percent) complaints were reported because of the faulty construction of the mobile home unit; complaints on both the construction and furnishings of the mobile home accounted for 82 (27 percent) of the complaints:

and 4 (1 percent) expressed dissatisfaction with only the furniture in the mobile home.

VA field stations have acted promptly in determining the validity of complaints received. Complaints have been widely distributed among manufacturers and models, with no single manufacturer accounting for a significant percentage of the total complaints.

### Defaults

When the VA mobile home loan program was established, it was anticipated that the incidence of defaults and claims would be greater than that experienced for loans on conventional homes. Thus of the 17,653 mobile home loans guaranteed, almost 11 percent have resulted in claims paid by VA since the inception of the program in February of 1971.

To reduce such losses from mobile home loan defaults, VA developed a procedure of continued liability under an indemnity agreement whereby the purchaser of a repossessed mobile home may, in effect, assume the loan on the home.

### Profile of Mobile Home Market vs. GI Home Market

Providing lower cost housing for younger veterans and service personnel who, because of lower incomes, cannot afford conventional housing, is the primary purpose of the VA mobile home loan program.

| Characteristics  | Mobile Home Loans | Home Loans |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| Average maturity (months) . . . . .                      | 141               | 353        |
| Average purchase price . . . . .                         | \$9,696           | \$28,858   |
| Average loan amount . . . . .                            | \$9,455           | \$27,951   |
| Average monthly income . . . . .                         | \$ 609            | \$ 884     |
| Average monthly housing expense . . . . .                | \$ 199            | \$ 328     |
| Average assets . . . . .                                 | \$ 695            | \$ 3,156   |
| Housing expense as a percent of monthly income . . . . . | 32.7              | 37.1       |

During FY 1975, reports show that most veterans using the program are the younger, lower income veterans for whom the program was initiated. The accompanying table, which compares selected characteristics of mobile home loans to those of GI loans on conventional houses, indicates that the average income of mobile home buyers was 31 percent lower than that of conventional home buyers. The median age of mobile home buyers was 28 years and 61 percent of them were under 30 years of age, compared to a median age of 31 years and only 40 percent under 30 years of age for conventional home buyers.

The percentages of monthly income used for housing expenses, as shown on the table, indicate that mobile home buyers fared considerably better than conventional home buyers in FY 1975. This was due to the fact that housing expenses for mobile home buyers increased only 5 percent over the previous year while those for conventional home buyers jumped 16 percent. This, in turn, was due primarily to the fact that the average purchase price of mobile homes increased 5.2 percent while that of conventional homes rose 12.5 percent.

### DIRECT LOANS

The purpose of the direct home loan program is to extend credit to veterans for the purchase, construction, repair and alteration of homes and farm houses in rural areas, small cities, and towns where private credit is not generally available. VA is authorized to designate such rural areas, small cities and towns as "housing credit shortage areas," if it finds that private credit is not generally available for the making of guaranteed loans.

In the VA direct loan program, veterans apply directly to the VA for loans. The terms of direct loans are the same as those in effect for guaranteed loans.

To date, VA has made direct loans to 322,554 veterans, in an aggregate amount of over \$3.2 billion. In the past several years, the demand for direct loans has declined because of the general availability of private funds for guaranteed loans. There were only 2,665 direct loans made in FY 1975.

The average loan amount of direct loans made in FY 1975 was \$18,344, contrasted to the \$27,951 average for home loans guaranteed in the same period. The lower average amount for direct loans has been influenced to some extent by the

\$25,000 limitation on the amount of a direct loan. Guaranteed loans, with a limitation on the amount of the guaranty but no limitation on the loan amount, reflect rising costs of homes more quickly than do direct loans. Also, housing costs in rural areas and small towns generally have been lower than such costs in urban areas where most guaranteed loans are made.

## GI LOANS

During FY 1975, the VA home loan guaranty program assisted 288,163 veterans to become home owners. In FY 1974, the program had assisted 306,188 veterans to obtain home loans.

Despite the sharp rise in the price of houses, nearly 69 percent of the veteran home buyers were able to obtain no-downpayment loans. The demand for VA housing credit remains strong. This in part reflects the liberalization of the Veterans Housing Acts of 1970 and 1974. Taken as a whole, these two acts restructured the VA home loan programs so that these programs can better meet the housing needs of veterans. One of the major liberalizing elements in each Act pertained to expanding the eligibility of veterans. The Housing Act of 1970 removed the delimiting dates applicable to eligibility of veterans and provided for the blanket reinstatement of all expired, unused entitlement of World War II and Korean conflict veterans. The Veterans Housing Act of 1974 further liberalized the VA home loan program by making it possible for a veteran who has used his GI loan benefit to regain the use of his entitlement provided the veteran has disposed of the property and the loan has been paid-in-full, or another veteran has agreed to assume the outstanding balance on a GI loan and has consented to the use of his entitlement.

Of the 288,163 GI home loans made during fiscal year 1975, 86 percent went to post-Korean veterans and service personnel including Vietnam era veterans, with 10 percent going to World War II veterans and 4 percent to Korean conflict veterans. Since the average age of World War II veterans is now 55 years and Korean conflict veterans average 45 years, compared to an average age of 32 years for post-Korean veterans, the demand for VA loans in the future is expected to come from the post-Korean veteran population.

About 75 percent of the loans to veterans were to finance the purchase of previously occupied housing. These loans averaged \$26,980 and fi-

nanced homes with an average purchase price of \$27,805. On newly constructed homes, the average loan was \$30,916 and the average purchase price was \$32,115.

June 22, 1975, marked the 31st anniversary of the GI loan program. During its history the program has grown to such magnitude that it is, today, an important part of the nation's financial machinery. The term "GI Loan" has become a household word. From June 22, 1944, to June 30, 1975, 8.8 million veterans borrowed \$113.5 billion under the GI loan program to buy, build or improve their homes.

## CREDIT MARKET CONDITIONS

During most of FY 1975 the VA home loan program operated under very restrictive credit market conditions. As a result of restrictive monetary policy and concern over inflation, both short-term and long-term interest rates registered sizeable increases. Mortgage interest rates increased to the point where a number of state usury ceilings prevented mortgage rates from rising to market levels.

Reflecting credit market conditions, VA, on July 8, 1974, raised the VA interest rate ceiling from 8¾ percent to 9 percent. In August, both short-term and long-term interest rates continued to register sizeable increases and VA had to raise the ceiling again, this time to 9½ percent, on August 14, 1974. The 9½ percent ceiling represented an all-time high for the program.

The general upward trend in interest rates continued all during the first half of FY 1975. During January and early March both short-term and long-term interest rates suddenly posted sizeable declines. Reflecting this trend, VA, on January 21, reduced the VA interest rate ceiling to 8½ percent, and again on March 3 to 8 percent.

The downward trend was reversed in early April. To keep GI loans competitive VA had to raise the interest rate back to 8½ percent.

Tight money also influences the mortgage market and the VA home loan program through its effect on the share of the savings flow captured by savings and loan associations and mutual savings banks. These institutions, which have the bulk of their funds in mortgages, make long-term loans at fixed rates of interest. The income from these loans, and therefore, the interest or dividend rates paid to depositors, tend to be inflexible in the short-run. In periods of tight money, when market interest rates generally rise faster than rates paid

on savings, some individuals decide to channel their new savings into higher yielding market securities. Such diversion of funds from institutions which specialize in mortgage lending tends to reduce sharply the supply of mortgage money.

## **FUNDING OPERATIONS**

No appropriations are required to pay claims and fund property management operations. Both the guaranteed loan and direct loan programs are financed from revolving funds which derive funds from principal and interest payments made to VA and proceeds of loan sales conducted by VA.

During FY 1975, VA collected more than \$254 million in principal and interest payments, with the interest portion amounting to \$107 million. Loan sales from VA's own portfolio of loans totaled almost \$163 million.

## **SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING ASSISTANCE**

Severely disabled veterans declared eligible for grants for specially adapted housing have distinctive housing needs such as wide doorways to accommodate wheelchairs, ramps instead of steps, oversized and specially equipped bathrooms, etc. VA extends whatever help is required as determined on an individual basis. Assuring that structural requirements are met is only one aspect of the specially adapted housing program. Frequently VA representatives escort the veteran or take his place during contacts with builders, lenders and architects.

Because of the difficulty such veterans experience in obtaining loans from private lenders on some occasions, the VA is authorized to make direct loans for specially adapted housing without regard to geographic location. Since this authorization was granted in the Veterans Housing Act of 1970, direct loans for specially adapted housing have been made to 193 disabled veterans for \$3.5 million.

The increase from \$17,500 to \$25,000 in the maximum grant payable as provided in the Veterans Housing Act of 1974, has had an immediate effect on the size, quality and cost of housing proposed by these veterans. For FY 1974, the average construction cost on initial grants was \$48,751, while for FY 1975, the average cost had increased to \$57,491.

During FY 1975, 606 severely disabled veterans were declared eligible for grants to buy, build or

modify homes specially adapted for their use. Grants totaling \$14.4 million were disbursed to 621 veterans during the year. Since 1948, when these grants were first authorized, 13,974 veterans have been aided by grants amounting to over \$158 million. This represents a small but highly rewarding portion of the VA's housing assistance program.

## **FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM**

A major aspect of the VA fair housing program is monitoring and measuring the degree and type of minority veteran participation in the GI housing programs. This statistical information is crucial when formulating policy and operating procedures and to ensure the provision of equal housing opportunity to minority veterans.

Reports developed during FY 1975 provide information on characteristics of VA guaranteed loans and financial data on veteran home buyers for each major racial and ethnic group. Data for FY 1975 indicates that minority veterans are using their GI housing benefits at a very high comparative rate. Minority participation in VA's loan programs exceeds minority representation in the total veteran population. The number and relative percentage of loans to minority veterans has steadily increased each year since data on minority participation has been collected.

The data further shows that no downpayment loans were made to 82 percent of American Indian veterans, 80 percent of the black veterans, 74 percent of the Spanish American veterans, 70 percent of the white veterans, and 56 percent of the Oriental veterans.

During FY 1975, the average purchase price of homes for all veterans was \$28,963. The average price by racial categories was \$35,325 for Oriental veterans, \$29,400 for white veterans, \$27,170 for Spanish American veterans, \$26,310 for American Indian veterans, and \$25,720 for black veterans.

As might be expected, Oriental veterans, who on the average made the largest downpayments and purchased the highest priced homes, also had the highest average net effective income of \$11,350. The average net effective income for white veterans was \$10,685, \$10,220 for black veterans, \$10,020 for American Indian veterans, and \$9,630 for Spanish American veterans.

Inclusion of spouse's income in order to qualify for a loan was particularly important to minority home-buying veterans. Approximately 43 percent

of the black veterans, 40 percent of the Oriental veterans, 38 percent of the Spanish American veterans and 37 percent of the American Indian veterans who secured GI guaranteed loans in FY 1975 had spouses with incomes which were counted in qualifying the veteran for a loan. By contrast, 31 percent of the white veterans obtaining home loans had working spouses.

VA also offers a home counseling service which provides advice and assistance in the technical and financial aspects of home buying to potential home-buying veterans. This service, which is di-

rected primarily toward minority veterans, counseled over 4,000 minority veterans in 22 cities during FY 1975.

Minority businessmen received \$5.5 million or 12 percent of the \$46 million paid by VA in commissions and fees during FY 1975 in connection with Loan Guaranty operations. Of the \$5.5 million going to minority businessmen, over \$3 million went to sales brokers, \$0.5 million to repair and maintenance contractors, \$1.5 million to fee appraisers and compliance inspectors and more than \$.05 million to management brokers.





# Life Insurance for Servicemen and Veterans

## SUMMARY

Life insurance protection for the Nation's service personnel and veterans is provided under five separate programs administered by the Veterans Administration and three programs which are supervised by the Veterans Administration.

The first five programs shown in the table are totally administered by the Veterans Administration and the latter three supervised through a contractual relationship with private companies. The SGLI and VGLI programs are administered by the Prudential Insurance Company, Newark, New Jersey and the VMLI program by the Bankers Life Insurance Company of Lincoln, Nebraska.

At the end of FY 1975 the eight life insurance programs supervised or administered by the VA provided coverage exceeding \$101.3 billion to nearly 8.6 million insureds.



## COMPARATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

| Program<br>(in thousands) | Fiscal Year  |              | Percent<br>Change   |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
|                           | 1975         | 1974         |                     |
| USGLI                     |              |              |                     |
| Policies                  | 145          | 155          | - 6.5               |
| Amount                    | \$612,427    | \$657,174    | - 6.8               |
| Death benefits            | \$39,584     | \$41,230     | 4.0                 |
| NSLI                      |              |              |                     |
| Policies                  | 4,024        | 4,103        | - 1.9               |
| Amount                    | \$26,491,963 | \$27,032,202 | - 2.0               |
| Death benefits            | \$276,867    | \$262,321    | + 5.5               |
| VSLI                      |              |              |                     |
| Policies                  | 590          | 598          | - 1.3               |
| Amount                    | \$5,164,158  | \$5,238,027  | - 1.4               |
| Death benefits            | \$14,138     | \$13,694     | + 3.2               |
| SDVI                      |              |              |                     |
| Policies                  | 161          | 155          | + 3.9               |
| Amount                    | \$1,454,476  | \$1,397,275  | + 1.4               |
| Death benefits            | \$15,742     | \$15,504     | + 1.4               |
| VRI                       |              |              |                     |
| Policies                  | 183          | 185          | - 1.1               |
| Amount                    | \$1,273,252  | \$1,292,135  | - 1.5               |
| Death benefits            | \$11,291     | \$10,507     | + 7.5               |
| SGLI                      |              |              |                     |
| Policies                  | 3,325        | 3,369        | - 1.3               |
| Amount                    | \$65,546,300 | \$65,658,600 | - 0.2               |
| Death benefits            | \$91,736     | \$62,602     | + 47.0 <sup>1</sup> |
| VGLI <sup>2</sup>         |              |              |                     |
| Policies                  | 102          | ....         | ....                |
| Amount                    | \$1,825      | ....         | ....                |
| Death benefits            | \$1,455      | ....         | ....                |
| VMLI                      |              |              |                     |
| Policies                  | 5            | 5            | 0.0                 |
| Amount                    | \$135,050    | \$111,268    | + 21.4              |
| Death benefits            | \$8,563      | \$2,680      | +219.5              |

<sup>1</sup> Benefits increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000 maximum effective May 24, 1974.

<sup>2</sup> This insurance became available August 1, 1974.

| Program                             | Abbreviated Reference | Policy Prefix Letter | Program Beginning | Ending Date of New Issues |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| U.S. Government Life Insurance      | (USGLI)               | K                    | 01-01-19          | 04-24-51                  |
| National Service Life Insurance     | (NSLI)                | V,H                  | 10-08-40          | 04-24-51                  |
| Veterans Special Life Insurance     | (VSLI)                | RS,W                 | 04-25-51          | 12-31-56                  |
| Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance | (SDVI)                | RH                   | 04-25-51          | Open                      |
| Veterans Reopened Insurance         | (VRI)                 | J,JR,JS              | 05-01-65          | 05-02-66                  |
| Servicemen's Group Life Insurance   | (SGLI)                | -----                | 09-29-65          | Open                      |
| Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance    | (VMLI)                | -----                | 08-11-71          | Open                      |
| Veterans Group Life Insurance       | (VGLI)                | -----                | 08-01-74          | Open                      |

## GOVERNMENT ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS

### United States Government Life Insurance (USGLI)

This is the oldest Government administered program, established in 1919 to handle the conversion of World War I Risk Term Insurance. The program was closed to new issues after April 24, 1951. During this period of time, approximately 1,150,000 policies were issued of which 145,000 policies remained in force at the end of the year, a decline of 10,000 from the previous fiscal year. The peak of this program was reached in 1927 when more than 675,000 policies were in force for over \$3.2 billion face value. The present face value of these policies is \$612.4 million. The program is self-supporting except for administrative expense and claims traceable to the extra hazard of military service, which are paid by the Government. There has been a steady decline in the number of policyholders. This will continue to accelerate as the average age of these insureds is now 74.4. The death rate in 1974 was 67.4 per thousand insureds compared to 10.1 for insureds in the NSLI program. Dividends are paid to USGLI policyholders from excess earnings of the Trust Fund. The 1975 dividend payments will amount to \$22 million, an average of \$168 per insured, compared to \$156 in 1974.

### National Service Life Insurance (NSLI)

This program was established October 8, 1940, to serve the insurance needs of World War II service personnel. More than 22 million policies had been issued by April 25, 1951 when the program was closed to new issues. The peak enrollment was in 1944 when nearly 16 million policies were in force with a face value exceeding

\$121 billion. By the end of FY 1975, 4 million of these remained in force with a face value of \$26.5 billion. The program is also self-supporting except for administrative expense and claims traceable to the extra hazards of military service, which are paid by the Government. The 1975 dividend payments from the excess earnings of the Trust Fund will amount to \$307.5 million, an average of nearly \$83 per insured compared to \$75 last year. This is the largest regular dividend declared to date.

Approximately 39 percent of the 1.4 million NSLI policyholders continue to retain their insurance on a term basis. These policies are renewed every five years at the current attained age and the premiums increase accordingly. As the policyholders grow older, the premiums can become prohibitive and many reduce the face amount of the policy. The VA makes continuous efforts to alert term policyholders about the high premium rates if they retain their term policy to the older ages and encourages them to convert to a permanent plan of insurance.

Legislation establishing the Modified Life Age 65 and Age 70 plans of insurance has been beneficial to the term policyholders as the premium rates for these plans are lower than for any previous plans in existence. These plans are available to all Government life insurance policyholders except USGLI. As of June 30, 1975, there were 422,351 Modified Life policies in force with a face value of nearly \$3.3 billion.

Public Law 92-188 provided that NSLI policyholders may use dividends to buy more insurance protection as paid-up additions to their policy. For the first time this permitted policyholders to have more than \$10,000 Government Life Insurance in force. This option is particularly beneficial to the term policyholders as it permits them to increase the amount of their insurance. If the premium on the basic policy becomes prohibitive, they can reduce the amount of the basic policy with a corresponding reduction in premiums, but still retain about the same amount of insurance by the use of the paid-up additions. A total of 904,000 policies have paid-up additions with a face value of \$524 million, an increase of \$129 million over 1974.

### Veterans Special Life Insurance (VSLI)

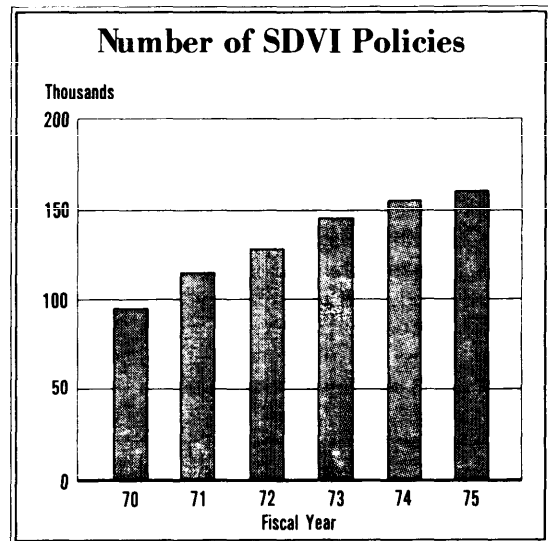
This insurance program was made available to veterans separated from service on or after April 25, 1951 through December 31, 1956, at

which time the program was closed to new issues. Application for coverage had to be submitted within 120 days following separation. This insurance was a means of providing post-service Government life insurance for Korean veterans, as had been true for their World War I and World War II counterparts.

The Korean service person was in a different circumstance, with no premium paying insurance during service (the Government covered insurance requirements with a \$10,000 Servicemen's Indemnity). During the above stated period, about 800,000 policies were issued of which 590,000 remained in force on June 30, 1975 with a face value of \$5.1 billion. Initially, only renewable term insurance was available. Effective January 1, 1959, legislation modified this program to permit exchange to a lower cost term policy which was non-renewable after age 50, or to convert to a permanent plan of insurance. This program was originally nonparticipating. Public Law 93-289, effective May 24, 1974, changed this insurance to participating. The 1975 dividend payments will amount to \$6.1 million, an average of \$11 per insured. A total of 75,000 policies have paid-up additions with a face value of \$1.95 million.

#### **Service Disabled Veterans Insurance (SDVI)**

This program is the only one remaining open to new issues and was designed to assure that service disabled veterans could obtain life insurance at standard rates. Every veteran separated from service on or after April 25, 1951, who receives a service connected disability rating for which compensation would be payable if 10 percent or more in degree, and who is otherwise insurable, has 1 year from the date of notice of the VA rating to apply for this coverage. The Veterans Administration makes a special effort to assure that all eligible veterans are made aware of their eligibility for this coverage. Each receives a notice of eligibility at the time he is granted a VA service connected rating. About six months later a reminder notice is sent to each. In addition, publicity is given to this program through service organizations and periodic information releases to press, radio and television stations. Since the program insures substandard risks at standard premium rates, it is not self-supporting and requires periodic appropriations to meet the costs. At the end of FY 1975, there were nearly 161,000 RH policies in force with a face value of \$1.45 billion.



#### **Veterans Reopened Insurance (VRI)**

This program was a limited reopening of National Service Life Insurance for certain disabled World War II and Korean veterans and was designed to provide insurance to these veterans who, because of their disability would be unable to obtain commercial life insurance or could not obtain it at reasonable cost. Applications for this insurance were accepted from May 1, 1965 through May 2, 1966. Cost for administration of the program is borne by the insureds. About 210,000 policies were issued of which 183,000 policies remained in force at the end of FY 1975 with a face value of \$1.27 billion. The legislation that created this program authorized the Administrator to adjust premium rates up or down at intervals of not less than two years to keep the program self-supporting. Since the beginning of the program, there has been only one adjustment, a reduction of premiums on those policies with a "J" prefix. There are no dividends payable on policies issued under this program.

#### **Total Disability Income Provision (TDIP)**

This is an optional rider that an insured may add to the basic policy. It provides a monthly income in case of disability. By paying an extra premium and meeting the age and good health requirements, this rider may be added to any policy except Service Disabled Veterans Insurance (RH).

This provision was first made available in 1928 to USGLI policyholders and provides a benefit of \$5.75 per \$1,000 of insurance for total disability. As of June 30, 1975, there were 4,437 riders in force with a face value of \$34 million. The rider became available on NSLI on August 1, 1946. The rider on these policies paid \$5 per \$1,000 of insurance with coverage to age 60. Subsequent changes increased the payment to \$10 per \$1,000 to age 60 and then extended the coverage to age 65. The accompanying table shows the modification to the law affecting NSLI policies and the current status of these riders.

| Effective Date of Modification | Monthly Income per \$1,000 of Insurance | Coverage to Age | In Force as of June 30, 1975 |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                |   |                 | No. of Policies              | Amount of Insurance (thousands) |
| Aug. 1, 1946                   | \$ 5.00                                 | 60              | 17,070                       | \$ 126,376                      |
| Nov. 1, 1958                   | 10.00                                   | 60              | 146,084                      | 1,049,866                       |
| Jan. 1, 1965                   | 10.00                                   | 65              | 529,061                      | 4,232,284                       |

### Civil Relief

The VA administers Article IV of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act which deals specifically with commercial life insurance purchased by service personnel. This insurance must be purchased and in force on a premium paying basis for 180 days before the insured enters onto active duty. In order that service personnel may continue the protection provided by their commercial insurance policies during a period where they may have a reduced income, the Act provides that premiums becoming due and not paid by the insured shall be treated as a loan by the insurer. The protection under this Act continues for the duration of the insured's military service and for two years thereafter. The Government guarantees to the insurer the repayment of an indebtedness not liquidated by the insured. Any such payment made by the Government then becomes a debt owed to the United States by the insured. The terms of the Act exclude any form of Government Life insurance. They also limit the amount to be protected to a maximum of \$10,000 of life insurance on the life of the service person. This program is declining rapidly. On June 30, 1975, 42 policies were protected under this act compared to 71 as of June 30, 1974.

## GOVERNMENT SUPERVISED PROGRAMS

### Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI)

This program was established in September 1965 to provide insurance coverage for members on active duty in the uniformed services. This program is supervised by the VA, but is administered by the Prudential Insurance Company of America as primary insurer through the Office of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance, Newark, New Jersey. During FY 1975, 608 other commercial companies also participated in the SGLI program on a reinsurer/converter or converter only basis. Claims are paid by the primary insurer. However, in cases where there is some question as to the existence of the coverage, the VA makes the final decision. By the end of the FY 1975, 3,325,000 active duty service personnel and reservists were insured in the amount of \$66 billion. There was a 47 percent increase in death benefits paid because the maximum amount of insurance increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000 effective May 24, 1974. During FY 1974 death benefits paid amounted to \$62.6 million compared to \$91.7 million for FY 1975.

Initially, maximum coverage was for \$10,000. Each uniformed service member was automatically insured for the maximum amount unless he or she elected, in writing, only \$5,000 of insurance or not to be insured at all. Coverage was limited only to persons on active duty under orders specifying 31 days or more. SGLI coverage continued for 120 days following separation from service without premium payment. Public Law 91-291, effective June 25, 1970, boosted the maximum coverage to \$15,000. The service person was automatically insured for this amount unless he or she requested, in writing, only \$10,000 or \$5,000 of insurance or not to be insured at all. This law also extended limited coverage to reservists, members of the National Guard, and ROTC members when engaged in authorized training duty. Public Law 92-315, which was effective June 20, 1972 extended SGLI coverage to the four service schools (U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy).

The basic law was further amended by the Veterans Insurance Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-289) which was enacted on May 24, 1974. The new law increased the maximum amount of

insurance for all members to \$20,000. It extended full-time SGLI coverage to members of the Ready Reserve (those who are assigned to a unit or position in which they are required to perform active duty, or active duty for training, and each year would be scheduled to perform at least 12 periods of inactive duty training that are creditable for retirement purposes). The Act also extended coverage to those persons assigned to, or who upon application would be eligible for assignment to the Retired Reserves who have not received the first increment of retirement pay or have not yet reached sixty-one years of age and who have completed at least twenty years of satisfactory service creditable for retirement purposes. The right to convert SGLI to a permanent plan of insurance with a commercial company by the 121st day following separation from active duty was terminated. Members of the Ready Reserve who have full-time SGLI coverage at the time they complete 20 years of service for retirement are the only category of person who can still convert SGLI direct to commercial policies. Since they are eligible for assignment to the Retired Reserve, they may either convert to permanent plan commercial policies or continue SGLI coverage until receipt of the first increment of retired pay or age 61, whichever is earlier. Members of the Retired Reserve are not eligible for VGLI.

The \$20,000 maximum coverage went into effect on May 24, 1974 and applies automatically to all persons now insured either while on active duty or in the Ready Reserve. Members desiring a lesser amount of insurance (\$15,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000) or desiring no insurance at all must request such a change in writing.

Members performing duty under calls or orders not limited to 30 days or less and members of the Ready Reserve who qualify for full-time coverage are covered for 120 days following separation or release. If, on the date of such separation or release the member is totally disabled for insurance purposes, the coverage continues for one year after the date of separation or release, or to the date the insured ceases to be totally disabled, whichever is earlier, but in no event prior to 120 days after separation or release.

Since 1970 National Guard and Ready Reserve members had part-time SGLI coverage during periods of active duty, active duty for training, inactive duty training, and associated travel periods under calls or orders specifying 30 days or less. This limited coverage continues for those persons who do not qualify for the full-time

coverage provided by the Veterans Insurance Act of 1974.

### **Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI)**

This program, which provides for the automatic conversion of SGLI to a 5-year non-renewable term policy, was designed to provide low cost Government supervised insurance to the veteran immediately following separation or release from service. Experience had indicated that a large percentage of the Vietnam era veterans failed to exercise their right to convert SGLI to a permanent plan of insurance. This may have been due to limited income immediately after service, completion of schooling, or lack of family responsibility.

This new group coverage was effective August 1, 1974 and is available in amounts of \$20,000, \$15,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000 but for not more than the amount of SGLI which was in force at the time of separation. This insurance has no cash, loan, paid-up or extended insurance values. VGLI can, however, be converted to a permanent policy with one of the participating companies at the end of the 5-year term period. As of June 30, 1975, 102,000 veterans were insured in the amount of \$1.8 billion.

Conversion to VGLI may not be effected prior to the insured's release or separation from active duty. Individuals being released from active duty on or after August 1, 1974 may continue life insurance protection by filing an application and paying the first premium within the 120 days following separation or release from active duty. Members who had SGLI coverage in force at the time they were separated or released from duty and whose SGLI coverage terminated less than 4 years prior to August 1, 1974, were afforded the opportunity to apply for VGLI equal to the amount of SGLI which was not converted to an individual policy. Application and the first premium must have been submitted before August 2, 1975. The VGLI coverage issued for these members covers the period equal to 5 years less the time elapsing between the date SGLI terminated and August 1, 1974.

The SGLI or VGLI proceeds are paid either in a lump sum or in equal monthly payments over a 36 month period. The member can indicate which method of settlement is desired. If the member elects a lump sum or makes no election, the beneficiary may choose either the lump sum or 36 installments. If the member elects 36 installments, the beneficiary may not elect lump sum.

When SGLI is converted to VGLI, beneficiaries must be redesignated. If no designation is made for VGLI the Office of SGLI will send a beneficiary form to the applicant to encourage the designation for a preferred beneficiary. Designation of beneficiaries for SGLI filed with the uniformed services will be valid for VGLI but only for 60 days after VGLI becomes effective. If no designation is made, the beneficiary sequence specified by law will be followed.

Premium rates for the various categories of coverage are shown in the accompanying table:

| Premium rates                                      | Amount of insurance |          |          |         |
|--|---------------------|----------|----------|---------|
|  | \$20,000            | \$15,000 | \$10,000 | \$5,000 |
| Active duty SGLI coverage (monthly premium)        | \$ 3.40             | \$2.55   | \$1.70   | \$ .85  |
| Part-time SGLI coverage (annual premium)           | \$ 2.00             | \$1.50   | \$1.00   | \$ .50  |
| SGLI coverage-Retired Reservists (monthly premium) |                     |          |          |         |
| Thru age 39  | \$ 6.00             | \$4.50   | \$3.00   | \$1.50  |
| Age 40 thru 49                                     | \$ 8.00             | \$6.00   | \$4.00   | \$2.00  |
| Age 50 and over                                    | \$10.00             | \$7.50   | \$5.00   | \$2.50  |
| VGLI coverage (monthly premium)                    |                     |          |          |         |
| Thru age 34  | \$ 3.40             | \$2.55   | \$1.70   | \$ .85  |
| Age 35 and over                                    | \$ 6.80             | \$5.10   | \$3.40   | \$1.70  |

VGLI is also available to reservists who, while performing active duty or inactive duty for training under a call or order specifying a period of less than 31 days, suffers an injury or disability which renders him or her uninsurable at standard premium rates. Application must be made within the 120 day period following the period which the disability was incurred or aggravated.

The beneficiary features of the SGLI and VGLI programs are identical, including a free and unlimited choice of beneficiaries. That is, an insured may designate as principal or contingent beneficiary any person, firm, corporation or legal entity (including the insured's estate), individually or as a trustee.

If the insured does not want to designate a beneficiary, proceeds of either SGLI or VGLI are paid by law in the following sequence: First, to the widow or widower; if none, then to surviving child or children in equal shares; if none, then to parent or parents in equal shares; or if none, to the executor or administrator of the estate; finally, if none, to the next of kin.

### Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance (VMLI)

This program was established by Public Law 92-95, enacted August 11, 1971. VMLI is supervised by the VA and is administered by the Bankers Life Insurance Company of Lincoln, Nebraska. This program provides mortgage protection life insurance for any veteran who receives a VA grant for specially adapted housing, unless he or she declines, fails to furnish information to establish the premium, or does not pay the premium. Coverage is limited to a maximum of \$30,000 with any unused portion transferable to a subsequent home mortgage after the preceding one is disposed of. Coverage ceases when the mortgage is paid off, the home is sold, the veteran reaches age 70 or dies.

The monthly premium paid by the disabled veteran is the same as that charged for standard lives, with the Government paying the extra mortality costs and administrative expenses. The premiums collected under this program are not sufficient to pay claims. The deficit is made up by transfers from the Compensation and Pension appropriation.

As of December 31, 1974, there were 5,128 VMLI policyholders, covered for \$122 million of insurance. Death benefits paid cumulative from the beginning of the program to the end of calendar year 1974, totaled \$7.1 million.



## Veterans Assistance

### COMPARATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

|                                      | Fiscal Year       |            | Percent Change |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|
|                                      | 1975              | 1974       |                |
| Public telephone actions - toll free | <b>3,717,600</b>  | 2,680,131  | + 39           |
| Public telephone actions - other     | <b>14,831,340</b> | 10,261,521 | + 45           |
| Interviews away from office          | <b>342,555</b>    | 244,937    | + 40           |
| Interviews at office <sup>1</sup>    | <b>4,744,718</b>  | 2,033,442  | + 133          |
| Interviews at VA hospitals           | <b>451,154</b>    | 439,269    | + 3            |

<sup>1</sup> Includes mobile office vans.

### SUMMARY

As part of a comprehensive reorganization, Veterans Assistance Divisions were redesignated Veterans Services Divisions, and were given additional responsibility for counseling and rehabil-

itation activities as functional changes were implemented. At an earlier stage of the realignment Veterans Services Divisions had already assumed responsibility for:

1. The fiduciary activity, which oversees payment of benefits to minors and incompetent beneficiaries, including the conduct of field examinations.
2. The education liaison and compliance activity, which deals with State approving agencies and schools and conducts onsite surveys of schools to assure compliance with governing laws and regulations.
3. The activity responsible for assuring compliance by schools with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

The Veterans Services program enlarged its efforts to stimulate awareness of veterans benefits and to make information, advice, and assistance readily available to veterans, their dependents, and survivors. Significant increases in the number of individuals in contact with Veterans Services per-

sonnel reflected the scope of this activity.

Face to face interviews were held with over 5.5 million persons, more than double the FY 1974 figure of 2.7 million. Telephone calls and correspondence also increased substantially.

VA continued to cooperate directly with the Department of Labor, State employment services, and the National Alliance of Businessmen to assist veterans in obtaining employment. During the year over 51,000 veterans requiring employment assistance were referred by VA to appropriate agencies or employers. Jobs were actually obtained for 25,344 of them through this assistance.

The Department of Labor and the National Alliance of Businessmen also cooperated with the VA on a special project to assure satisfactory employment of disabled veterans. Veterans Services personnel conducted 3,641 interviews, took 9,027 telephone actions, and released 4,918 items of correspondence for this project.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF OUTREACH DURING FY 1976<sup>1</sup>**

Recommendations have been made and accepted for improving outreach efforts in FY 1976 as follows:

Veterans Education and Training Representative (VETREP) service will be extended to all educational institutions (except correspondence schools) having veteran students enrolled.

Outreach efforts will be increased through the use of veteran-students receiving work-study allowances operating under the supervision of VETREPS.

Toll free telephone service will be continued throughout 31 states and improvements such as installation of automatic call distributors will be effected as required.

#### **OUTREACH**

Toll free telephone service was made available throughout six additional States and now is available in 31 States and 216 metropolitan areas. In part as the result of the new installations, toll free telephone calls to VA regional offices increased by 39 percent to an annual total of 3,717,600. This was an increase of about 1 million calls over FY 1974. By the end of the year, 90 percent of the nation's population could call a VA

regional office as they would call a neighbor. Local calls during FY 1975 exceeded 14.8 million, an increase of 45 percent over the 10.3 million calls in FY 1974.

Letters were sent to 414,932 recently separated service members advising them of available veterans benefits and encouraging them to apply or request information and assistance. The letters enclosed a postage paid pre-addressed card which the veteran could use to request information or to have a VA employee call him. Approximately 15 percent of the veterans contacted had less than a high school education. All of these veterans received a reminder letter 6 months after their separation from the Armed Forces, and special efforts were made by the U.S. Veterans Assistance Centers (USVAC's) to reach all the educationally disadvantaged veterans.

#### **Mobile Vans**

Mobile office vans which bring Veterans Services personnel to locations remote from VA offices, traveled 121,688 miles to visit 1,257 communities during FY 1975. Almost 57,000 interviews were conducted, more than 10,000 being initial interviews with Vietnam era veterans and almost 1,400 involving educationally disadvantaged veterans. Almost 2,000 interviews were conducted during an extensive tour of the 17 million acre reservation of the Navajo Nation.

Commencing in April 1975 a program of at least semiannual outreach visits to veteran inmates of Federal and State penal institutions was inaugurated. Through the end of the fiscal year about 400 visits had been made to over 200 institutions, VA counselors held group sessions with about 3,200 veterans and individual sessions with about 3,300 veterans. In addition over 1,200 prison officials attended about 250 briefings.

#### **Veterans Education and Training Representatives**

The 1,327 Veterans Services employees assigned as VETREPS provided personal service to students at almost 3,300 educational institutions on a full time or regularly scheduled basis. They assisted in expediting over 500,000 educational assistance payments, conducted about 2.5 million interviews and performed effective liaison in obtaining enrollment and attendance certifications and similar matters. During the year legislation was

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<sup>1</sup> This information is included in compliance with Section 245, Title 38, U.S.C.



enacted directing the expansion of this program to schools (except correspondence schools) which do not grant college degrees.



*VETREP Assisting Student*

The names and addresses of 81,358 veterans who had received unemployment insurance benefits for 13 weeks or more were received during FY 1975 under an agreement with the Department of Labor. The VA advises such veterans of available education benefits, including on-the-job training, and encourages them to apply. Over 77,000 veterans were contacted by mail or phone.

The VETREACH program operating from storefront type facilities in San Francisco and Wichita, attempts to seek out and assist the economically and educationally disadvantaged Vietnam era veteran. Original plans called for ACTION volunteers to help publicize the operation and contact veterans. ACTION found that it could not provide volunteers to expand the project to new locations, however, and eventually discontinued its participation. Alternative resources are being considered. During the year, the two pilot installations conducted almost 6,500 interviews, assisted in filing over 1,500 benefit applications and placed over 500 veterans in programs of education.

U.S. Veterans Assistance Center (USVAC) activities are conducted at 72 locations providing help to Vietnam era veterans. Veterans are advised

of all veterans benefits, encouraged to apply where appropriate and assisted in taking necessary actions. Special consideration is given to those veterans who have not attained a high school education. Over 50,000 of these latter veterans were assisted during the year, an increase of 142 percent over FY 1974.

The Community Service program operated at some USVAC locations conducted about 12,000 interviews, of which about 3,000 were conducted at other than VA locations. The program placed almost 1,300 veterans in education or training programs and found employment for 910 veterans.

## **OVERALL VETERANS SERVICES PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

In addition to increases in public telephone calls and interviews, internal calls necessary to providing required services increased from about 2.5 million in FY 1974 to almost 5.3 million.

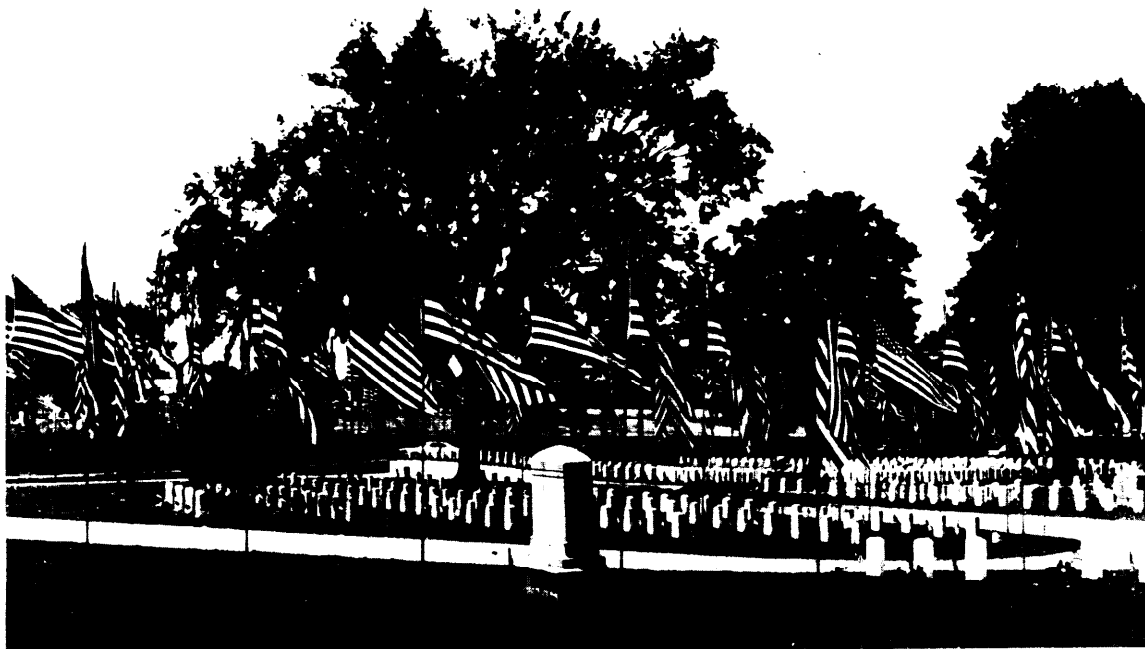
Cases received for resolution of delays and other questions about educational assistance payments amounted to 1,178,375, of which 98 percent had been resolved at year's end. VETREPS on campus processed 520,390 of these inquiries.

Over 95,000 field examinations were completed. About 31,000 were related to appointing fiduciaries in new cases. About 12,000 were requested by other programs, and the remainder were required in the supervision of existing cases.

The number of beneficiaries for whom payments are supervised declined from 177,950 to 146,471. This resulted from procedural changes designed to eliminate supervision over certain cases wherein payment may be made to close relatives, for example to parents.

Surveys of educational institutions to insure compliance with the law and regulations totaled 9,939. In 6,589 of these cases the survey was expanded to insure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. In 13 instances investigations were completed as the result of complaints received under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.





# National Cemetery System

## COMPARATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

| Item  | FY 1975 | FY 1974 | Percent Change |
|---|---------|---------|----------------|
| Applications for headstones/markers         | 256,222 | 228,827 | + 12.0         |
| Headstones/markers ordered                  | 243,032 | 208,009 | + 16.8         |
| Pending applications for headstones/markers | 6,997   | 26,576  | - 73.7         |
| Interments                                  | 37,776  | 36,610  | + 3.2          |

## SUMMARY

The National Cemetery System administers 4,136 acres of cemetery land, of which 2,663 acres were developed for burials as of June 30, 1975. In order to accommodate future needs of the veteran population, high priority was given during the year to the acquisition of additional land for the establishment of new cemeteries or the expansion of existing ones. By the close of the fiscal year approximately 105 acres had been transferred or were in the process of being donated or transferred to the VA for this purpose.

In FY 1975 there were 37,776 interments made in national cemeteries administered by the National Cemetery System, bringing the total interments to 1,331,170. The National Cemetery System also received 256,222 new applications for headstones and markers during FY 1975, and had 26,576 pending at the beginning of the year. Of the total 282,798 headstone or marker applications to be processed, 34,948 were cancelled, 240,853 were completed during the year, and only 6,997 carried into FY 1976.

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CEMETERIES AND MEMORIALS

An 11-member Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials met on a quarterly basis during the year to consider plans for the National Cemetery System and to make recommendations to the Administrator and to Congress. The Committee advises the Administrator with respect to the administration of national cemeteries, the selection of cemetery sites, the erection of appropriate memorials, and the adequacy of Federal burial benefits. The Committee reaffirmed approv-

al of the standardized headstone marker/inscription, and recommended the addition of war service if requested by the applicant. Members of the Advisory Committee are appointed by the Administrator for a 1 or 2 year term of office.

## NATIONAL CEMETERIES

### Area Cemeteries

As recommended in the original study required by Public Law 93-43, the National Cemetery System pursued the establishment of area cemeteries. As of June 30, 1975 new area cemeteries were being established in New England and California, and vigorous efforts were being made to locate suitable land in Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. Presently established national cemeteries with adequate remaining grave space will serve as area cemeteries in some cases.

Negotiations for new land were given high priority by the National Cemetery System during FY 1975. The Department of the Army transferred 15 acres to the National Cemetery at Fort Sam Houston, TX, and by June 30, 1975 almost

90 additional acres were in various stages of acquisition from other sources. These included 76.8 acres adjacent to the National Cemetery at Fort Logan, CO; 10 acres at Camp Nelson, KY; and 2.5 acres for expansion of the National Cemetery at Port Hudson, LA.

### National Cemetery Construction

FY 1975 activities included 15 construction, master planning or landscape planting projects. The status of these projects is shown on the accompanying table.

The Army Corps of Engineers continued work on construction projects which were already under way when the National Cemetery System was transferred from the Department of the Army to the VA in FY 1974. As these projects are completed, the Army Corps of Engineers will be phased out of national cemetery construction.

The VA initiated a test program using grave liners in 10 of the most active national cemeteries, with very favorable results. These grave liners minimize the sunken graves and tipped headstones that have marred the appearance of burial areas and have contributed to excessive cost of repairs. They are made of concrete, with a vertical wall thickness of 1¼ inches and bottom and top thickness of 2 inches, and are capable of withstanding the passage of heavy mechanical equipment.

A program to illuminate flagpoles in all national cemeteries except in isolated locations was continued.

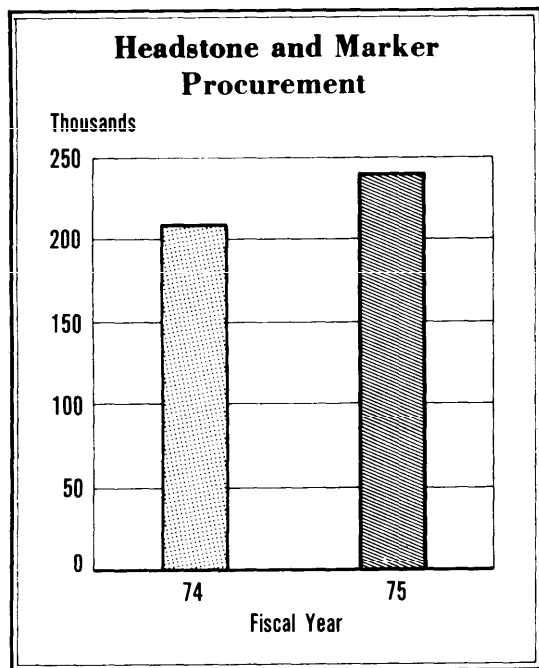
## HEADSTONES AND MARKERS

Headstones and markers are furnished by the National Cemetery System for the graves of deceased veterans and members of the Armed Forces interred in private cemeteries. They are also provided for all graves in national cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the VA, and all national and post cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Departments of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Interior. During FY 1975, 243,032 headstones and markers were ordered from nine contractors on behalf of eligible decedents. Of these 82 percent were for private cemeteries, and the remaining 18 percent for national cemeteries.

Action was taken during FY 1975 to reduce a large backlog of applications for headstones and

| National Cemetery          | Project                                    | Contract Cost | Percent Completed June 30, 1975 |
|----------------------------|--|---------------|---------------------------------|
| California<br>Golden Gate  | Remedial land<br>scaping NW Leg.           | \$ 69,982     | 10                              |
| New York<br>Long Island    | Remedial land<br>scaping                   | 25,438        | 80                              |
| Tennessee<br>Nashville     | Remedial land<br>scaping                   | 51,091        | 20                              |
| Texas<br>Houston           | Landscaping<br>Hemicycle area              | 41,420        | 10                              |
| California<br>Los Angeles  | New entrance<br>gates                      | 15,990        | 15                              |
| Colorado<br>Ft. Logan      | Master plan<br>(Phase II)                  | 50,688        | 3                               |
| Minnesota<br>Ft. Snelling  | Master plan<br>(Phase II)                  | 98,497        | 100                             |
| New Mexico<br>Santa Fe     | Develop 7<br>acres                         | 310,225       | 10                              |
| Oregon<br>Willamette       | Develop 16<br>acres                        | 1,038,759     | 100                             |
| Tennessee<br>Memphis       | New admin. off.<br>& parking area          | 61,433        | 10                              |
| Texas<br>Ft. Sam Houston   | Repair and<br>resurface roads<br>(Phase I) | 34,202        | 100                             |
| Wisconsin<br>Wood          | Develop 9 acres                            | 106,317       | 2                               |
| Illinois<br>Camp Butler    | Master plan                                | 38,866        | 4                               |
| Tennessee<br>Chattanooga   | Master plan                                | 105,600       | 2                               |
| Puerto Rico<br>Puerto Rico | Master plan                                | 57,066        | 30                              |

markers; to minimize delays in fabrication by manufacturers; and to expedite transportation of headstones and markers to consignees. These improvements in the headstone/marker program were especially significant in view of the increasing age of World War II and Korean conflict veterans and the corresponding increase expected in applications.



| Type of Headstone/Marker    | Number Ordered |         |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------|
|                             | FY 1975        | FY 1974 |
| Total                       | 243,032        | 208,009 |
| Upright Marble              | 46,866         | 44,425  |
| Flat marble                 | 13,465         | 9,701   |
| Flat granite                | 77,192         | 66,640  |
| Flat bronze                 | 105,402        | 87,095  |
| Flat bronze, special design | 103            | 144     |
| Group burials (granite)     | 4              | 4       |

#### Headstone/Marker Inscription

One of the most time consuming elements in processing a headstone or marker application is verification of inscription data. Over the years this

data had expanded from simply name and state to include religious emblem, military rank and organization, war service, date of birth and death, military decorations, and other data which could be requested at private expense. On the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials, a simplified inscription was adopted as of July 1, 1974. The simplified inscription is composed of name, branch of service, year of birth and year of death. Optional items include grade/rate/rank, war service, month and day in dates of birth and death, and a religious emblem. The only permitted military decoration is the Medal of Honor. A study was undertaken to develop a special headstone/marker for recipients of the Medal of Honor.

| Applications for Headstones/Markers | FY 1975 | FY 1974 | Percent Change |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------------|
| Original                            | 251,507 | 224,814 | + 11.9         |
| Private Cemeteries                  | 209,621 | 187,443 | + 11.8         |
| National Cemeteries                 | 41,886  | 37,371  | + 12.1         |
| Replacements                        | 4,715   | 4,013   | + 17.5         |
| Cancellations                       | 34,948  | 24,578  | + 42.2         |
| Net applications                    | 221,274 | 204,249 | + 8.3          |

Largely as a result of the simplified inscription, time from the date an application is received to the date a headstone/marker is delivered to the consignee was reduced from 120-150 days to 45-60 days. The number of applications carried over to the new fiscal year was 73.7 percent lower than the number which had been pending at the beginning of FY 1975.

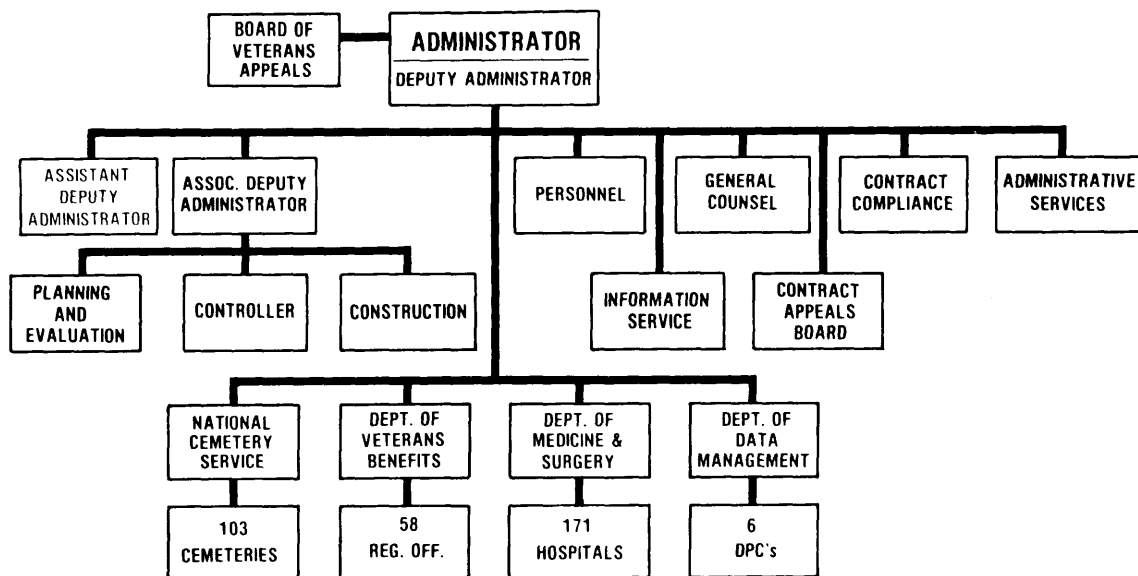
#### Transportation

An increase in the number of carriers from 30 to 293, and introduction of a commercial shipping form, greatly expedited delivery of headstones and markers. During FY 1975 it took an average of about 45 days for a grave marker to reach the consignee once an order was placed with the contractor. This was half the average of about 90 days required to accomplish delivery in prior years.

New procedures inaugurated in FY 1975 allowed for early settlement of transportation accounts, and may have contributed to the prompt attention given to delivery of grave markers during the year. Prior to FY 1975 it could take 90 days or more for a carrier to receive payment for delivery. The current average payment time is 15 days.



# ORGANIZATION OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION



## Administration and Management

### COMPARATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

| Item                                       | Fiscal Year |         | Percent Change |
|--|-------------|---------|----------------|
|  | 1975        | 1974    |                |
| Total appropriations (billions)            | \$ 16.3     | \$ 13.5 | + 20.4         |
| Compensation and pension                   | 7.5         | 6.7     | + 11.8         |
| Readjustment benefits                      | 4.6         | 3.4     | + 35.7         |
| Medical care                               | 3.3         | 2.9     | + 16.0         |
| All other                                  | 0.9         | 0.6     | + 53.3         |
| Total employment                           | 213,144     | 202,363 | + 5.3          |
| Minority group employment (full-time)      | 54,777      | 52,547  | + 4.2          |
| Women                                      | 106,329     | 100,233 | + 6.1          |
| Veterans preference                        | 89,147      | 86,240  | + 3.4          |
| Vietnam era veterans                       | 28,279      | 23,081  | + 22.5         |
| Records holdings (thousands of cubic feet) | 1,330       | 1,266   | + 5.1          |
| Forms and form letters                     | 12,084      | 11,336  | + 6.6          |
| Appeals filed                              | 45,663      | 43,205  | + 5.7          |
| Appeals disposed of                        | 43,508      | 46,000  | - 5.4          |
| Appeals allowed                            | 10,887      | 11,826  | - 7.9          |
| Tort claims workload                       | 803         | 758     | + 5.9          |

### AGENCY FUNDING

Congress appropriated \$16.3 billion to fund the VA and its programs for FY 1975, almost 3 billion more than the record appropriation of the

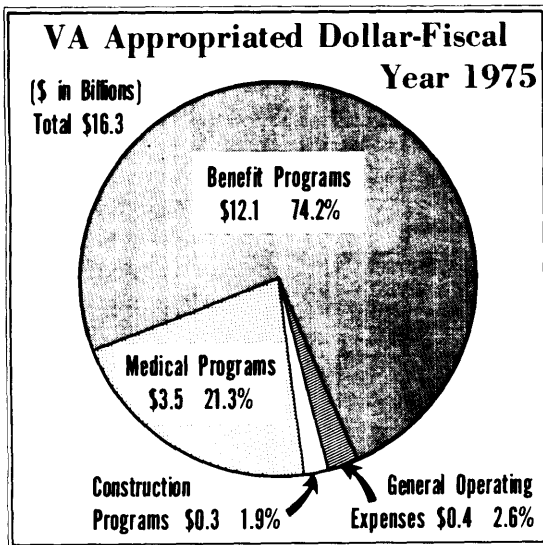
previous year. This amounted to a 20.4 percent increase over FY 1974. Since FY 1970 VA appropriations have increased over 92 percent. Appropriations for readjustment benefits have more than quadrupled in that time.

The increase in the readjustment benefits appropriation has been caused both by greater benefits to the individual and by larger enrollments. Compared to FY 1970, when enrollments were 1,287,650, FY 1975 enrollments were over 2,804,000. Over the same period of time, the monthly payment to a single veteran taking full-time training has increased from \$130 to \$270 a month. Proportionate increases were also received by married veterans. In FY 1975, the readjustment benefits appropriation increased more than \$1 billion, or 35.7 percent over FY 1974.

The medical care appropriation showed an increase of more than \$458 million, or 16.0 percent, over FY 1974. This increase provided for higher employment, new specialized medical services, and the increasing cost of medicines and medical supplies.

Out of the FY 1975 appropriation dollar, 74.2

cents was used for direct benefit programs such as compensation and pension, and readjustment benefits. Another 21.3 cents was spent on medical care, medical and prosthetic research, and related programs. The remaining 4.5 cents was divided between the construction programs and general operating expenses.



## PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

The substantial rise in VA employment, the demands of new programs, and the continuing emphasis on programs of special interest generated increased activity in virtually all areas of personnel management.

### Staffing

During the fiscal year, about 70,000 employees were hired in the VA. Although there was usually a sufficient supply of qualified applicants to meet the agency's staffing needs in most of the lower level occupations, extensive recruitment efforts were required to meet the demand for personnel in highly skilled technical, paramedical, and professional fields. Despite these efforts, however, some shortages continued, particularly in the professional health career fields.

The number of qualified candidates interested in VA positions has generally increased during recent years. A national advertising campaign has been conducted to stimulate and encourage this interest, with special focus on VA medical care

facilities experiencing recruitment difficulties. Exhibits at conferences and conventions of professional and paraprofessional associations further broadened exposure of health care specialists to VA employment needs and potential. VA facilities have kept neighboring colleges and professional schools aware of employment opportunities, particularly in the health career fields, by participating in job fairs and by establishing training affiliations and cooperative education and work-study arrangements.



*VA Recruitment Display at Dental Hygienists' Convention*

These recruitment efforts have contributed to the generally improved staffing of health care facilities. The number of nurses on VA's rolls on June 30, 1975, totaled 24,471. This is an increase of 6.5 percent over the number employed in the previous year and continues an upward trend. However, difficulties in recruiting nurses persist at some hospitals.

The number of physicians on duty on June 30, 1975, totaled 8,407, an increase of 9.2 percent over FY 1974. While the number of physicians employed by the VA has been increasing, there were significantly more vacancies during the past year.

The accompanying table shows the number of physicians, dentists, nurses, and nurse anesthetists employed as of June 30 for the past two fiscal years.

The VA has been authorized by the Civil Service Commission to make excepted appointments of Rehabilitation Technicians in drug and alcoholism rehabilitation units. To be eligible for



| Position          | June 30, 1975 |           |        | June 30, 1974 |           |        |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------|--------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|                   | Full-time     | Part-time | Total  | Full-time     | Part-time | Total  |
| Physician         | 5,440         | 2,967     | 8,407  | 5,245         | 2,454     | 7,699  |
| Dentist           | 849           | 16        | 865    | 803           | 17        | 820    |
| Nurse             | 22,842        | 1,629     | 24,471 | 21,334        | 1,634     | 22,968 |
| Nurse Anesthetist | 435           | 51        | 486    | 415           | 64        | 479    |

such appointments, applicants must be former drug or alcoholic patients who have been rehabilitated through a prescribed treatment program. As of June 30, 1975, 277 such persons were employed in the VA. Of these, 147 were veteran preference employees, including 64 Vietnam era veterans.

### Employment of Veterans

There were 89,147 veterans in the VA work force as of June 30, 1975, almost 12 percent of the agency's total employment. Of these veterans, 28,279 (13.3 percent of total employment) were from the Vietnam era. Of the 70,000 new employees hired during the year, 14,756 or 21.1 percent were Vietnam era veterans.

Veterans Readjustment Appointment (VRA) authority permits the immediate employment of certain recently discharged Vietnam era veterans with an agreement for on-the-job training or education. The VA has appointed more than 26,000 Vietnam era veterans under this authority since it was initially established in April 1970, including 6,240 VRA appointments made during FY 1975. This represents almost a third of all appointments made throughout the Federal government under VRA authority. Of VA employees serving under Veterans Readjustment Appointments about 40 percent are minorities.

Veterans appointed under VRA authority receive excepted service appointments but are converted to competitive Civil Service status after completion of the agreed training and 2 years of continuous employment. The VA converted more than 2,000 VRA's to competitive status during the fiscal year.

In March 1972, the Civil Service Commission established a new authority permitting temporary employment of certain recently discharged Vietnam era veterans without regard to the Commission's lists of eligible applicants. The VA

appointed 1,852 veterans during the fiscal year under this provision to meet short-term staffing needs.

The VA continued its efforts to attract recently discharged veterans who served in military medical occupation specialties. Of the 18,999 individuals hired in VA health care positions during FY 1975, 5,094 were veterans and 584 were veterans with medical military occupation specialties.

There has been a dramatic increase in the number of Vietnam era veterans holding VA jobs where they meet, work closely with, and provide services to veterans and their beneficiaries. Nearly 70 percent of VA's Veterans Benefits Counselors, 49 percent of the Education Benefits Specialists, and over 32 percent of the Veterans Claims Examiners are Vietnam era veterans. Twenty percent of VA's Medical Radiology Technicians and more than 17 percent of the Health Technicians and Medical Machine Technicians (e.g., inhalation therapy, electrocardiograph, electroencephalograph, and hemodialysis technicians) are Vietnam era veterans, as are more than 18 percent of the Medical Administrative Assistants in hospital admission areas.

### Employment of Handicapped Individuals

During FY 1975 VA greatly accelerated efforts to increase the hiring and promote the advancement of disabled veterans and other handicapped individuals. Full agency support for these objectives included development of an aggressive affirmative action plan, and vigorous representation on the Interagency Committee on Handicapped Employees. This renewed emphasis revitalized and strengthened VA's handicapped employment program. VA, with 7.7 percent of overall Federal employment in FY 1975, had 15 percent of the handicapped Federal employees. As of December 31, 1974, the VA employed 11,532

handicapped persons, more than 5.5 percent of its work force. By contrast, handicapped persons at that time represented only 2.8 percent of the entire Federal work force. At the close of the fiscal year, 14,113 disabled veterans were on VA rolls, or 6.6 percent of the agency's total employment.



*Administrator Roudebush Receiving Silver Helmet Award from Mr. James L. Looney, AMVETS Indiana Department Commander*

Several VA officials and employees were recognized for their contributions and achievements in employment and advancement of handicapped individuals.

The Administrator was voted the AMVETS' Silver Helmet Award for accomplishments in rehabilitating veterans.

Norma E. Milam, a Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist at the VA Hospital in Salem, VA, was selected as one of ten Outstanding Handicapped Federal Employees of the Year for 1974.

Salvatore D'Amico, a Social Worker at the VA Hospital, Newington, CT, was presented major awards by both the Blinded Veterans Association and the Disabled American Veterans. He received the Major General Melvin J. Maas Achievement Award for 1974 from the Blinded Veterans Association for having notably succeeded in his social and employment rehabilitation. The Disabled American Veterans selected Mr. D'Amico as the Outstanding Disabled American Veteran for 1974 and highlighted his accomplishments in a film produced by their organization.

A pilot program to train blinded veterans as Veterans Benefits Counselors was launched with an initial group training session in January 1975.

The nine trainees began work at various VA regional offices on 700-hour trial appointments and have since been converted to continuing appointments under the special excepted authority for severely disabled persons.

### **Executive Development and Training**

During 1975, its second year of operations, the VA Executive Training Center contributed to the development of more than a thousand executives and mid-managers (GS-13 level and above). This was a 25 percent increase over FY 1974. The activities conducted by the Center included four Management Skills Seminars for newly appointed Directors and Assistant Directors, four Labor-Management Relations Seminars for Directors and other selected top management officials, five Personnel Officer Seminars, and a Grievances Examiner Institute. The Center supported two Financial Management Seminars for station fiscal officers and arranged for the presentation of six sessions to Central Office managers identified for executive development. The Center also assisted the Department of Medicine and Surgery and the Department of Veterans Benefits in sponsoring 18 1-week courses for mid-level managers at 10 different universities.

Computer-assisted analyses of VA's manpower resources were utilized to facilitate planning to meet future staffing and development needs. Studies were made of the incumbent executive group, the executive candidate group, and career personnel in 19 of VA's largest professional and administrative occupational fields. These studies provided an analysis of significant work force changes which occurred during the past 5 years in VA's major professional and administrative career fields, as well as 5-year projections of replacement needs in these fields and other implications for future staffing.

A wide variety of developmental opportunities both inside the agency and at outside institutions were offered mid-managers and executives. These programs included Brookings Institution Seminars, the Federal Executive Institute, the Interagency Institute for Health Care Executives, the VA Health Care Administrators' Forum, the Harvard Program for Health Systems Management, Health Services Seminars at Cornell University, Education in Public Management (a 1-year program at selected universities), and 60 Management Workshop Seminars conducted by the Department of

Medicine and Surgery for 1,800 participants during the year.

The Office of Personnel and the Veterans Assistance Service in the Department of Veterans Benefits played a substantial role in providing training for some 1,300 Veterans Education and Training Representatives (VETREPS). This involved contracting with four universities, development of training materials and visual aids, and selection and training of VA staff and instructors for the training period. Two professional training societies recognized the success of the program by awarding plaques for "Outstanding Public Service" to the VA.

The first venture into VA production of video tapes for employee training was made during FY 1975. One video tape was edited and six were produced using internal resources and studios of local agencies. Three of these, done in collaboration with Veterans Assistance Service, are designed for the training of veterans benefits counselors.

During FY 1975, the Automated Data Processing training staff developed, coordinated, promoted and maintained a comprehensive and continuing ADP training program. In-house, inter-agency, and manufacturers' courses were attended by 986 Central Office employees. Forty-three different courses which covered a wide variety of ADP subjects were given during the year.

### **Personnel Management Program Evaluation**

During the fiscal year, personnel management program evaluations were conducted at 40 VA field stations. These visits represented a 54 percent increase over the number of visits conducted the previous year. The reviews were primarily designed to provide assistance to station Directors in strengthening the effectiveness of personnel management and improving the contribution made by personnel programs to the accomplishment of the stations' missions. Special attention was given to reviewing public policy program activities and management's adherence to legal and merit principle requirements.

### **Classification and Pay**

The position classification and job grading programs cover approximately 125,000 General Schedule and 40,000 Federal Wage System employees in the VA. Special attention was placed on

improving and strengthening these programs and on more effective utilization of position management to cut personnel costs.

Almost all of the 40,000 appropriated and nonappropriated fund wage employees in VA's 171 hospitals received prevailing rate pay adjustments during FY 1975. VA had lead agency wage survey and pay fixing responsibility in 23 of the 108 appropriated fund wage areas.

The pay administration program also covers pay systems that include approximately 9,000 physicians and dentists, 24,500 nurses, 5,000 medical and dental residents and interns, and a number of medical support trainees. FY 1975 saw considerable activity in developing proposals to make VA physician pay more attractive.

### **Labor Relations**

Within the VA there are 356 separate units for which 13 labor organizations hold exclusive recognition on behalf of 137,500 employees. In 293 of these units the employees are covered by negotiated agreements whose provisions encompass a wide variety of local personnel policies, procedures, and working conditions. Four labor organizations, because of the size of membership in their exclusive units, hold national consultation rights with the VA. This entitles them to consult on proposed agency level personnel policies affecting the employees they represent.

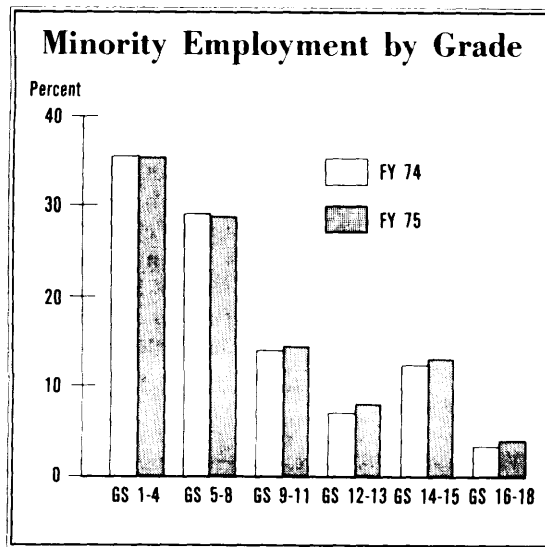
### **Equal Employment Opportunity**

As of May 30, 1975, 54,777 or 29.6 percent of the VA's full-time permanent work force were minorities. Of these 46,969 or 25.4 percent were Black; 5,055 or 2.7 percent were Spanish-speaking; 375 or 0.2 percent were American Indian; and 2,378 or 1.3 percent were Oriental.

The percentage of minorities in white-collar jobs remained constant at 25.9 percent, but the representation of minority group employees in mid-and upper level VA positions continued its steady growth. By May 1975, 13.2 percent of the employees in grades GS-14 and above and equivalent were minorities, compared to 12.4 percent in May 1974.

The average General Schedule grade for minorities advanced from 5.4 in May 1974 to 5.6 in May 1975 — twice the increase obtained by non-minorities. Another indicator of progress was the steady rise of minorities into policymaking and top management positions. Thirteen members of

minority groups are now field station directors and 18 are assistant directors—an overall gain of six positions in these categories during the past year.



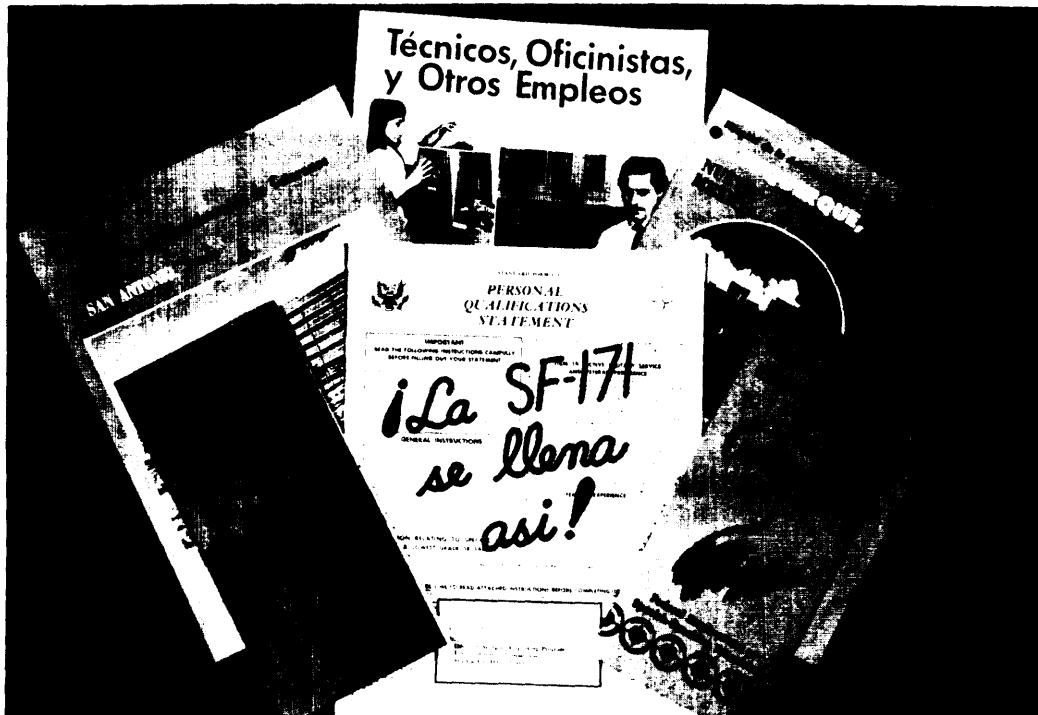
Various training activities initiated from Central Office served to improve the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) program agencywide. These

included six workshops geared to defining and delineating the role and responsibilities of EEO officials, four workshops for training EEO investigators, and two workshops for EEO counselors.

Three field station directors received the Administrator's Commendation for leadership and outstanding achievements in the area of EEO. Numerous other EEO awards were made at the local level.

Outreach activities continued with increased emphasis on contacts with the Spanish-speaking community. During the year, the Administrator conferred with representatives from the major Spanish-speaking national organizations. In response to commitments made to the groups, an agencywide directive was issued calling for increased efforts to employ the Spanish-speaking. The cooperation of each of these organizations in finding qualified applicants was solicited.

In May, the first of several conferences of representatives from VA and from the Spanish-speaking organizations and communities was held in Los Angeles to explore more productive ways to attract and employ Hispanics. A number of constructive ideas and a commitment for the continued cooperation of the VA and these organizations resulted from this conference. The VA



*Material Used by VA in Reaching the Spanish-Speaking Community*

continued to participate in and provide exhibits and occupational information for national conventions of Spanish-speaking organizations.

Personnel ceiling and financial aid were given to 80 field activities to help them provide upward mobility training. Employees in grades GS 1 thru 7, or the equivalent, were competitively selected for training to enable them to advance to pre-identified target positions. Although a preponderance of the target positions involved allied health fields, many were also in the administrative and skilled trades area.

Efforts to provide "earn and learn" opportunities for disadvantaged workers at the entry-level were continued. During the summer of 1974 VA employed 4,910 needy youths—590 more than were needed to meet the ratio of one needy youth for every 40 regular employees established by the President. Stay-in-school students were employed throughout the school year. In addition, the VA served as host to an average of 3,300 enrollees in various economic opportunity programs. An estimated 255 worker-trainees were on the rolls at any given time during the fiscal year.

The VA contributed to the motivation, training, and placement of minority youth in health administration careers through participation in a program sponsored by the Association of University Programs in Hospital Administration (AUPHA). During the summer of 1974, nine trainees were placed in VA hospitals, and arrangements were made to employ 15 trainees during the following summer.

Approximately 1,760 precomplaint counselings and 340 formal complaints were handled in FY 1975. About 70 percent of the discrimination cases initiated were resolved during the pre-complaint counseling stage. Those pursued on a formal basis were reviewed by the General Counsel and received decisions without undue delay.

### **Employment of Women**

The number of women employed in VA increased by more than 6,000 over FY 1974. As of June 30, 1975, women occupied 106,329, or almost 50 percent, of all VA positions. They have also made progress in attaining higher level positions. Women currently hold over 10 percent of the VA jobs at or above the GS-13 or equivalent level. The latest available government-wide statistics show that women hold only 4.5 percent of

these upper level positions in the total Federal work force.

In General Schedule positions the percentage of women at the grades 7 thru 12 level increased dramatically from 25.1 percent on June 30, 1974 to 33.8 percent at the end of fiscal year 1975.

Women hold many high level positions in the Department of Medicine and Surgery. Currently, three women are hospital directors, five are assistant directors and two are chiefs of staff. Of VA's 5,440 full-time physicians, almost 11 percent are women. This compares favorably with the slightly over 8 percent of all physicians in the nation who are women. In the Department of Veterans Benefits two women are directors of regional offices and one is an assistant director.

During the year a VA Federal Women's Advisory Committee was established to assist the Administrator in identifying appropriate actions to enhance the status of women in the VA. VA also designated representatives to an Interagency Task Force established to implement the goals of International Women's Year in government agencies.

### **Employee Recognition and Incentive Awards**

During a year when greater efficiency and economy were two of the major objectives in government operations, the Veterans Administration was especially proud of two employees who received national awards for their contributions to this effort. Mr. Gerald E. Newmann, Director of the Program Control and Analysis Staff, Office of Construction, was the recipient of the Presidential Management Improvement Award, and Mr. S. W. Melidosian, Director of the VA Center in Philadelphia, received the Federal Paperwork Management Award for Special Merit.

Within the VA, 4,289 employees received quality increases in recognition of high level performance. In addition, 6,048 awards were granted for superior performance and special acts or services. Of the 9,357 suggestions received, more than 3,200 were adopted. Altogether, the VA realized over \$1.8 million in tangible benefits from the contributions of employees.

A strong agency program was developed in support of the President's Special Cost Reduction Campaign announced near the end of the fiscal year. The purpose of the campaign is to emphasize the need for cost saving suggestions and improved productivity. Both individuals and organizational

elements will be recognized for their achievements under the program.

## **AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING**

The nation's veterans and their families obtain much of their service from the VA through the extensive use of computers and other automated devices and techniques.

As of June 30, 1975, VA data processing centers were equipped with 37 computer systems to assist in processing the ever increasing workloads related to veterans benefits and health care. VA hospitals had 101 smaller computers supporting medical research projects designed to help the hospitalized veteran in various ways, and an additional 32 scheduled for installation. Seven automated clinical laboratory systems were serving VA hospitals, and two more were planned for the near future. The Office of Construction in VA Central Office was also equipped with a computer system.

Continuing studies are directed towards improving operation of the VA's existing computer systems. In FY 1975 this resulted in approval to relocate two data processing centers which had outgrown their present space. The Washington DPC will move to newer and larger quarters in mid-September 1975, and extensive efforts are already underway to relocate the Hines (Chicago) DPC elsewhere in the Chicago area. Better facilities are expected to result in improved employee morale and more efficient services to veterans.

### **Data Administration and Privacy Staff**

VA policies and procedures have traditionally restricted the use of information contained in veterans records in order to maintain the privacy of individual beneficiaries. Since so much of this information is maintained by automated methods, a Data Administration and Privacy Staff was established to provide agency leadership in protecting individual privacy with respect to records maintained in computer systems. A second major mission of this Staff is to administer the data administration and data management programs for the agency. As part of this effort plans for an automated data element dictionary were developed. Considerable improvements in the management and use of information will result from this effort. The VA also participated along with personnel from 37 Federal departments and

agencies, in a National Bureau of Standards task group to develop a Federal data element directory guideline.

### **Administrative Systems**

The Department of Veterans Benefits uses two automated subsystems to assist in the performance of administrative functions. These are the Beneficiary Identification and Records Locator Subsystem (BIRLS) and the Veterans Assistance Discharge System (VADS). BIRLS is an on-line index for approximately 34 million veterans and their beneficiaries to provide identification of records and location of claims folders. The primary function of VADS is to provide for informational material and applications for various VA benefits programs to be mailed automatically to eligible veterans who have been recently discharged from military service.

In February 1975 the BIRLS and VADS subsystems were interfaced in order to provide an index record in BIRLS for every recently discharged veteran. Records were captured retroactively for veterans discharged since January 1974. This subsystem interface aids the regional offices and health care facilities in administering benefit claims since the applicable records in BIRLS include service data.

In another effort to facilitate claims processing, the automated Target system is being developed to provide telecommunications of claims data to the data processing center, and on-line inquiry and response about the status of claims in the data processing center. Pilot phases of the Target system, referred to as Pilot/Target, have been installed in the Philadelphia Regional Office and interconnected with the Baltimore Regional Office, VA Central Office and VA master files at Austin, TX and Hines, IL to test this concept. The simulation, commenced in the fall of 1974, is designed to evaluate significant man-machine interactive functions and system operations. It will also provide valid data and specifications criteria to be used in procurement of Target system hardware, software, and telecommunication networks.

Since September 1974 BIRLS data has been available to the Pilot system. A future enhancement will enable stations to adjudicate claims on-line via the Target system using data already available in BIRLS at the time the veteran files a claim.

## **Fiscal Systems**

On June 30, 1975, the centralized accounting system for Construction Appropriations (CASCA) was approved by the Comptroller General. VA agreed to expand the system to include the capitalization of applicable Central Office personnel services to the various field station projects.

The conversion to Centralized Accounting for Local Management (CALM) continued throughout the fiscal year. Thirty-six stations were converted to CALM during FY 1975, bringing the total number of stations on the system to 82. Assistance to the stations was given through classroom instructions, personal visits for conversion, follow-up correspondence, and telecommunications. Conversions will continue until all field stations are in the CALM system.

In January 1975, the St. Paul Data Processing Center became the centralized data processing activity for the receipt and processing of input documents and for the preparation of reports and statistics for guaranteed or insured loans. Prior to January 1975, statistical data and input documents were handled by five separate data processing centers, and records relating to claims paid on defaulted loans were handled by the Washington, D.C. Data Processing Center. Since centralization of these activities, St. Paul has received and processed an average of 120,000 input documents monthly. These documents represent the various stages associated with processing and approving or disapproving applications for GI loans.

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

The importance of telecommunications continued to grow in the VA, both as an adjunct to automated data processing, and as a valuable tool in its own right.

### **Data Transmission**

Design and development of a new Compensation Pension and Education system, designated the Target System, was continued in FY 1975, with development of procurement requirements. The system will take advantage of the latest telecommunications technology and design concepts to automate operations at the 58 VA regional offices. Regional offices will be equipped with visual display communication terminals and printers to interact with regional data processing centers

(RDPC's). These, in turn, will have on-line access to existing VA master files at Austin, TX, and the Target Central System, at Hines, IL.

Telecommunications facilities involving sophisticated electronic techniques and equipment in support of various medical applications were installed at VA hospitals. This included input/output devices operating via telephone lines to remote computers from patient rooms, laboratories, pharmacies and research departments; devices operating on-line from computers for the dissemination of critical patient data to physicians, technicians and pharmacists requiring the data; and cardiovascular data processing and patient monitoring through use of remote telephone line facilities.

The telecommunications network which exchanges VA data and information between five VA data processing centers is being updated, with modern mini-computer terminals replacing out-moded magnetic tape terminals. This network will be expanded to include the sixth and last of the VA data processing centers into the network, thereby giving nationwide versatility for the movement of data and information.

### **Telephone Service for Assistance to Veterans**

Special telephone services were further expanded during FY 1975, to assist veterans in obtaining their benefits. An additional 145 metropolitan areas were provided with Foreign Exchange telephone lines, bringing the total to 216 metropolitan areas with toll free telephone lines connected to VA regional offices. Thirty-one States are now provided with Inward Wide Area Telecommunications Service. In Alaska, special reverse telephone charge service is available to veterans and was expanded during FY 1975. Engineering efforts were continued to improve telephone answering facilities at numerous VA regional offices. These efforts resulted in the installation and enlargement of automatic and manual call distributing systems for more efficient call handling of veterans' telephone inquiries.

The demand for telecommunications facsimile facilities to expedite transmission of patient data and priority documents between VA Central Office and VA field stations increased significantly. During FY 1975, a special evaluation study was conducted, and it was determined that utilization of leased facsimile equipment over a normal voice grade telephone circuit would best satisfy

this requirement. Facsimile equipment was installed at 60 VA hospitals, seven outpatient clinics and five VA data processing centers. Every VA regional office within the contiguous United States is now provided with facsimile equipment or access to facsimile service.

Technical assistance was provided to VA hospitals in identifying service and engineering requirements for replacement, enlargement and modernization of hospital telephone systems. During FY 1975, the VA's first electronic telephone system was installed in the new Orlando, FL, Outpatient Clinic. Special replacement engineering studies were made at three VA hospitals and two outpatient clinics for the purpose of preparing technical specifications to obtain additional electronic type telephone systems.

### **Radio Frequency Management**

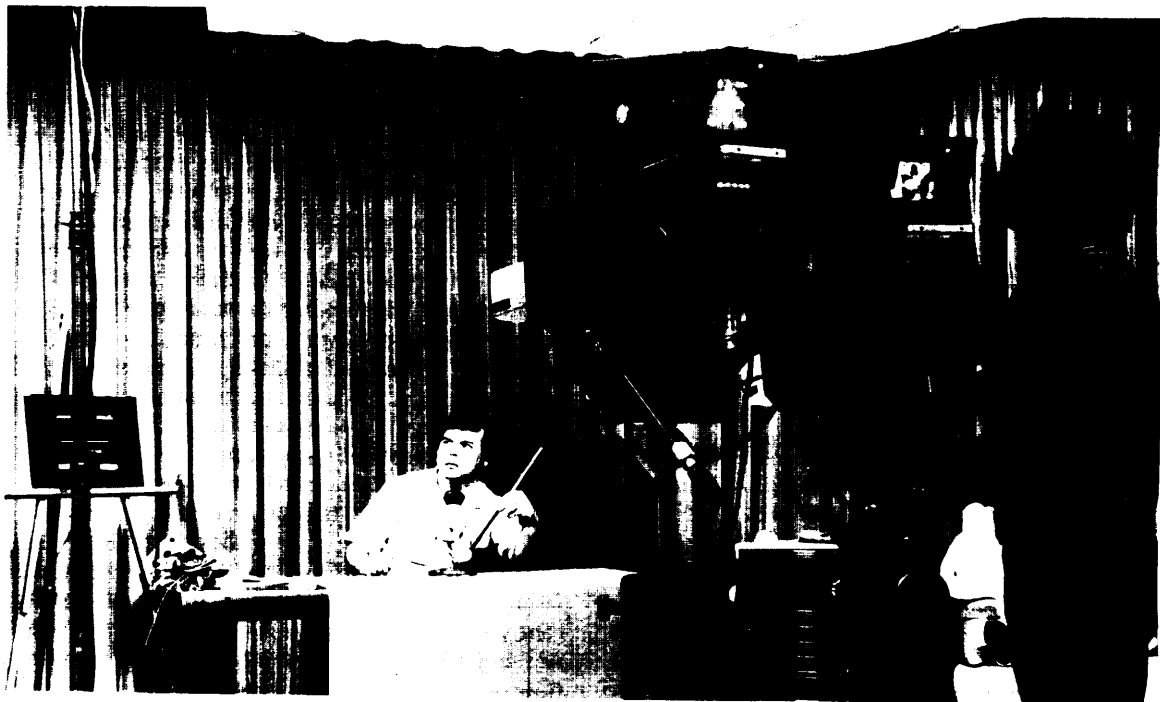
The VA was granted full membership on the Interdepartmental Radio Advisory Committee, Office of Telecommunications Policy, Executive Office of the President, on March 11, 1975, and participates in policy making decisions for all radio frequency regulations for the Federal government.

### **Closed Circuit Television Systems**

The role of closed circuit television (CCTV) in the delivery of health care services, hospital administration, and medical training continues to grow, both in the private sector and in government. To meet this need, over 50 field visits were made in FY 1975 to design, engineer and test CCTV systems of varied configurations to meet the needs of the Department of Medicine and Surgery. Technical Purchase Descriptions were developed as required to meet the specific operational requirements for each system.

The final inspection and test of the first VA owned and operated microwave transmission system for the large scale color CCTV system at Temple, Marlin, and Waco, TX, was completed, and the system became operational in November 1974.

Installation of a network of CCTV systems in Louisiana and Mississippi neared completion in FY 1975. These systems include mobile cameras, film chains, video recorder/players, surgery cameras, and testing, processing routing, and monitoring equipment designed to provide color and two-way audio communications between viewers in the conference rooms and the instructor in the origi-



*Closed Circuit TV Production*



nating area. This large scale network includes the VA Hospitals and Centers at Jackson, Gulfport and Biloxi, MS and New Orleans, Shreveport, and Alexandria, LA.

During the past year, the VA provided consultant services to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for the design of a microwave and CCTV network for the Wyoming Valley Area of Pennsylvania. The network will interconnect four community hospitals, one VA hospital, and the Hahnemann Medical School in Philadelphia.

### **Nurse Call Communications**

Engineering and design activities for nurse call systems continued to grow during FY 1975. Activities include designing and engineering systems for new construction projects and for the replacement of old and obsolete systems. Using portable television systems, the new equipment combines audio/visual nurse-patient communications and patient communications as well as patient radio/television entertainment in a single multifunctional system.

### **Satellite Communications**

Plans were made for the Application Technology Satellite (ATS-6), launched in FY 1974, to be replaced by the Communication Technology Satellite (CTS), which will be launched December 17, 1975, from Cape Kennedy. Joint technology and communications experiments will begin on January 25, 1976. The Health Communications experiment, which includes biomedical, clinical and continuing medical experiments, will begin on April 11, 1977, with color television broadcasting to 32 VA Hospitals.

## **MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION**

### **Paperwork Management**

Year end records holdings increased 64,000 cubic feet or 5 percent to a total of 1,330,000 cubic feet. This was the greatest single year increase since 1955, leading to the highest inventory level since that date. During the year 124,000 cubic feet of records were removed from file for inactive storage in Federal Records Centers of the General Services Administration for authorized destruction. However, even though these records

disposition actions compare favorably in volume with parallel actions over the past 20 years, the volume of new records added to agency files during the year amounted to 188,000 cubic feet, far surpassing the same 20-year average and up more than 20 percent over recent annual averages. Most of this increase is in required documentation of the administration of veterans benefits to increasing numbers of veterans and beneficiary applicants for monetary and medical benefits. For example, the number of veterans who are participating in the medical ambulatory care program is showing sharp increases, with resultant increases in the volume of records required to document the individual treatment.

Aggressive actions continue to contribute materially to the effective management of the VA's records. Significant examples include the following:

(1) The agency is implementing the new reduced statute of limitations on site audit and other fiscal records.

(2) Consolidated health records, after screening for certain summary records for continued retention, are now being retired after 3 years of inactivity, rather than 5 years, to low cost storage in Federal Records Centers.

(3) The sixth relocation of inactive claims folders from regional offices to the Records Processing Center in St. Louis, MO, removed over 921,200 folders from high cost active office space for net cost avoidance savings of \$418,900 in space and filing equipment.

(4) The retirement of 727,200 inactive death claims folders, loan guaranty folders, and insurance folders to Federal Records Centers produced net cost avoidance savings of \$196,700 in space and filing equipment.

The formation of a special adjudication team to process one-time limited actions involving inactive claims and death claims folders relocated to the Records Processing Center in St. Louis, MO, is eliminating expensive folder transfer actions to accomplish single nonsubstantial decisions.

Records management staffs in the agency's Central Office are giving renewed emphasis, in accordance with policy directives from the Archivist of the United States, to the appraisal of major records systems with a view toward minimum reasonable retention periods. Progress to date holds promise of significant records disposition actions in the immediate future.

On June 30, 1975, there were 12,084 different VA forms and form letters in use of which 36 percent were standardized for VA-wide use. During the year 160 standardized forms and form letters were eliminated as no longer necessary, 212 were created to meet new requirements, and 578 were updated and improved.

### **Reports Management**

Reporting improvements were developed during FY 1975 which resulted in the availability of more accurate and timely management information. These improvements include the following:

1. Two recurring House Veterans Affairs Committee (HVAC) surveys were automated for the first time—the biennial HVAC report on operations of the Veterans Administration hospital and medical program, and the HVAC survey on target allowance deficiencies.

2. The Annual Report on Department of Medicine and Surgery (DM&S) Health Services Training, previously reported and tabulated manually, was also automated. Improvements in the reporting system and methods reduced data input requirements by approximately 75 percent.

3. A new series of recurring reports on VA employment of disabled veterans and Vietnam era veterans was produced initially for the quarter ending December 31, 1974.

During FY 1975 studies were conducted on the total information needs of Department of Veterans Benefits (DVB) Area Field Directors, DVB Budget Staff, Loan Guaranty Service and Personnel. These studies resulted in 54 recommendations, actions on which included development of new Automated Management Information System (AMIS) reports for the Equal Opportunity in Housing staff; revision of other forms to preclude unnecessary input; and discontinuance of 63 reports, representing either elimination of unneeded reports or conversion from manual to automated production. It is anticipated that further improvements will be realized including an AMIS reporting system to be established for the DVB Area Field Directors. This system will highlight key indicators of workload levels for major operating divisions in field stations.

Improvements in the Patient Treatment File (PTF) resulted in discontinuance of 40 reports in the PTF/Census reporting systems, at a savings of 10,193 pages of paper, and elimination of

approximately one third of the data elements. Responsiveness of the system has increased both in terms of time and accuracy.

### **Management Improvement**

Management reviews and analyses of major programs are conducted regularly to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of VA operations in the accomplishment of the agency's overall mission of service to veterans.

To meet the intent of Section 219, Title 38 U.S.C., development of a new program evaluation system was begun in the latter part of the fiscal year. Initially a methodology including objectives, criteria, data collection, and evaluation techniques will be developed and tested in two prototype programs. As the methodology is refined and fully validated the evaluation system will gradually be applied to all VA programs to determine effectiveness in achieving program goals.

An integral part of the decision-making process relating to the development or modification of automated data systems is a knowledge of cost in relation to anticipated benefits. To assist management in making sound decisions, cost-benefit studies were conducted on optical character recognition equipment and systems, the Construction Computer Aided Design System, the Centralized Accounts Receivables System, and the Pilot/Target Systems.

### **Audit Responsibility**

During FY 1975, the VA's independent audit program was re-examined to determine if its value to management could be enhanced. As a result of the review, the program mission now stresses management improvement objectives, and major organizational and system changes are being planned to implement this concept.

The audit program is designed to keep the Administrator informed of the status of management throughout the VA, to motivate management improvement, and to afford a degree of protection against misuse of funds appropriated to or entrusted to the care of the VA. To carry out this mission effectively, an audit concept has been introduced which provides for cyclical evaluations of management effectiveness at various levels in the VA, and audit resources have been allocated in accordance with the agency's line organization.

Changes in audit systems have been made to assure appropriate priority in selection of the audit

sample, to provide evaluation focus on management performance, to keep audit time to the minimum required, and to increase audit coverage. Systems to audit the agency's automated data processing resources are being developed, and re-evaluation of current systems of contract and other financial type audits are underway with a view toward increasing their effectiveness.

### **Investigation and Security**

Administrative investigations, surveys and special studies of activities are made at all levels of the VA and of those organizations or individuals having official dealings with the VA. Reports containing recommendations are submitted to department heads and top officials for appropriate actions such as disciplinary actions, changes or clarification of policies and procedures, or recovery of funds or disbarment of individuals doing business with the VA.

A technical laboratory is also operated for the examination of questioned documents and other materials subject to laboratory analysis in connection with investigative or adjudicative activities throughout the VA. The requirements of Executive Orders 10450 and 11652 are met by the administration of a personnel and document security program.

### **Waivers and Compromises**

Committees on Waivers and Compromises were established during FY 1975, at field stations with Department of Veterans Benefits activities. These committees exercise jurisdiction over waivers and compromises of debts owed the VA involving benefit payments, medical care, loans, and erroneous pay and allowances made to VA employees. Administrative control over the committees was placed with the chief of the station's fiscal activity. The Office of the Controller in VA Central Office conducted a review of committee decisions made during the year, and will provide training and advice as required.

### **Presidential Memorial Certificate Program**

Under authority contained in Section 112, Title 38 U. S. C., the VA is responsible for issuance of Presidential Memorial Certificates to the next of kin of honorably discharged deceased veterans. This certificate bears the signature of the Presi-

dent, and expresses the country's grateful recognition of the veteran's service in the Armed Forces. Eligibility for the certificate is determined by the VA when notice of the veteran's death is received, and next of kin information is available. Certificates may also be issued, upon request, to other relatives and friends of the deceased veteran.

The VA now issues an average of 820 certificates daily, and during FY 1975 over 209,000 certificates were mailed to the next of kin. Since the program was started in March 1962, over 2.6 million certificates have been issued.

### **Audiovisuals**

In the area of motion picture film production, the VA continued to document selected programs in the Department of Medicine and Surgery to support medical and scientific research and the care and treatment of veteran patients. The film "Dialogue on Biofeedback" explores the possibility of controlling body functions or states of consciousness, previously thought to be controlled solely by the autonomic nervous system, through appropriate reinforcement techniques to increase or decrease internal responses. Three short-run films in support of medical research and treatment were also completed during the fiscal year. "Rehabilitation of a Quadrilateral Amputee" shows the fitting of a Vietnam era veteran with prosthetic arms and legs, and the program designed to teach him their use. The films "Electrohydraulic Cystolithotripsy" and "Electrohydraulic Nephrolithotripsy" were produced to show the breaking up and elimination of kidney and bladder stones by the impact of electric sparks in a fluid medium; the techniques, harmless to human organs, may be used with or without surgery.

National Veterans Day Ceremonies (1974) at Arlington National Cemetery were filmed for historical documentation and for the information of employees, patients, veterans organizations, and other special groups participating in the care and welfare of veterans. The film features the placing of the Presidential Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns by President Gerald R. Ford, and his address to the nation from the amphitheater.

Seven television spot announcements were produced during the year to inform veterans and their dependents of benefits and entitlements under law. These announcements bore such titles as "Use Your GI Bill," "Home Loans," "Hospital Volunteers," "VET-REP on Campus," "Educa-

tion," and "Keep Your Appointment."

The audiovisuals activity maintains a centralized motion picture film library consisting of 755 titles and 5,560 prints for use in medical and scientific research, orientation, training, information, and rehabilitation programs. In FY 1975, 6,952 distributions were made to VA stations, other Federal and State agencies, veterans organizations, educational institutions, and professional and scientific groups.

There were 15 new exhibits designed and completed during the year. These new and existing exhibits on VA programs were presented 188 times for a total of 658 presentation days at VA stations, national and State veterans organization conventions, and during medical, scientific, and industrial group meetings.

The audiovisuals activity also contributed to the planning, development, and production of visual and audio materials for the Audie L. Murphy Memorial dedicated on May 17, 1975 at the VA Hospital, San Antonio, TX. These materials consisted of films, slides, photography, albums, and a portrait of our nation's most decorated hero of World War II.



*Audie L. Murphy Memorial*

## LAW AND LEGISLATION

**Legal Actions**—Such actions for FY 1975 reached a total of 6,115. These included written opinions, as well as briefs, reports and other pleadings prepared for use in connection with litigated cases.

In addition, the General Counsel through his District Counsels in 55 of the 58 regional offices furnished legal advice to the field stations. In this connection, 28,676 written legal opinions were prepared in FY 1975. More than half of these were on questions involving title to real property.

On June 30, 1974, 1,186 civil litigation suits of all types were pending. During the year, 1,069 new cases were received and 999 were disposed of, leaving a balance of 1,256 as of June 30, 1975.

An increase in tort claims resulted in a total workload of 803 cases. Of these, 771 were closed, resulting in a year end remaining balance of 32 cases.

Forty-one insurance cases were terminated during the year, leaving a balance pending of 84.

### Legislative Functions

The type of activity classified as legislative functions includes the preparation of draft bills, participation in hearings before congressional committees, and analyses of legislation for use of the committees or as requested by either the President or the Office of Management and Budget. As a necessary preparatory step, all of the 15,404 bills and resolutions introduced in Congress during FY 1975 were reviewed to determine their relevancy to veterans' programs. During the fiscal year, legislative functions totalled 1,075.

## APPELLATE REVIEW

Questions on claims involving benefits administered by the VA are subject to review on appeal. The Board of Veterans Appeals provides this appellate review, independent of the field offices responsible for initial adjudicative action. Sections 4001-4009, Title 38 U. S. C. establish the Board's authority and responsibility.

In each case a claimant files an appeal with the field office that took the action in question. If that office is unable to resolve the matter to the satisfaction of the claimant, the case is certified to the Board for review of the entire record and final decision.

There were 43,508 final dispositions made under the VA appellate program during FY 1975. This is about 4.7 percent less than the total number of appeals filed. As a result, the pending caseload rose by more than 4,200 cases. Overall processing time—from receipt of the appeal until final decision—increased slightly from 7.8 months in FY 1974 to 8.1 months in FY 1975. This slight increase reflects the upturn in number of appeals filed.

There were 864 formal hearings held by the Board during FY 1975, including 328 conducted by travel sections in 31 field offices. The percentage of appellants having formal hearings before the Board continued at the high level of 3.5 percent set in FY 1974.

Medical and legal expertise available to the Board was considerable. The Board had 120 attorneys and 18 doctors on its staff. Other VA support available on request included advisory medical opinions from the office of the Chief Medical Director and legal opinions from the office of the General Counsel. The Board obtained 245 outside advisory medical opinions from leading medical schools under the authority of Section 4009, Title 38 U. S. C.

Service organizations held power of attorney in 79 percent of the cases decided by the Board in FY 1975. Another 2 percent were represented by attorneys or agents, and 19 percent of the appellants prosecuted their appeals without representation. Vigorous and competent representation greatly assisted claimants in pursuing their appeals and helped the Board reach equitable and reasoned decisions.

During FY 1975 there were 45,663 appeals filed—an increase of more than 5.6 percent over FY 1974. This increase, following declines in 3 previous years, can be attributed to deterioration in the national economy and high unemployment rates. There were also some shifts in the types of actions appealed. Claims involving service connected disabilities and related benefits rose from 73.7 percent of all appeals in FY 1974 to 75.2 percent in FY 1975, while appeals involving non-service connected disabilities dropped from 7.6 percent to 6.7 percent of appeals decided by the Board. Cases relating to death benefits remained stable at 8.6 percent of appeals filed. In addition to the categories mentioned above, the Board handled a wide variety of issues including increased ratings, vocational rehabilitation and education, hospitalization and outpatient treat-

ment, character of discharge, insurance, and loan guaranty.

Of 43,508 final dispositions made in FY 1975, 10,887 were allowances, 11,777 were closures for failure to respond to statements of the case, 3,925 were withdrawals by claimants, and 16,919 were denials of benefits sought. The accompanying table is a recapitulation of appellate actions taken during FY 1975.

| Appellate Processing FY 1975                       |        |
|--|--------|
| Pending beginning of year                          | 23,517 |
| Undocketed, field office development not completed | 19,619 |
| Docketed, pending in BVA                           | 3,898  |
| Filed during year                                  | 45,663 |
| Settled in field offices                           | 22,467 |
| Allowed on review of appealed action               | 7,189  |
| Closed, failure to respond to statement of case    | 11,777 |
| Withdrawn by appellant                             | 3,501  |
| Submitted to BVA                                   | 26,022 |
| Decided by BVA                                     | 25,027 |
| Allowed  | 3,698  |
| Remanded for further action                        | 3,986  |
| Withdrawn  | 424    |
| Denied   | 16,919 |
| Pending end of year                                | 27,723 |
| Undocketed, in field offices                       | 22,830 |
| Docketed, in BVA                                   | 4,893  |

## CIVIL RIGHTS—CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

### Industrial Compliance

The VA is responsible for assuring compliance with Federal Equal Employment Opportunity regulations in the pharmaceutical, soap and cosmetic, and wholesale drug industries. During FY 1975, 145 onsite compliance reviews were conducted at facilities in these industries: Pharmaceuticals - 104; Soaps and Cosmetics - 37; Wholesale Drugs - 4. The statistical data submitted reflected a total of 62,289 contractor employees, of whom 7,685 (or 12 percent) were minorities and 20,747 (or 33 percent) were women.

Of the 145 onsite reviews made by the Industrial Compliance Division during FY 1975, 21 were pre-award reviews at facilities bidding for government contracts of \$1 million or more, 10 followup reviews, 5 complaint reviews, and 109 post-award reviews. Of the total onsite reviews conducted, 10 were initial reviews. In addition, the division cleared more than 3,600 contractors for government contract work.

In performing the 145 onsite reviews, the staff formally identified 22 cases in which protected employees were still suffering the effects of past discrimination (affected class situations). Settle-

ments included revision of seniority practices (transfer, promotion, layoff, and recall), additional training opportunities, the re-evaluation and re-design of production jobs and progression ladders, as well as back pay. These settlements were negotiated in nine cases with the result that covered employees were to receive \$153,600 in back pay or bonuses and more than \$250,000 in promotions over a 2-year period. The remaining 13 cases were still under negotiation at the close of the fiscal year.

As in affected class situations, remedies for equal pay problems at 18 locations resulted in back pay and immediate promotions valued at more than \$46,000 for minority males and for females who failed to receive equal pay for substantially equal work.

Enforcement actions during FY 1975 included issuance of 11 notices to contractors to show cause why enforcement proceedings should not be instituted. Seven of these were withdrawn because of satisfactory resolution of outstanding deficiencies. However, one case had proceeded to issuance of a 14-Day Notice of Proposed Debarment and tentative establishment of a hearing date and location before settlement was reached. The remaining cases were still pending at year's end.

Other important results of VA compliance reviews included the equalization of employment benefits, the construction of dressing and rest rooms that opened up additional job opportunities, and the removal of invalid and non-job-related selection criteria which blocked the hiring and advancement of minorities and women. The VA also provided technical assistance to 56 contractors to assist them in complying with the law.

### **Construction Compliance**

The basic mission of VA's construction compliance program is to ensure equal employment opportunity at all VA construction projects. During FY 1975, there were 281 VA construction projects operating under "City Plans" administered by the Department of Labor and 116 VA

construction projects (\$100,000 or more) operating outside City Plan areas, for an overall total of 397 contracts. There were 2,382 contractors, including subcontractors, on these projects. More than half of VA construction contracts (\$500,000 or more) were in non-plan areas.

Highlights of the construction compliance activities during the year include the following:

1. A total of 289 pre-award reviews were conducted for low bidders to provide orientation and to emphasize the EEO requirements of the VA should an award be made.

2. Contractors, having been successful bidders on major projects (\$500,000 or more), were given a more detailed description of their EEO obligations in 65 pre-construction conferences.

3. There were 294 onsite reviews of major construction contractors. These reviews consist of conferences with individual contractors, with the prime contractor participating, to discuss strengths and weaknesses in contractors' performance and to obtain commitments for corrective action where appropriate.

4. Approximately 7,000 desk reviews were made of minority group employment at VA project sites to evaluate day-to-day performance and to identify needs for improvement. This overall review process is based on daily logs provided by VA construction officials, in conjunction with monthly Manpower Utilization Reports from construction contractors.

Minority group employment on all major construction projects (\$500,000 or more) averaged 23 percent. Minority group workers accounted for almost one-fifth of the total skilled manhours worked and half of the total unskilled manhours worked. In non-plan areas, the level of minority group representation on VA contractors' site forces was attributed to careful monitoring and follow-up. This resulted in minority utilization of approximately 24 percent on major projects of \$500,000 or more.

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TABLE 1

## VETERAN POPULATION

Estimated Number, State, Period of Service — June 30, 1975

(In Thousands)

| State                                   | Total<br>Veterans | War Veterans       |                          |  |                      |                                  |                              |                  | Service<br>Between<br>Korean<br>Conflict<br>and<br>Vietnam Era<br>Only <sup>5</sup> |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---|
|   |                   | Total <sup>1</sup> | Vietnam Era <sup>2</sup> |  | Korean Conflict      |                                  | World<br>War II <sup>4</sup> | World<br>War I   |   |
|   |                   |                    | Total <sup>3</sup>       | No Service<br>in<br>Korean<br>Conflict | Total <sup>3 4</sup> | No Service<br>in<br>World War II |                              |                  |   |
| Total .....                             | 29,459#           | 26,367#            | 7,597                    | 7,094                                  | 5,973                | 4,723                            | 13,586                       | 963              | 3,092   |
| State Total .....                       | 29,235            | 26,179             | 7,511                    | 7,011                                  | 5,922                | 4,681                            | 13,534                       | 953              | 3,056   |
| Alabama .....                           | 420               | 375                | 107                      | 99                                     | 93                   | 74                               | 189                          | 13               | 45  |
| Alaska .....                            | 41                | 36                 | 14                       | 13                                     | 9                    | 7                                | 16                           | ( <sup>9</sup> ) | 5   |
| Arizona .....                           | 290               | 260                | 79                       | 74                                     | 62                   | 45                               | 130                          | 11               | 30  |
| Arkansas .....                          | 258               | 233                | 64                       | 60                                     | 48                   | 37                               | 124                          | 12               | 25  |
| California .....                        | 3,238             | 2,899              | 864                      | 798                                    | 738                  | 523                              | 1,487                        | 91               | 339   |
| Colorado .....                          | 351               | 311                | 104                      | 98                                     | 74                   | 55                               | 148                          | 10               | 40  |
| Connecticut .....                       | 461               | 414                | 112                      | 104                                    | 97                   | 78                               | 219                          | 13               | 47  |
| Delaware .....                          | 79                | 70                 | 23                       | 21                                     | 14                   | 11                               | 36                           | 2                | 9   |
| District of Columbia .....              | 105               | 94                 | 23                       | 21                                     | 27                   | 21                               | 49                           | 3                | 11  |
| Florida .....                           | 1,153             | 1,045              | 275                      | 254                                    | 244                  | 165                              | 563                          | 63               | 108   |
| Georgia .....                           | 618               | 547                | 182                      | 172                                    | 137                  | 108                              | 253                          | 14               | 71  |
| Hawaii .....                            | 93                | 81                 | 31                       | 29                                     | 21                   | 17                               | 33                           | 2                | 12  |
| Idaho .....                             | 100               | 89                 | 27                       | 25                                     | 19                   | 15                               | 45                           | 4                | 11  |
| Illinois .....                          | 1,559             | 1,398              | 373                      | 348                                    | 313                  | 267                              | 734                          | 49               | 161   |
| Indiana .....                           | 721               | 641                | 196                      | 184                                    | 139                  | 117                              | 317                          | 23               | 80  |
| Iowa .....                              | 372               | 331                | 97                       | 91                                     | 65                   | 57                               | 166                          | 17               | 41  |
| Kansas .....                            | 309               | 277                | 80                       | 75                                     | 56                   | 44                               | 145                          | 13               | 32  |
| Kentucky .....                          | 407               | 364                | 102                      | 96                                     | 81                   | 67                               | 187                          | 14               | 43  |
| Louisiana .....                         | 447               | 401                | 112                      | 105                                    | 95                   | 78                               | 204                          | 14               | 46  |
| Maine .....                             | 145               | 130                | 36                       | 34                                     | 27                   | 22                               | 68                           | 6                | 15  |
| Maryland .....                          | 610               | 544                | 165                      | 153                                    | 137                  | 103                              | 274                          | 14               | 66  |
| Massachusetts .....                     | 868               | 779                | 219                      | 204                                    | 172                  | 137                              | 408                          | 30               | 89  |
| Michigan .....                          | 1,190             | 1,060              | 315                      | 297                                    | 228                  | 196                              | 532                          | 35               | 130   |
| Minnesota .....                         | 547               | 486                | 159                      | 151                                    | 98                   | 81                               | 233                          | 21               | 61  |
| Mississippi .....                       | 244               | 220                | 55                       | 51                                     | 51                   | 42                               | 118                          | 9                | 24  |
| Missouri .....                          | 693               | 621                | 173                      | 162                                    | 139                  | 113                              | 319                          | 27               | 72  |
| Montana .....                           | 101               | 90                 | 27                       | 25                                     | 18                   | 15                               | 46                           | 4                | 11  |
| Nebraska .....                          | 197               | 175                | 53                       | 50                                     | 37                   | 31                               | 86                           | 8                | 22  |
| Nevada .....                            | 92                | 82                 | 24                       | 23                                     | 20                   | 15                               | 42                           | 2                | 10  |
| New Hampshire .....                     | 123               | 109                | 34                       | 32                                     | 23                   | 19                               | 54                           | 4                | 14  |
| New Jersey .....                        | 1,096             | 986                | 248                      | 229                                    | 227                  | 185                              | 539                          | 33               | 110   |
| New Mexico .....                        | 135               | 120                | 36                       | 34                                     | 29                   | 22                               | 60                           | 4                | 15  |
| New York .....                          | 2,519             | 2,278              | 544                      | 505                                    | 509                  | 434                              | 1,256                        | 83               | 241   |
| North Carolina .....                    | 614               | 545                | 167                      | 157                                    | 122                  | 101                              | 270                          | 17               | 69  |
| North Dakota .....                      | 64                | 57                 | 17                       | 16                                     | 10                   | 9                                | 29                           | 3                | 7   |
| Ohio .....                              | 1,498             | 1,339              | 388                      | 364                                    | 274                  | 229                              | 702                          | 44               | 159   |
| Oklahoma .....                          | 392               | 352                | 108                      | 102                                    | 77                   | 57                               | 178                          | 15               | 40  |
| Oregon .....                            | 361               | 324                | 98                       | 92                                     | 67                   | 49                               | 169                          | 14               | 37  |
| Pennsylvania .....                      | 1,756             | 1,581              | 420                      | 391                                    | 324                  | 263                              | 871                          | 56               | 175   |
| Rhode Island .....                      | 151               | 135                | 39                       | 36                                     | 29                   | 22                               | 72                           | 5                | 16  |
| South Carolina .....                    | 322               | 286                | 94                       | 89                                     | 66                   | 54                               | 135                          | 8                | 36  |
| South Dakota .....                      | 79                | 70                 | 17                       | 16                                     | 16                   | 14                               | 36                           | 4                | 9   |
| Tennessee .....                         | 529               | 472                | 141                      | 132                                    | 107                  | 90                               | 233                          | 17               | 57  |
| Texas .....                             | 1,594             | 1,426              | 428                      | 399                                    | 324                  | 248                              | 732                          | 47               | 168   |
| Utah .....                              | 143               | 126                | 47                       | 43                                     | 27                   | 21                               | 58                           | 4                | 17  |
| Vermont .....                           | 63                | 56                 | 18                       | 17                                     | 11                   | 10                               | 27                           | 2                | 7   |
| Virginia .....                          | 645               | 575                | 182                      | 170                                    | 142                  | 98                               | 291                          | 16               | 70  |
| Washington .....                        | 582               | 519                | 172                      | 161                                    | 123                  | 83                               | 258                          | 17               | 63  |
| West Virginia .....                     | 235               | 213                | 54                       | 51                                     | 42                   | 36                               | 116                          | 10               | 22  |
| Wisconsin .....                         | 577               | 514                | 155                      | 146                                    | 105                  | 89                               | 255                          | 24               | 63  |
| Wyoming .....                           | 48                | 43                 | 13                       | 12                                     | 9                    | 7                                | 22                           | 2                | 5   |
| Outside U.S. - Total <sup>6</sup> ..... | 223               | 187                | 86                       | 83                                     | 51                   | 42                               | 52                           | 10               | 36  |

NOTE: These estimates have been developed from "bench mark" veteran population statistics for the states as of June 30, 1970, based on 1970 Census of Population data on veterans' place of residence, extended to June 30, 1975 on the basis of (1) 1965-1970 veteran interstate migration statistics from the 1970 Census; (2) Bureau of the Census provisional estimates of 1970-1971 net civilian migration of the states. "Current Population Report," Series P-25, No. 468,

October 5, 1971; and mobility of the United States Population 1970-1971, "Current Population Reports," Series P-20, No. 235, April 1972. They are independent of, and therefore not directly comparable with estimates for June 30, 1970 through June 30, 1974, previously published.

See footnotes at end of table 3.

Estimated Number, Regional Office, Period of Service – June 30, 1975  
(In Thousands)

| Regional Office                     | Total Veterans | War Veterans       |                          |                               |                      |                            |                           |                  | Service Between Korean Conflict and Vietnam Era Only <sup>5</sup> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---|
|                                     |                | Total <sup>1</sup> | Vietnam Era <sup>2</sup> |                               | Korean Conflict      |                            | World War II <sup>4</sup> | World War I      |   |
|                                     |                |                    | Total <sup>3</sup>       | No Service in Korean Conflict | Total <sup>3 4</sup> | No Service in World War II |                           |                  |   |
| Total .....                         | 29,459±        | 26,367±            | 7,597                    | 7,094                         | 5,973                | 4,723                      | 13,586                    | 963              | 3,092   |
| Alabama: Montgomery .....           | 420            | 375                | 107                      | 99                            | 93                   | 74                         | 189                       | 13               | 45  |
| Alaska: Juneau .....                | 41             | 36                 | 14                       | 13                            | 9                    | 7                          | 16                        | ( <sup>9</sup> ) | 5   |
| Arizona: Phoenix .....              | 290            | 260                | 79                       | 74                            | 62                   | 45                         | 130                       | 11               | 30  |
| Arkansas: Little Rock .....         | 262            | 237                | 65                       | 61                            | 49                   | 38                         | 126                       | 12               | 25  |
| California:                         |                |                    |                          |                               |                      |                            |                           |                  |   |
| Los Angeles .....                   | 1,674          | 1,499              | 433                      | 402                           | 375                  | 279                        | 774                       | 44               | 175   |
| San Diego .....                     | 299            | 268                | 92                       | 83                            | 77                   | 40                         | 134                       | 11               | 31  |
| San Francisco .....                 | 1,260          | 1,128              | 338                      | 312                           | 285                  | 203                        | 577                       | 36               | 132   |
| Colorado: Denver .....              | 351            | 311                | 104                      | 98                            | 74                   | 55                         | 148                       | 10               | 40  |
| Connecticut: Hartford .....         | 461            | 414                | 112                      | 104                           | 97                   | 78                         | 219                       | 13               | 47  |
| Delaware: Wilmington .....          | 79             | 70                 | 23                       | 21                            | 14                   | 11                         | 36                        | 2                | 9   |
| Dist. of Col.: Washington .....     | 439            | 391                | 126                      | 116                           | 107                  | 72                         | 195                       | 8                | 48  |
| Florida: St. Petersburg .....       | 1,153          | 1,045              | 275                      | 254                           | 244                  | 165                        | 563                       | 63               | 108   |
| Georgia: Atlanta .....              | 618            | 547                | 182                      | 172                           | 137                  | 108                        | 253                       | 14               | 71  |
| Hawaii: Honolulu .....              | 93             | 81                 | 31                       | 29                            | 21                   | 17                         | 33                        | 2                | 12  |
| Idaho: Boise .....                  | 100            | 89                 | 27                       | 25                            | 19                   | 15                         | 45                        | 4                | 11  |
| Illinois: Chicago .....             | 1,666          | 1,493              | 402                      | 375                           | 334                  | 284                        | 783                       | 51               | 173   |
| Indiana: Indianapolis .....         | 614            | 546                | 167                      | 157                           | 118                  | 100                        | 268                       | 21               | 68  |
| Iowa: Des Moines .....              | 372            | 331                | 97                       | 91                            | 65                   | 57                         | 166                       | 17               | 41  |
| Kansas: Wichita .....               | 309            | 277                | 80                       | 75                            | 56                   | 44                         | 145                       | 13               | 32  |
| Kentucky: Louisville .....          | 407            | 364                | 102                      | 96                            | 81                   | 67                         | 187                       | 14               | 43  |
| Louisiana: New Orleans .....        | 447            | 401                | 112                      | 105                           | 95                   | 78                         | 204                       | 14               | 46  |
| Maine: Togus .....                  | 145            | 130                | 36                       | 34                            | 27                   | 22                         | 68                        | 6                | 15  |
| Maryland: Baltimore .....           | 411            | 367                | 106                      | 98                            | 90                   | 70                         | 188                       | 11               | 44  |
| Massachusetts: Boston .....         | 785            | 704                | 199                      | 186                           | 156                  | 124                        | 368                       | 26               | 81  |
| Michigan: Detroit .....             | 1,190          | 1,060              | 315                      | 297                           | 228                  | 196                        | 532                       | 35               | 130   |
| Minnesota: St. Paul .....           | 515            | 457                | 151                      | 143                           | 93                   | 76                         | 219                       | 19               | 58  |
| Mississippi: Jackson .....          | 244            | 220                | 55                       | 51                            | 51                   | 42                         | 118                       | 9                | 24  |
| Missouri: St. Louis .....           | 693            | 621                | 173                      | 162                           | 139                  | 113                        | 319                       | 27               | 72  |
| Montana: Fort Harrison .....        | 101            | 90                 | 27                       | 25                            | 18                   | 15                         | 46                        | 4                | 11  |
| Nebraska: Lincoln .....             | 197            | 175                | 53                       | 50                            | 37                   | 31                         | 86                        | 8                | 22  |
| Nevada: Reno .....                  | 97             | 86                 | 25                       | 24                            | 21                   | 16                         | 44                        | 2                | 11  |
| New Hampshire: Manchester .....     | 123            | 109                | 34                       | 32                            | 23                   | 19                         | 54                        | 4                | 14  |
| New Jersey: Newark .....            | 1,096          | 986                | 248                      | 229                           | 227                  | 185                        | 539                       | 33               | 110   |
| New Mexico: Albuquerque .....       | 135            | 120                | 36                       | 34                            | 29                   | 22                         | 60                        | 4                | 15  |
| New York:                           |                |                    |                          |                               |                      |                            |                           |                  |   |
| Buffalo .....                       | 656            | 591                | 153                      | 142                           | 133                  | 113                        | 315                       | 21               | 65  |
| New York .....                      | 1,863          | 1,687              | 391                      | 363                           | 376                  | 321                        | 941                       | 62               | 176   |
| North Carolina: Winston-Salem ..... | 614            | 545                | 167                      | 157                           | 122                  | 101                        | 270                       | 17               | 69  |
| North Dakota: Fargo .....           | 96             | 86                 | 25                       | 24                            | 15                   | 14                         | 43                        | 5                | 10  |
| Ohio: Cleveland .....               | 1,498          | 1,339              | 388                      | 364                           | 274                  | 229                        | 702                       | 44               | 159   |
| Oklahoma: Muskogee .....            | 392            | 352                | 108                      | 102                           | 77                   | 57                         | 178                       | 15               | 40  |
| Oregon: Portland .....              | 361            | 324                | 98                       | 92                            | 67                   | 49                         | 169                       | 14               | 37  |
| Pennsylvania:                       |                |                    |                          |                               |                      |                            |                           |                  |   |
| Philadelphia .....                  | 1,114          | 1,001              | 274                      | 255                           | 209                  | 168                        | 543                       | 35               | 113   |
| Pittsburgh .....                    | 668            | 604                | 152                      | 141                           | 120                  | 99                         | 342                       | 22               | 64  |
| Puerto Rico: San Juan .....         | 158            | 133                | 41                       | 40                            | 50                   | 42                         | 47                        | 4                | 25  |
| Rhode Island: Providence .....      | 234            | 210                | 59                       | 54                            | 45                   | 35                         | 112                       | 9                | 24  |
| South Carolina: Columbia .....      | 322            | 286                | 94                       | 89                            | 66                   | 54                         | 135                       | 8                | 36  |
| South Dakota: Sioux Falls .....     | 79             | 70                 | 17                       | 16                            | 16                   | 14                         | 36                        | 4                | 9   |
| Tennessee: Nashville .....          | 529            | 472                | 141                      | 132                           | 107                  | 90                         | 233                       | 17               | 57  |
| Texas:                              |                |                    |                          |                               |                      |                            |                           |                  |   |
| Houston .....                       | 708            | 633                | 190                      | 177                           | 147                  | 112                        | 325                       | 19               | 75  |
| Waco .....                          | 882            | 789                | 237                      | 221                           | 176                  | 135                        | 405                       | 28               | 93  |
| Utah: Salt Lake City .....          | 143            | 126                | 47                       | 43                            | 27                   | 21                         | 58                        | 4                | 17  |
| Vermont: White River Jct .....      | 63             | 56                 | 18                       | 17                            | 11                   | 10                         | 27                        | 2                | 7   |
| Virginia: Roanoke .....             | 510            | 455                | 138                      | 130                           | 109                  | 80                         | 231                       | 14               | 55  |
| Washington: Seattle .....           | 582            | 519                | 172                      | 161                           | 123                  | 83                         | 258                       | 17               | 63  |
| West Virginia: Huntington .....     | 209            | 189                | 48                       | 46                            | 37                   | 32                         | 102                       | 9                | 20  |
| Wisconsin: Milwaukee .....          | 577            | 514                | 155                      | 146                           | 105                  | 89                         | 255                       | 24               | 63  |
| Wyoming: Cheyenne .....             | 48             | 43                 | 13                       | 12                            | 9                    | 7                          | 22                        | 2                | 5   |
| Philippines: Manila .....           | 9              | 6                  | ( <sup>9</sup> )         | ( <sup>9</sup> )              | ( <sup>9</sup> )     | ( <sup>9</sup> )           | 4                         | 2                | 3   |
| All Other <sup>7</sup> .....        | 56             | 48                 | 45                       | 43                            | 1                    | ( <sup>9</sup> )           | 1                         | 4                | 8   |

NOTE: For all regional offices whose jurisdiction includes only part of a state or extends into another state, the estimates of veterans are computed by applying the most recent veteran population ratio factors for the counties or urban places involved. These factors were developed from county veteran population estimates as of June 30, 1970 based on the U.S. Census of Population

1970. Refer to general note below table 1.

See footnotes at end of table 3.

TABLE 3

## VETERAN POPULATION

Estimated Age, Period of Service — June 30, 1975

(In Thousands)

| Age                            | Total Veterans | War Veterans       |                          |                               |                      |                            |                           |             | Service Between Korean Conflict and Vietnam Era Only <sup>5</sup> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---|
|                                |                | Total <sup>1</sup> | Vietnam Era <sup>2</sup> |                               | Korean Conflict      |                            | World War II <sup>4</sup> | World War I |   |
|                                |                |                    | Total <sup>3</sup>       | No Service in Korean Conflict | Total <sup>3 4</sup> | No Service in World War II |                           |             |   |
| All Ages .....                 | 29,459*        | 26,367*            | 7,597                    | 7,094                         | 5,973                | 4,723                      | 13,586                    | 963         | 3,092   |
| Under 20 yrs .....             | 57             | 57                 | 57                       | 57                            |                      |                            |                           |             |   |
| 20-24 yrs .....                | 1,013          | 1,013              | 1,013                    | 1,013                         |                      |                            |                           |             |   |
| 25-29 yrs .....                | 3,522          | 3,503              | 3,503                    | 3,503                         |                      |                            |                           |             | 19  |
| 30-34 yrs .....                | 2,928          | 2,137              | 2,137                    | 2,137                         |                      |                            |                           |             | 791   |
| 35-39 yrs .....                | 2,301          | 633                | 360                      | 339                           | 294                  | 294                        |                           |             | 1,668   |
| 40-44 yrs .....                | 3,115          | 2,543              | 181                      | 33                            | 2,510                | 2,505                      | 5                         |             | 572   |
| 45-49 yrs .....                | 3,994          | 3,958              | 169                      | 8                             | 2,158                | 1,789                      | 2,161                     |             | 36  |
| 50-54 yrs .....                | 4,899          | 4,893              | 96                       | 3                             | 545                  | 106                        | 4,784                     |             | 6   |
| 55-59 yrs .....                | 3,676          | 3,676              | 57                       | 1                             | 289                  | 21                         | 3,654                     |             |   |
| 60-64 yrs .....                | 1,752          | 1,752              | 20                       | ( <sup>9</sup> )              | 115                  | 8                          | 1,744                     |             |   |
| 65-69 yrs .....                | 887            | 887                | 4                        | ( <sup>9</sup> )              | 43                   | ( <sup>9</sup> )           | 887                       |             |   |
| 70-74 yrs .....                | 260            | 260                | ( <sup>9</sup> )         |                               | 14                   | ( <sup>9</sup> )           | 253                       | 7           |   |
| 75-79 yrs .....                | 516            | 516                |                          |                               | 4                    |                            | 87                        | 429         |   |
| 80-84 yrs .....                | 434            | 434                |                          |                               | 1                    |                            | 9                         | 425         |   |
| 85-yrs. and Over .....         | 105*           | 105*               |                          |                               | ( <sup>9</sup> )     |                            | 2                         | 102         |   |
| Average Age <sup>8</sup> ..... | 45.9           | 47.0               | 29.6                     | 28.3                          | 45.8                 | 43.9                       | 55.4                      | 80.3        | 36.7  |

<sup>1</sup> Veterans who served in both World War II and the Korean Conflict, and in both the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam era are counted once.

<sup>2</sup> Service between August 4, 1964 and May 8, 1975.

<sup>3</sup> Includes 503,000 veterans who served in both the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam era.

<sup>4</sup> Includes 1,250,000 veterans who served in both World War II and the Korean Conflict.

<sup>5</sup> Former members of the Armed Forces whose only service was on active duty between January 31, 1955 and August 5, 1964.

<sup>6</sup> Includes Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. possessions and outlying areas and foreign countries.

<sup>7</sup> Outside Regional Office areas.

<sup>8</sup> Computed from data by single year of age.

<sup>9</sup> Less than 0.5 (thousands).

#Includes 1 (thousand) Spanish-American War veterans not distributed geographically.

\*Includes 1 (thousand) Spanish-American War veterans average age 95.5 years.

*Hospital and Extended Care: Average Daily Census, Average Operating Beds – Fiscal Years 1965-75*

| Fiscal Year | Average Daily Patient Census <sup>1</sup>                       |                           |              |                         |                                     |                     |                               |             |
|-------------|---|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
|             | Total Hospital Patients, Members, and Nursing Bed Care Patients | Hospital Inpatients       |              |                         |                                     | Domiciliary members |                               |             |
|             |   | Total                     | VA Hospitals | Non-VA Hospitals        | State Homes                         | Total               | VA Domiciliaries <sup>3</sup> | State Homes |
|             |   |                           |              |                         |                                     |                     |                               |             |
| 1975 .....  | 114,384   | 82,253                    | 79,973       | 1,267                   | 1,013                               | 15,030              | 9,181                         | 5,849       |
| 1974 .....  | 114,426   | 83,534                    | 81,453       | 1,053                   | 1,028                               | 15,584              | 9,723                         | 5,861       |
| 1973 .....  | 115,170   | 84,556                    | 82,479       | 1,031                   | 1,046                               | 16,286              | 10,261                        | 6,025       |
| 1972 .....  | 113,905   | 83,185                    | 80,971       | 1,154                   | 1,060                               | 17,324              | 11,986                        | 5,969       |
| 1971 .....  | 115,758   | 86,319                    | 84,002       | 1,251                   | 1,066                               | 17,888              | 12,685                        | 5,880       |
| 1970 .....  | 116,580   | 87,400                    | 85,547       | 1,495                   | 418                                 | 18,680              | 12,665                        | 6,682       |
| 1969 .....  | 122,771   | 93,547                    | 91,878       | 1,669                   |                                     | 19,552              | 13,054                        | 7,140       |
| 1968 .....  | 128,185   | 99,450                    | 97,425       | 2,025                   |                                     | 20,058              | 12,592                        | 7,466       |
| 1967 .....  | 133,466   | 105,807                   | 103,394      | 2,413                   |                                     | 20,382              | 12,694                        | 7,688       |
| 1966 .....  | 135,330   | 109,882                   | 107,389      | 2,493                   |                                     | 21,319              | 13,091                        | 8,228       |
| 1965 .....  | 135,827   | 111,782                   | 109,183      | 2,599                   |                                     | 23,526              | 14,380                        | 9,146       |
|             | Average Daily Patient Census <sup>1</sup>                       |                           |              |                         | Average Operating Beds <sup>2</sup> |                     |                               |             |
|             | Total   | Nursing bed care patients |              |                         | VA Hospitals                        |                     | VA Domiciliaries <sup>3</sup> |             |
|             |   | VA Hospitals              | State Homes  | Community Nursing Homes | Patient Beds                        | Nursing Beds        |                               |             |
|             |   |                           |              |                         |                                     |                     |                               |             |
| 1975 .....  | 17,101  | 6,739                     | 4,123        | 6,239                   | 94,801                              | 7,032               | 10,310                        |             |
| 1974 .....  | 15,308  | 6,418                     | 4,005        | 4,885                   | 96,106                              | 6,769               | 10,839                        |             |
| 1973 .....  | 14,328  | 6,094                     | 3,662        | 4,572                   | 97,689                              | 6,508               | 11,172                        |             |
| 1972 .....  | 12,765  | 5,440                     | 3,335        | 3,990                   | 96,352                              | 5,819               | 13,097                        |             |
| 1971 .....  | 10,874  | 4,599                     | 2,898        | 3,377                   | 98,956                              | 5,052               | 13,632                        |             |
| 1970 .....  | 9,773   | 3,760                     | 2,432        | 3,581                   | 102,633                             | 4,002               | 13,959                        |             |
| 1969 .....  | 9,030   | 3,700                     | 2,153        | 3,177                   | 107,013                             | 4,000               | 14,282                        |             |
| 1968 .....  | 8,067   | 3,468                     | 1,795        | 2,804                   | 112,394                             | 4,000               | 13,528                        |             |
| 1967 .....  | 6,694   | 2,484                     | 1,423        | 2,787                   | 115,193                             | 2,748               | 13,664                        |             |
| 1966 .....  | 3,854   | 1,245                     | 972          | 1,637                   | 116,975                             | 1,475               | 14,953                        |             |
| 1965 .....  | 324   | 150                       | 156          | 18                      | 119,118                             | 208                 | 16,544                        |             |

<sup>1</sup>Based on total patient, member, and nursing bed days of care during year divided by the number of days in year.

consecutive months beginning with June of the prior fiscal year and ending with June of the indicated fiscal year.

<sup>2</sup>Based on the number of operating beds at the end of each month for 13

<sup>3</sup>Includes restoration program data for 1965-1973. Discontinued subsequently.

*Inpatient and Extended Care: Applications for Care – Fiscal Year 1975*

| Applications   | Hospitalization | Nursing Care | Domiciliary Care |
|--|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Pending beginning of year .....                                | 2,407           | .....        | .....            |
| Total received during year .....                               | 2,089,579       | 4,452        | 10,443           |
| From veteran or his representative .....                       | 2,069,317       | 3,823        | 8,886            |
| By transfer .....  | 20,262          | 629          | 1,557            |
| Total dispositions .....                                       | 2,087,302       | 4,603        | 10,923           |
| Eligible and in need of care .....                             | 1,444,507       | 3,164        | 7,795            |
| Not eligible or not in need of care .....                      | 540,529         | 690          | 1,324            |
| Canceled or withdrawn-prior to eligibility determination ..... | 71,526          | 455          | 475              |
| By transfer-prior to eligibility determination .....           | 28,321          | 285          | 1,258            |
| Legally ineligible .....                                       | 2,419           | 9            | 71               |
| Pending end of year .....                                      | 4,684           | 129          | 88               |

TABLE 6

## VA, Non-VA and State Home Hospitals: Admissions, Discharges, Remaining – Fiscal Years 1965-75

| Fiscal Year       | Admissions |                        |                     |                         | Discharges and Deaths |                        |                     |                                   |
|-------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                   | Total      | Hospitals              |                     |                         | Total                 | Hospitals              |                     |                                   |
|                   |            | VA <sup>1</sup>        | Non-VA <sup>2</sup> | State Home <sup>3</sup> |                       | VA <sup>1</sup>        | Non-VA <sup>2</sup> | State Home <sup>3</sup>           |
| 1975 .....        | 1,069,757  | <sup>5</sup> 1,036,101 | 27,710              | 5,946                   | 1,069,945             | <sup>5</sup> 1,036,441 | 27,573              | 5,931                             |
| 1974 .....        | 991,473    | <sup>5</sup> 964,466   | 21,091              | 5,916                   | 991,599               | <sup>5</sup> 964,653   | 21,047              | 5,899                             |
| 1973 .....        | 932,481    | <sup>5</sup> 905,545   | 20,816              | 6,120                   | 933,237               | <sup>5</sup> 906,015   | 21,084              | 6,138                             |
| 1972 .....        | 793,538    | 765,786                | 21,578              | 6,174                   | 794,785               | 766,892                | 21,682              | 6,211                             |
| 1971 .....        | 750,546    | 723,907                | 20,952              | 5,687                   | 765,268               | 738,594                | 21,022              | 5,652                             |
| 1970 .....        | 711,289    | 687,037                | 20,524              | 3,728                   | 717,022               | 693,496                | 20,840              | 2,686                             |
| 1969 .....        | 689,459    | 667,383                | 22,076              |                         | 698,926               | 676,773                | 22,153              |                                   |
| 1968 .....        | 670,600    | 647,241                | 23,359              |                         | 678,506               | 654,683                | 23,823              |                                   |
| 1967 .....        | 654,474    | 624,856                | 29,618              |                         | 665,153               | 635,576                | 29,577              |                                   |
| 1966 .....        | 641,469    | 614,338                | 27,131              |                         | 642,180               | 619,160                | 23,020              |                                   |
| 1965 .....        | 627,993    | 602,102                | 25,891              |                         | 628,094               | 505,933                | 22,161              |                                   |
| Remaining June 30 |            |                        |                     |                         |                       |                        |                     |                                   |
|                   | Total      | VA Hospitals           |                     |                         | Non-VA hospitals      |                        |                     | State Home Hospitals <sup>3</sup> |
|                   |            | Total                  | Bed Occupants       | ABO <sup>4</sup>        | Total                 | Bed Occupants          | ABO <sup>4</sup>    | Bed Occupants                     |
| 1975 .....        | 79,499     | 77,432                 | 76,007              | 1,425                   | 1,031                 | 1,008                  | 23                  | 1,036                             |
| 1974 .....        | 80,526     | 78,640                 | 76,847              | 1,793                   | 852                   | 811                    | 41                  | 1,034                             |
| 1973 .....        | 81,146     | 79,336                 | 77,356              | 1,980                   | 793                   | 762                    | 31                  | 1,017                             |
| 1972 .....        | 81,489     | 79,406                 | 77,344              | 2,062                   | 1,053                 | 820                    | 233                 | 1,030                             |
| 1971 .....        | 82,207     | 79,985                 | 78,453              | 1,532                   | 1,146                 | 952                    | 194                 | 1,076                             |
| 1970 .....        | 96,040     | 93,805                 | 81,976              | 11,829                  | 1,202                 | 1,034                  | 168                 | 1,033                             |
| 1969 .....        | 101,541    | 99,541                 | 85,909              | 13,632                  | 1,545                 | 1,402                  | 143                 |                                   |
| 1968 .....        | 109,365    | 107,743                | 91,735              | 16,008                  | 1,622                 | 1,459                  | 163                 |                                   |
| 1967 .....        | 116,841    | 114,755                | 93,894              | 20,861                  | 2,086                 | 1,924                  | 162                 |                                   |
| 1966 .....        | 124,766    | 122,653                | 103,789             | 18,864                  | 2,113                 | 2,113                  |                     |                                   |
| 1965 .....        | 126,782    | 124,578                | 106,195             | 18,383                  | 2,204                 | 2,204                  |                     |                                   |

<sup>1</sup> Interhospital transfer data are excluded.<sup>2</sup> Includes transfers.<sup>3</sup> Program initiated Dec. 30, 1969.<sup>4</sup> Denotes patients who were absent bed occupants, i.e., on leave or trial visit on the last day of the fiscal year. Beginning with FY 74 the placement of patients

(primarily psychiatric) to trial visit was sharply reduced and reporting discontinued.

<sup>5</sup> Beginning with Fiscal Year 1973, patients coming to VA hospitals for chronic hemodialysis were considered to be inpatients. During Fiscal Year 1974, there were about 105,000 admissions (and discharges) for one day duration of stay and 145,000 during Fiscal Year 1975.

## INPATIENT CARE

TABLE 7

VA, Non-VA and State Home Hospitals: Admissions, Discharges, Remaining, Type of Hospital and Bed Section - Fiscal Year 1975

| Hospital Group   | All Hospitals | Patients by Type of Bed Section |            |         |         | State Home Hospitals |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------------------|
|  |               | Total                           | Psychiatry | Surgery | Medical |                      |
| ADMISSIONS <sup>1</sup>                                    |               |                                 |            |         |         |                      |
| All hospitals  | 1,069,757     | 1,063,811                       | 162,078    | 311,142 | 590,691 | 5,946                |
| Total VA hospitals   | 1,036,101     | 1,036,101                       | 154,435    | 307,392 | 574,274 |                      |
| Psychiatric hospitals                                      | 56,447        | 56,447                          | 43,661     | 1,350   | 11,436  |                      |
| General hospitals  | 979,654       | 979,654                         | 110,774    | 306,042 | 562,838 |                      |
| Total non-VA hospitals                                     | 27,710        | 27,710                          | 7,643      | 3,750   | 16,317  |                      |
| Federal Government hospitals                               |               |                                 |            |         |         |                      |
| U.S. Army  | 5,597         | 5,597                           | 305        | 931     | 4,361   |                      |
| U.S. Air Force   | 1,810         | 1,810                           | 150        | 500     | 1,160   |                      |
| U.S. Navy  | 902           | 902                             | 101        | 340     | 461     |                      |
| U.S. Public Health Service                                 | 507           | 507                             | 8          | 42      | 457     |                      |
| Other (Canal Zone, St. Elizabeths, Washington, D.C.)       | 2,334         | 2,334                           | 41         | 49      | 2,244   |                      |
|  | 44            | 44                              | 5          |         | 39      |                      |
| Non-Federal hospitals (Veterans Memorial Hospital, Manila) | 1,344         | 1,344                           | 115        | 282     | 947     |                      |
| State and local government hospitals                       | 6,254         | 6,254                           | 3,318      | 550     | 2,386   |                      |
| Nonpublic hospitals  | 14,515        | 14,515                          | 3,905      | 1,987   | 8,623   |                      |
| Total state home hospitals                                 | 5,946         |                                 |            |         |         | 5,946                |
| DISCHARGES AND DEATHS <sup>1</sup>                         |               |                                 |            |         |         |                      |
| All hospitals  | 1,069,945     | 1,064,014                       | 169,513    | 323,083 | 571,418 | 5,931                |
| Total VA hospitals   | 1,036,441     | 1,036,441                       | 162,047    | 319,250 | 555,144 |                      |
| Psychiatric hospitals                                      | 60,483        | 60,483                          | 48,640     | 1,324   | 10,519  |                      |
| General hospitals  | 975,958       | 975,958                         | 113,407    | 317,926 | 544,625 |                      |
| Total non-VA hospitals                                     | 27,573        | 27,573                          | 7,466      | 3,833   | 16,274  |                      |
| Federal Government hospitals                               |               |                                 |            |         |         |                      |
| U.S. Army  | 5,580         | 5,580                           | 299        | 935     | 4,346   |                      |
| U.S. Air Force   | 1,809         | 1,809                           | 148        | 499     | 1,162   |                      |
| U.S. Navy  | 911           | 911                             | 102        | 347     | 462     |                      |
| U.S. Public Health Service                                 | 504           | 504                             | 8          | 41      | 455     |                      |
| Other (Canal Zone, St. Elizabeths, Washington, D.C.)       | 2,317         | 2,317                           | 38         | 48      | 2,231   |                      |
|  | 39            | 39                              | 3          |         | 36      |                      |
| Non-Federal hospitals (Veterans Memorial Hospital, Manila) | 1,370         | 1,370                           | 119        | 280     | 971     |                      |
| State and local government hospitals                       | 6,238         | 6,238                           | 3,315      | 557     | 2,366   |                      |
| Nonpublic hospitals  | 14,385        | 14,385                          | 3,733      | 2,061   | 8,591   |                      |
| Total state home hospitals                                 | 5,931         |                                 |            |         |         | 5,931                |
| REMAINING  |               |                                 |            |         |         |                      |
| Bed occupants in hospital June 30, 1975:                   |               |                                 |            |         |         |                      |
| All hospitals  | 78,051        | 77,015                          | 25,817     | 14,406  | 36,792  | 1,036                |
| Total VA hospitals   | 76,007        | 76,007                          | 25,211     | 14,269  | 36,527  |                      |
| Psychiatric hospitals                                      | 19,193        | 19,193                          | 11,601     | 182     | 7,410   |                      |
| General hospitals  | 56,814        | 56,814                          | 13,610     | 14,087  | 29,117  |                      |
| Total non-VA hospitals                                     | 1,008         | 1,008                           | 606        | 137     | 265     |                      |
| Federal Government Hospitals                               |               |                                 |            |         |         |                      |
| U.S. Army  | 149           | 149                             | 5          | 55      | 89      |                      |
| U.S. Air Force   | 76            | 76                              | 1          | 44      | 31      |                      |
| U.S. Navy  | 18            | 18                              |            | 5       | 13      |                      |
| U.S. Public Health Service                                 | 20            | 20                              |            | 2       | 18      |                      |
| Other (Canal Zone, St. Elizabeths, Washington, D.C.)       | 26            | 26                              | 3          | 4       | 19      |                      |
|  | 9             | 9                               | 1          |         | 8       |                      |
| Non-Federal hospitals (Veterans Memorial Hospital, Manila) | 73            | 73                              | 24         | 25      | 24      |                      |
| State and local government hospitals                       | 144           | 144                             | 121        | 2       | 21      |                      |
| Nonpublic hospitals  | 642           | 642                             | 456        | 55      | 131     |                      |
| Total state home hospitals                                 | 1,036         |                                 |            |         |         | 1,036                |
| REMAINING  |               |                                 |            |         |         |                      |
| Absent bed occupants June 30, 1975:                        |               |                                 |            |         |         |                      |
| All hospitals  | 1,448         | 1,448                           | 1,031      | 179     | 238     |                      |
| Total non-VA hospitals                                     | 23            | 23                              | 21         |         | 2       |                      |
| Total VA hospitals   | 1,425         | 1,425                           | 1,010      | 179     | 236     |                      |
| Psychiatric hospitals                                      | 478           | 478                             | 426        | 3       | 49      |                      |
| General hospitals  | 947           | 947                             | 584        | 176     | 187     |                      |

<sup>1</sup> Exclude interhospital transfers for VA hospitals; include transfers for non-VA hospitals.



TABLE 8

*VA Hospitals: Average Operating Beds, Average Daily Census, Patients Treated-During Fiscal Year 1975*

| Hospital                            | Average Operating Beds <sup>2</sup> |                              |         |                      | Average Daily Patient Census <sup>3</sup> |                              |         |                      | Total Number of Patients Treated |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|----------------------|---|------------------------------|---------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                     | Total                               | Bed Section <sup>1</sup>     |         |                      | Total                                     | Bed Section <sup>1</sup>     |         |                      |                                  |
|                                     |                                     | Psychi-<br>atry <sup>4</sup> | Surgery | Medical <sup>4</sup> |   | Psychi-<br>atry <sup>4</sup> | Surgery | Medical <sup>4</sup> |                                  |
| All hospitals                       | 94,801                              | 30,183                       | 19,725  | 44,893               | 79,973                                    | 26,059                       | 15,634  | 38,280               | <sup>10</sup> 1,113,873          |
| Psychiatric hospitals <sup>7</sup>  | 21,736                              | 13,657                       | 237     | 7,842                | 19,476                                    | 11,905                       | 200     | 7,371                | <sup>10</sup> 80,154             |
| General hospitals <sup>7</sup>      | 73,065                              | 16,526                       | 19,488  | 37,051               | 60,497                                    | 14,154                       | 15,434  | 30,909               | <sup>10</sup> 1,033,719          |
| PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS <sup>7</sup>  |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |                                  |
| Alabama: Tuscaloosa                 | 674                                 | 513                          |         | 161                  | 522                                       | 395                          |         | 127                  | 4,525                            |
| California: Los Angeles (Brentwood) | 470                                 | 440                          |         | 30                   | 424                                       | 408                          |         | 16                   | 4,339                            |
| Colorado: Fort Lyon                 | 600                                 | 435                          |         | 165                  | 549                                       | 405                          |         | 144                  | 2,271                            |
| Indiana: Marion                     | 1,145                               | 384                          |         | 761                  | 1,053                                     | 319                          |         | 734                  | 3,935                            |
| Iowa: Knoxville                     | 728                                 | 347                          |         | 381                  | 663                                       | 301                          |         | 362                  | 2,006                            |
| Maryland: Perry Point               | 980                                 | 506                          |         | 474                  | 912                                       | 466                          |         | 446                  | 3,646                            |
| Massachusetts:                      |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |                                  |
| Bedford                             | 861                                 | 526                          | 49      | 286                  | 753                                       | 433                          | 43      | 277                  | 3,426                            |
| Brockton                            | 842                                 | 563                          | 21      | 258                  | 773                                       | 513                          | 17      | 243                  | 3,207                            |
| Northampton                         | 709                                 | 473                          |         | 236                  | 649                                       | 430                          |         | 220                  | 2,549                            |
| Michigan: Battle Creek              | 1,170                               | 987                          |         | 183                  | 1,018                                     | 846                          |         | 172                  | 4,852                            |
| Minnesota: St. Cloud                | 1,002                               | 543                          | 14      | 445                  | 894                                       | 456                          | 13      | 426                  | 3,160                            |
| New Jersey: Lyons                   | 1,457                               | 906                          | 15      | 536                  | 1,300                                     | 776                          | 19      | 505                  | 4,116                            |
| New York:                           |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |                                  |
| Canandaigua                         | 1,053                               | 628                          | 15      | 410                  | 974                                       | 563                          | 14      | 398                  | 3,043                            |
| Montrose                            | 1,334                               | 1,042                        | 12      | 280                  | 1,149                                     | 890                          | 13      | 246                  | 4,329                            |
| North Carolina: Salisbury           | 917                                 | 647                          | 40      | 230                  | 813                                       | 575                          | 28      | 210                  | 5,164                            |
| Ohio: Chillicothe                   | 1,209                               | 617                          | 25      | 567                  | 1,099                                     | 521                          | 22      | 557                  | 4,868                            |
| Pennsylvania:                       |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |                                  |
| Coatesville                         | 1,441                               | 1,009                        | 21      | 411                  | 1,298                                     | 922                          | 15      | 361                  | 4,295                            |
| Pittsburgh                          | 949                                 | 629                          | 8       | 312                  | 816                                       | 520                          | 3       | 294                  | 3,111                            |
| South Dakota: Fort Meade            | 413                                 | 240                          | 17      | 156                  | 372                                       | 208                          | 14      | 149                  | 2,393                            |
| Tennessee: Murfreesboro             | 912                                 | 435                          |         | 477                  | 849                                       | 381                          |         | 468                  | 3,474                            |
| Texas: Waco                         | 1,100                               | 743                          |         | 358                  | 1,041                                     | 694                          |         | 346                  | 4,583                            |
| Washington: American Lake           | 610                                 | 457                          |         | 153                  | 507                                       | 386                          |         | 121                  | 2,786                            |
| Wisconsin: Tomah                    | 800                                 | 357                          |         | 443                  | 747                                       | 321                          |         | 426                  | 2,471                            |
| Wyoming: Sheridan                   | 360                                 | 231                          |         | 129                  | 300                                       | 177                          |         | 123                  | 1,890                            |
| GENERAL HOSPITALS <sup>7</sup>      |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |                                  |
| Alabama:                            |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |                                  |
| Birmingham                          | 499                                 |                              | 275     | 224                  | 384                                       |                              | 201     | 183                  | 13,449                           |
| Montgomery                          | 206                                 |                              | 36      | 170                  | 137                                       |                              | 22      | 114                  | 5,891                            |
| Tuskegee                            | 1,103                               | 524                          | 106     | 473                  | 952                                       | 476                          | 62      | 414                  | 5,341                            |
| Arizona:                            |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |                                  |
| Phoenix                             | 220                                 | 35                           | 81      | 104                  | 210                                       | 37                           | 75      | 98                   | 4,982                            |
| Prescott                            | 222                                 | 15                           | 43      | 164                  | 193                                       | 15                           | 42      | 136                  | 3,597                            |
| Tucson                              | 329                                 | 46                           | 122     | 161                  | 261                                       | 40                           | 94      | 127                  | 7,941                            |
| Arkansas:                           |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |                                  |
| Fayetteville                        | 220                                 |                              | 75      | 145                  | 196                                       |                              | 61      | 134                  | 4,891                            |
| Little Rock <sup>7</sup>            | 1,510                               | 691                          | 261     | 558                  | 1,331                                     | 620                          | 225     | 486                  | 17,810                           |
| California:                         |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |                                  |
| Fresno                              | 275                                 | 35                           | 107     | 133                  | 212                                       | 29                           | 89      | 93                   | 4,828                            |
| Livermore                           | 188                                 | 15                           | 69      | 104                  | 155                                       | 14                           | 55      | 87                   | 2,803                            |
| Long Beach                          | 1,596                               | 150                          | 302     | 1,144                | 1,169                                     | 106                          | 237     | 827                  | 24,525                           |
| Los Angeles (Wadsworth)             | 762                                 |                              | 254     | 508                  | 613                                       |                              | 177     | 436                  | 13,104                           |
| Martinez                            | 497                                 | 70                           | 178     | 249                  | 383                                       | 60                           | 136     | 188                  | 7,750                            |
| Palo Alto <sup>7</sup>              | 1,410                               | 1,067                        | 141     | 202                  | 1,064                                     | 828                          | 100     | 136                  | 10,520                           |
| San Diego                           | 598                                 | 104                          | 226     | 268                  | 431                                       | 83                           | 161     | 187                  | 13,305                           |
| San Francisco                       | 330                                 |                              | 181     | 149                  | 270                                       |                              | 150     | 121                  | 7,565                            |
| Sepulveda                           | 915                                 | 323                          | 184     | 409                  | 608                                       | 165                          | 119     | 324                  | 10,052                           |
| Colorado:                           |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |                                  |
| Denver                              | 439                                 | 76                           | 180     | 183                  | 360                                       | 68                           | 143     | 150                  | 11,784                           |
| Grand Junction                      | 115                                 |                              | 32      | 83                   | 99  |                              | 25      | 74                   | 1,903                            |
| Connecticut:                        |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |                                  |
| Newington                           | 178                                 | 22                           | 85      | 71                   | 143                                       | 17                           | 71      | 55                   | 3,721                            |
| West Haven                          | 723                                 | 105                          | 177     | 441                  | 548                                       | 93                           | 133     | 322                  | 10,097                           |
| Delaware: Wilmington                | 336                                 |                              | 148     | 188                  | 267                                       |                              | 120     | 146                  | 4,604                            |
| District of Columbia: Washington    | 708                                 | 180                          | 201     | 327                  | 599                                       | 168                          | 164     | 266                  | 13,583                           |
| Florida:                            |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |                                  |
| Bay Pines                           | 673                                 | 126                          | 151     | 396                  | 643                                       | 120                          | 136     | 387                  | 7,536                            |
| Gainesville                         | 478                                 | 90                           | 205     | 183                  | 388                                       | 80                           | 169     | 139                  | 10,717                           |
| Lake City                           | 369                                 |                              | 99      | 270                  | 281                                       |                              | 65      | 216                  | 5,187                            |
| Miami                               | 790                                 | 164                          | 228     | 396                  | 658                                       | 152                          | 183     | 323                  | 18,047                           |
| Tampa                               | 639                                 | 104                          | 210     | 325                  | 522                                       | 97                           | 172     | 253                  | 12,290                           |

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VA Hospitals: Average Operating Beds, Average Daily Census, Patients Treated—During Fiscal Year 1975

| Hospital                  | Average Operating Beds <sup>2</sup> |                              |         |                      | Average Daily Patient Census <sup>3</sup> |                              |         |                      | Total<br>Number<br>of<br>Patients<br>Treated |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|----------------------|---|------------------------------|---------|----------------------|--|
|                           | Total                               | Bed Section <sup>1</sup>     |         |                      | Total                                     | Bed Section <sup>1</sup>     |         |                      |  |
|                           |                                     | Psychi-<br>atry <sup>4</sup> | Surgery | Medical <sup>4</sup> |   | Psychi-<br>atry <sup>4</sup> | Surgery | Medical <sup>4</sup> |  |
| Georgia:                  |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Atlanta                   | 550                                 | 96                           | 224     | 230                  | 434                                       | 83                           | 176     | 174                  | 12,149                                       |
| Augusta                   | 1,258                               | 647                          | 153     | 458                  | 1,005                                     | 499                          | 122     | 383                  | 10,125                                       |
| Dublin                    | 468                                 |                              | 104     | 364                  | 400                                       |                              | 61      | 339                  | 4,416  |
| Idaho: Boise              | 172                                 |                              | 77      | 95                   | 150                                       |                              | 67      | 83                   | 3,032  |
| Illinois:                 |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Chicago (Research)        | 533                                 | 28                           | 244     | 261                  | 451                                       | 26                           | 199     | 225                  | 12,243                                       |
| Chicago (West Side)       | 545                                 | 84                           | 192     | 269                  | 460                                       | 79                           | 166     | 215                  | 8,570  |
| Denville                  | 1,302                               | 753                          | 100     | 449                  | 1,061                                     | 629                          | 59      | 373                  | 4,983  |
| Downey <sup>11</sup>      | 1,777                               | 1,108                        | 42      | 627                  | 1,503                                     | 929                          | 28      | 546                  | 6,490  |
| Hines                     | 1,527                               | 240                          | 470     | 817                  | 1,291                                     | 205                          | 381     | 704                  | 25,180                                       |
| Marion                    | 176                                 |                              | 44      | 132                  | 135                                       |                              | 33      | 102                  | 4,090  |
| Indiana:                  |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Fort Wayne                | 178                                 |                              | 67      | 111                  | 161                                       |                              | 59      | 103                  | 2,941  |
| Indianapolis <sup>5</sup> | 655                                 | 99                           | 217     | 339                  | 524                                       | 90                           | 177     | 256                  | 12,825                                       |
| Iowa:                     |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Des Moines                | 362                                 |                              | 154     | 208                  | 304                                       |                              | 120     | 184                  | 6,363  |
| Iowa City                 | 364                                 | 56                           | 155     | 153                  | 280                                       | 45                           | 117     | 119                  | 9,601  |
| Kansas:                   |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Leavenworth               | 529                                 | 171                          | 116     | 242                  | 412                                       | 147                          | 87      | 179                  | 5,851  |
| Topeka <sup>12</sup>      | 908                                 | 518                          | 57      | 333                  | 783                                       | 446                          | 43      | 294                  | 5,611  |
| Wichita                   | 202                                 |                              | 101     | 101                  | 158                                       |                              | 69      | 89                   | 4,336  |
| Kentucky:                 |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Lexington <sup>9</sup>    | 992                                 | 407                          | 150     | 435                  | 878                                       | 375                          | 118     | 385                  | 11,313                                       |
| Louisville                | 422                                 | 49                           | 182     | 191                  | 364                                       | 48                           | 143     | 173                  | 6,793  |
| Louisiana:                |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Alexandria                | 375                                 |                              | 110     | 265                  | 320                                       |                              | 85      | 235                  | 4,796  |
| New Orleans               | 579                                 | 62                           | 219     | 298                  | 495                                       | 58                           | 174     | 263                  | 11,324                                       |
| Shreveport                | 464                                 | 74                           | 150     | 240                  | 387                                       | 70                           | 110     | 208                  | 8,999  |
| Maine: Togus              | 744                                 | 439                          | 86      | 219                  | 641                                       | 403                          | 54      | 184                  | 5,958  |
| Maryland:                 |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Baltimore                 | 291                                 | 14                           | 109     | 168                  | 219                                       | 15                           | 82      | 122                  | 6,532  |
| Fort Howard               | 231                                 |                              |         | 231                  | 207                                       |                              |         | 207                  | 2,105  |
| Massachusetts:            |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Boston                    | 837                                 | 104                          | 259     | 474                  | 698                                       | 102                          | 220     | 376                  | 13,469                                       |
| West Roxbury              | 274                                 |                              | 72      | 202                  | 214                                       |                              | 61      | 153                  | 2,762  |
| Michigan:                 |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Allen Park                | 680                                 | 51                           | 196     | 433                  | 556                                       | 44                           | 146     | 367                  | 8,417  |
| Ann Arbor                 | 430                                 | 79                           | 164     | 187                  | 289                                       | 58                           | 98      | 133                  | 9,980  |
| Iron Mountain             | 234                                 |                              | 95      | 139                  | 171                                       |                              | 55      | 116                  | 3,457  |
| Saginaw                   | 217                                 |                              | 86      | 131                  | 182                                       |                              | 75      | 107                  | 2,557  |
| Minnesota: Minneapolis    | 862                                 | 107                          | 367     | 388                  | 692                                       | 100                          | 288     | 305                  | 17,816                                       |
| Mississippi:              |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Biloxi <sup>7</sup>       | 842                                 | 506                          | 84      | 252                  | 771                                       | 459                          | 70      | 242                  | 5,577  |
| Jackson                   | 500                                 | 70                           | 188     | 242                  | 404                                       | 61                           | 156     | 187                  | 9,541  |
| Missouri:                 |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Columbia                  | 374                                 | 60                           | 133     | 181                  | 271                                       | 41                           | 100     | 130                  | 6,989  |
| Kansas City               | 482                                 | 63                           | 220     | 199                  | 393                                       | 59                           | 171     | 163                  | 10,115                                       |
| Poplar Bluff              | 176                                 |                              | 79      | 97                   | 140                                       |                              | 54      | 86                   | 3,758  |
| St. Louis <sup>7</sup>    | 998                                 | 290                          | 245     | 463                  | 795                                       | 223                          | 191     | 381                  | 14,723                                       |
| Montana:                  |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Fort Harrison             | 160                                 |                              | 58      | 102                  | 143                                       |                              | 49      | 94                   | 2,764  |
| Miles City                | 96                                  |                              | 34      | 62                   | 81  |                              | 28      | 52                   | 2,068  |
| Nebraska:                 |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Grand Island              | 172                                 |                              | 63      | 109                  | 124                                       |                              | 42      | 82                   | 2,228  |
| Lincoln                   | 206                                 | 60                           | 86      | 60                   | 163                                       | 53                           | 59      | 52                   | 3,751  |
| Omaha                     | 392                                 | 61                           | 135     | 196                  | 326                                       | 54                           | 108     | 164                  | 9,553  |
| Nevada: Reno              | 177                                 |                              | 90      | 87                   | 145                                       |                              | 76      | 69                   | 3,336  |
| New Hampshire: Manchester | 150                                 |                              | 56      | 94                   | 147                                       |                              | 52      | 96                   | 3,340  |
| New Jersey: East Orange   | 1,093                               | 245                          | 248     | 600                  | 933                                       | 192                          | 217     | 524                  | 13,980                                       |
| New Mexico: Albuquerque   | 420                                 | 73                           | 151     | 197                  | 372                                       | 67                           | 128     | 177                  | 10,272                                       |
| New York:                 |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Albany                    | 776                                 | 122                          | 217     | 437                  | 636                                       | 100                          | 168     | 368                  | 8,354  |
| Batavia                   | 241                                 |                              | 30      | 211                  | 208                                       |                              | 22      | 186                  | 1,714  |
| Bath                      | 208                                 | 11                           |         | 197                  | 193                                       | 10                           |         | 183                  | 1,425  |
| Bronx:                    | 987                                 | 109                          | 310     | 568                  | 747                                       | 74                           | 226     | 447                  | 14,655                                       |
| Brooklyn <sup>8</sup>     | 1,000                               | 124                          | 295     | 581                  | 845                                       | 106                          | 239     | 500                  | 13,111                                       |
| Buffalo                   | 888                                 | 134                          | 207     | 547                  | 776                                       | 123                          | 170     | 483                  | 11,435                                       |
| Castle Point              | 258                                 |                              | 67      | 191                  | 223                                       |                              | 63      | 160                  | 2,621  |
| New York                  | 1,030                               | 183                          | 377     | 470                  | 880                                       | 163                          | 308     | 408                  | 15,266                                       |
| Northport                 | 932                                 | 366                          | 137     | 429                  | 839                                       | 356                          | 123     | 361                  | 7,706  |
| Syracuse                  | 400                                 | 91                           | 175     | 134                  | 322                                       | 75                           | 143     | 105                  | 5,086  |

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| Hospital                      | Average Operating Beds <sup>2</sup> |                              |         |                      | Average Daily Patient Census <sup>3</sup> |                              |         |                      | Total<br>Number<br>of<br>Patients<br>Treated |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|----------------------|---|------------------------------|---------|----------------------|--|
|                               | Total                               | Bed Section <sup>1</sup>     |         |                      | Total                                     | Bed Section <sup>1</sup>     |         |                      |  |
|                               |                                     | Psychi-<br>atry <sup>4</sup> | Surgery | Medical <sup>4</sup> |   | Psychi-<br>atry <sup>4</sup> | Surgery | Medical <sup>4</sup> |  |
| North Carolina:               |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Asheville <sup>4</sup>        | 537                                 | 30                           | 159     | 348                  | 516                                       | 30                           | 145     | 341                  | 8,266  |
| Durham                        | 501                                 | 81                           | 216     | 204                  | 419                                       | 68                           | 193     | 158                  | 11,081                                       |
| Fayetteville                  | 346                                 | 35                           | 87      | 224                  | 318                                       | 34                           | 75      | 208                  | 5,596  |
| North Dakota: Fargo           | 224                                 |                              | 79      | 145                  | 185                                       |                              | 58      | 126                  | 3,280  |
| Ohio:                         |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Cincinnati                    | 439                                 | 78                           | 199     | 162                  | 370                                       | 67                           | 167     | 136                  | 7,731  |
| Cleveland <sup>7</sup>        | 1,681                               | 738                          | 292     | 651                  | 1,453                                     | 641                          | 228     | 584                  | 15,935                                       |
| Dayton                        | 858                                 | 200                          | 197     | 461                  | 718                                       | 177                          | 153     | 388                  | 7,272  |
| Oklahoma:                     |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Muskogee                      | 247                                 |                              | 106     | 141                  | 192                                       |                              | 76      | 116                  | 5,294  |
| Oklahoma City                 | 463                                 | 102                          | 161     | 200                  | 360                                       | 98                           | 122     | 141                  | 11,697                                       |
| Oregon:                       |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Portland                      | 527                                 | 30                           | 196     | 301                  | 435                                       | 27                           | 163     | 244                  | 12,126                                       |
| Roseburg <sup>13</sup>        | 364                                 | 194                          | 20      | 150                  | 325                                       | 164                          | 17      | 144                  | 3,183  |
| Pennsylvania:                 |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Altoona                       | 174                                 |                              | 49      | 125                  | 154                                       |                              | 53      | 101                  | 1,896  |
| Butler                        | 395                                 |                              |         | 395                  | 279                                       |                              |         | 279                  | 2,956  |
| Erie                          | 142                                 |                              | 42      | 100                  | 132                                       |                              | 36      | 96                   | 2,060  |
| Lebanon                       | 846                                 | 451                          | 31      | 364                  | 812                                       | 434                          | 26      | 353                  | 2,809  |
| Philadelphia                  | 481                                 | 38                           | 185     | 258                  | 411                                       | 35                           | 158     | 217                  | 9,150  |
| Pittsburgh <sup>6</sup>       | 741                                 | 31                           | 267     | 443                  | 561                                       | 24                           | 193     | 344                  | 10,494                                       |
| Wilkes-Barre                  | 500                                 | 112                          | 121     | 267                  | 423                                       | 89                           | 103     | 231                  | 5,110  |
| Puerto Rico: San Juan         | 692                                 | 240                          | 163     | 289                  | 641                                       | 238                          | 145     | 258                  | 14,862                                       |
| Rhode Island: Providence      | 351                                 | 39                           | 88      | 224                  | 281                                       | 38                           | 72      | 171                  | 7,437  |
| South Carolina:               |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Charleston                    | 429                                 | 55                           | 170     | 204                  | 335                                       | 52                           | 119     | 164                  | 7,145  |
| Columbia                      | 428                                 | 34                           | 179     | 215                  | 393                                       | 29                           | 159     | 206                  | 6,746  |
| South Dakota:                 |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Hot Springs                   | 232                                 | 44                           | 37      | 151                  | 214                                       | 35                           | 34      | 145                  | 2,410  |
| Sioux Falls                   | 250                                 | 29                           | 84      | 137                  | 199                                       | 24                           | 64      | 110                  | 4,600  |
| Tennessee:                    |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Memphis                       | 923                                 | 180                          | 208     | 535                  | 801                                       | 156                          | 177     | 467                  | 14,951                                       |
| Mountain Home                 | 508                                 | 73                           | 140     | 295                  | 453                                       | 64                           | 116     | 273                  | 6,738  |
| Nashville                     | 488                                 | 46                           | 211     | 231                  | 399                                       | 36                           | 170     | 193                  | 11,614                                       |
| Texas:                        |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Amarillo                      | 137                                 |                              | 61      | 76                   | 112                                       |                              | 49      | 62                   | 2,920  |
| Big Spring                    | 225                                 |                              | 87      | 138                  | 189                                       |                              | 66      | 122                  | 4,005  |
| Bonham                        | 78                                  | 15                           | 24      | 39                   | 68  | 15                           | 22      | 31                   | 1,536  |
| Dallas                        | 764                                 | 138                          | 292     | 334                  | 609                                       | 124                          | 221     | 265                  | 15,848                                       |
| Houston                       | 1,252                               | 389                          | 272     | 591                  | 1,119                                     | 382                          | 230     | 507                  | 19,047                                       |
| Kerrville                     | 302                                 |                              | 84      | 218                  | 255                                       |                              | 59      | 197                  | 3,307  |
| Marlin                        | 222                                 |                              |         | 222                  | 194                                       |                              |         | 194                  | 1,970  |
| San Antonio <sup>8</sup>      | 438                                 | 87                           | 196     | 155                  | 317                                       | 53                           | 154     | 110                  | 8,256  |
| Temple                        | 715                                 | 140                          | 196     | 379                  | 590                                       | 113                          | 167     | 310                  | 8,582  |
| Utah: Salt Lake City          | 506                                 | 132                          | 145     | 229                  | 376                                       | 111                          | 101     | 163                  | 10,088                                       |
| Vermont: White River Junction | 194                                 | 20                           | 87      | 87                   | 163                                       | 18                           | 65      | 79                   | 3,644  |
| Virginia:                     |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Hampton                       | 434                                 | 61                           | 88      | 285                  | 397                                       | 53                           | 78      | 267                  | 5,017  |
| Richmond                      | 853                                 | 38                           | 204     | 611                  | 723                                       | 39                           | 175     | 509                  | 12,670                                       |
| Salem                         | 957                                 | 571                          | 76      | 310                  | 767                                       | 428                          | 60      | 278                  | 7,742  |
| Washington:                   |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Seattle                       | 322                                 | 66                           | 118     | 138                  | 278                                       | 60                           | 101     | 117                  | 8,901  |
| Spokane                       | 213                                 |                              | 95      | 118                  | 188                                       |                              | 82      | 106                  | 3,648  |
| Vancouver                     | 368                                 | 55                           | 116     | 197                  | 295                                       | 45                           | 90      | 160                  | 4,219  |
| Walla Walla                   | 190                                 |                              | 43      | 147                  | 147                                       |                              | 30      | 117                  | 2,446  |
| West Virginia:                |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Beckley                       | 168                                 |                              | 50      | 118                  | 129                                       |                              | 43      | 86                   | 3,698  |
| Clarksburg                    | 212                                 | 25                           | 90      | 97                   | 177                                       | 26                           | 73      | 78                   | 4,494  |
| Huntington                    | 180                                 |                              | 60      | 120                  | 161                                       |                              | 49      | 112                  | 3,963  |
| Martinsburg                   | 688                                 | 18                           | 144     | 526                  | 574                                       | 12                           | 97      | 465                  | 5,018  |
| Wisconsin:                    |                                     |                              |         |                      |   |                              |         |                      |  |
| Madison                       | 438                                 | 20                           | 168     | 250                  | 300                                       | 13                           | 122     | 166                  | 8,221  |
| Wood                          | 889                                 | 197                          | 256     | 436                  | 697                                       | 170                          | 217     | 310                  | 12,239                                       |
| Wyoming: Cheyenne             | 129                                 |                              | 49      | 80                   | 114                                       |                              | 35      | 79                   | 2,718  |

<sup>1</sup>Beds are classified according to their intended use and patients occupying them are classed accordingly rather than on a diagnostic basis.

<sup>2</sup>Based on the number of operating beds at the end of each month of 13 consecutive months (June 1974-June 1975). In some instances, the operating beds by type of bed do not add to total because of rounding of figures in computations.

<sup>3</sup>Based on total patient-days during fiscal year divided by the number of days in year.

<sup>4</sup>"Medical" includes data for neurological, intermediate, spinal cord injury, physical medical and rehabilitation, blind rehabilitation and medicine.

<sup>5</sup>Includes data for the two VA general hospitals at Indianapolis, Ind. (Cold Spring Road, 10th St.).

<sup>6</sup>Includes data for the VA hospital Aspinwall, Pa.

<sup>7</sup>Data for the VA Psychiatric Hospitals, Augusta, Ga., Brecksville, Ohio, Gulfport, Miss., Jefferson Bks., North Little Rock, Ark., and Palo Alto, Calif.,

have been consolidated respectively with the VA General hospitals, Augusta, Cleveland, Biloxi, St. Louis, Little Rock, and Palo Alto.

<sup>8</sup>Includes data for the two VA general hospitals at Brooklyn, N.Y. (St. Albans; Poly Pl.)

<sup>9</sup>Includes data for the two VA general hospitals at Lexington, Ky. (Cooper Drive; Leestown).

<sup>10</sup>Transfers are excluded in overall total; included in total for individual stations.

<sup>11</sup>The VAH Downey, Ill., was redesignated from a psychiatric hospital to a general hospital effective March 31, 1975.

<sup>12</sup>Effective July 1, 1974, the VAH Topeka, Kans., was redesignated from a psychiatric hospital to a general hospital.

<sup>13</sup>Effective January 31, 1975, the VAH Roseburg, Ore., was redesignated from a psychiatric hospital to a general hospital.

<sup>14</sup>The VAH Oteen, N.C., was changed to VAH Asheville, N.C., January 7, 1975.

## VA, Non-VA Hospitals: Patient Turnover, Type of Hospital – Fiscal Year 1975

| Item  | All Hospitals | VA Hospitals |                          |                      |                  | Non-VA Hospitals     |                          |   |           | State Homes        |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---|-----------|--------------------|
|   |               | Total        | Type of Hospital         |                      | Total            | Type of Hospital     |                          |   |           |                    |
|   |               |              | Psychiatric <sup>1</sup> | General <sup>1</sup> |                  | Federal <sup>2</sup> | Non-Federal (VMH Manila) | State and Local Government <sup>3</sup> | Nonpublic |                    |
| Average daily patient census, fiscal year 1975                            | 83,534        | 81,453       | 22,955                   | 58,498               | 1,053            | 190                  | 89                       | 244                                     | 531       | 1,028              |
| Bed occupants and absent bed occupants as of June 30, 1974                | 80,526        | 78,640       | 20,182                   | 58,458               | <sup>a</sup> 893 | 139                  | 100                      | 140                                     | 514       | 1,034              |
| Total bed occupant and absent bed occupant gains during fiscal year 1975  | 1,243,830     | 1,209,628    | 83,343                   | 1,126,285            | 27,821           | 5,626                | 1,390                    | 6,278                                   | 14,527    | <sup>b</sup> 6,381 |
| Admissions <sup>7</sup>   | 1,069,757     | 1,036,101    | 56,447                   | 979,654              | 27,710           | 5,597                | 1,344                    | 6,254                                   | 14,515    | 5,946              |
| Transfers from other hospitals <sup>4 5</sup>                             | 30,609        | 30,609       | 7,810                    | 22,799               |                  |                      |                          |   |           |                    |
| Changes in bed section  | 143,029       | 142,918      | 19,086                   | 123,832              | 111              | 29                   | 46                       | 24                                      | 12        |                    |
| Total bed occupant and absent bed occupant losses during fiscal year 1975 | 1,244,898     | 1,210,836    | 83,854                   | 1,126,982            | 27,683           | 5,608                | 1,416                    | 6,262                                   | 14,397    | <sup>b</sup> 6,379 |
| Deaths  | 47,372        | 46,081       | 2,114                    | 43,967               | 772              | 187                  | 64                       | 147                                     | 374       | 519                |
| Discharges to post hospital care <sup>7</sup>                             | 678,512       | 646,299      | 20,523                   | 625,776              | 26,801           | 5,393                | 1,306                    | 6,091                                   | 14,011    | 5,412              |
| Other discharges <sup>4</sup>   | 344,061       | 344,061      | 37,846                   | 306,215              |                  |                      |                          |   |           |                    |
| Transfers to other hospitals <sup>4 5</sup>                               | 31,477        | 31,477       | 4,285                    | 27,192               |                  |                      |                          |   |           |                    |
| Changes in bed section  | 143,028       | 142,918      | 19,086                   | 123,832              | 110              | 28                   | 46                       | 24                                      | 12        |                    |
| Bed occupants and absent bed occupants as of June 30, 1975                | 79,499        | 77,432       | 19,671                   | 57,761               | 1,031            | 157                  | 74                       | 156                                     | 644       | 1,036              |
| Bed occupants remaining in hospital June 30, 1975                         | 78,051        | 76,007       | 19,193                   | 56,814               | 1,008            | 149                  | 73                       | 144                                     | 642       | 1,036              |
| Absent bed occupants June 30, 1975  | 1,448         | 1,425        | 478                      | 947                  | 23               | 8                    | 1                        | 12                                      | 2         |                    |
| Average daily patient census, fiscal year 1975                            | 82,253        | 79,973       | 19,476                   | 60,497               | 1,267            | 164                  | 77                       | 278                                     | 748       | 1,013              |
| Patients treated  | 1,149,444     | 1,113,873    | 80,154                   | 1,033,719            | 28,604           | 5,737                | 1,444                    | 6,394                                   | 15,029    | 6,967              |
| Post hospital care status patients — June 30, 1975                        | 572,039       | 572,039      | 21,338                   | 550,701              |                  |                      |                          |   |           |                    |

<sup>1</sup>During fiscal year 1975, data for the VA psychiatric hospitals, Augusta, Ga., Brecksville, Ohio, Gulfport, Miss., Jefferson Bks., North Little Rock, Ark., and Palo Alto, Calif., have been consolidated respectively with the VA general hospitals, Augusta, Cleveland, Biloxi, St. Louis, Little Rock and Palo Alto.

<sup>2</sup>Includes U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service hospitals located in Canal Zone area, and St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D.C.

<sup>3</sup>Includes hospitals operated by State, County and Municipal governments.

<sup>4</sup>Transfers for non-VA hospitals are included with admissions and other

discharges.

<sup>5</sup>Includes only patients transferred as VA beneficiaries.

<sup>6</sup>Data adjusted.

<sup>7</sup>Beginning with Fiscal Year 1973, patients coming to VA hospitals for chronic hemodialysis were considered to be inpatients. During Fiscal Year 1974, there were about 105,000 admissions (and discharges) for one day duration of stay and 145,000 during Fiscal Year 1975.

<sup>8</sup>Includes 448 and 435 patients respectively to and from leave of absence.

## VA, Non-VA and State Home Hospitals: Patient Turnover, Type of Bed Section — Fiscal Year 1975

| Item  | Type of Bed Section <sup>1</sup> |            |         |         |                  |            |         |         | State Homes        |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|---------|---------|------------------|------------|---------|---------|--------------------|
|   | VA Hospitals                     |            |         |         | Non-VA Hospitals |            |         |         |                    |
|   | Total                            | Psychiatry | Surgery | Medical | Total            | Psychiatry | Surgery | Medical |                    |
| Average daily patient census fiscal year 1974 . . . . .                             | 81,453                           | 26,836     | 15,629  | 38,988  | 1,053            | 459        | 189     | 406     | 1,028              |
| Bed occupants and absent bed occupants as of June 30, 1974 . . . . .                | 78,640                           | 27,373     | 14,041  | 37,226  | <sup>2</sup> 894 | 461        | 193     | 240     | 1,034              |
| Total bed-occupant and absent bed-occupant gains during fiscal year 1975 . . . . .  | 1,209,628                        | 184,886    | 368,981 | 655,761 | 27,820           | 7,659      | 3,806   | 16,355  | <sup>6</sup> 6,381 |
| Admissions <sup>5</sup> . . . . .   | 1,036,101                        | 154,435    | 307,392 | 574,274 | 27,710           | 7,643      | 3,750   | 16,317  | 5,946              |
| Transfer from other hospitals <sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup> . . . . .                   | 30,609                           | 8,685      | 10,707  | 11,217  |                  |            |         |         |                    |
| Change in bed section . . . . .   | 142,918                          | 21,766     | 50,882  | 70,272  | 110              | 16         | 56      | 38      |                    |
| Total bed-occupant and absent bed-occupant losses during fiscal year 1975 . . . . . | 1,210,836                        | 186,038    | 368,574 | 656,224 | 27,683           | 7,493      | 3,862   | 16,328  | <sup>6</sup> 6,379 |
| Deaths . . . . .  | 46,081                           | 423        | 10,516  | 35,142  | 772              | 32         | 158     | 582     | 519                |
| Discharges to post hospital care <sup>5</sup> . . . . .                             | 646,299                          | 60,887     | 251,349 | 334,063 | 26,801           | 7,434      | 3,675   | 15,692  | 5,412              |
| Other discharges <sup>4</sup> . . . . .   | 344,061                          | 100,737    | 57,385  | 185,939 |                  |            |         |         |                    |
| Changes in bed section . . . . .  | 142,918                          | 17,493     | 39,717  | 85,708  | 110              | 26         | 29      | 55      |                    |
| Transfers to other hospitals <sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup> . . . . .                    | 31,477                           | 6,498      | 9,607   | 15,372  |                  |            |         |         |                    |
| Bed occupants and absent bed occupants as of June 30, 1975 . . . . .                | 77,432                           | 26,221     | 14,448  | 36,736  | 1,031            | 627        | 137     | 267     | 1,036              |
| Bed occupants remaining in hospital June 30, 1975 . . . . .                         | 76,007                           | 25,211     | 14,269  | 36,527  | 1,008            | 606        | 137     | 265     | 1,036              |
| Absent bed occupants June 30, 1975 . . . . .  | 1,425                            | 1,010      | 179     | 236     | 23               | 21         |         | 2       |                    |
| Average daily patient census fiscal year 1975 . . . . .                             | 79,973                           | 26,059     | 15,634  | 38,280  | 1,267            | 625        | 175     | 468     | 1,013              |
| Patients treated . . . . .  | 1,113,873                        | 188,268    | 333,698 | 591,907 | 28,604           | 8,094      | 3,970   | 16,540  | 6,967              |
| Post hospital care status patients — June 30, 1975 . . . . .                        | 572,039                          | 72,883     | 252,233 | 246,923 |                  |            |         |         |                    |

<sup>1</sup>Beds are classified according to their intended use and patients occupying them are classed accordingly, rather than on a diagnostic basis. "Medical" bed sections include data for tuberculosis, neurological etc. patients.

<sup>2</sup>Data adjusted.

<sup>3</sup>Non-VA hospital transfers are included with other admissions and other discharges.

<sup>4</sup>Includes only patients transferred as VA beneficiaries.

<sup>5</sup>Beginning with Fiscal Year 1973, patients coming to VA hospitals for chronic hemodialysis were considered to be inpatients. During Fiscal Year 1974, there were about 105,000 admissions (and discharges) for one day duration of stay and 145,000 during Fiscal Year 1975.

<sup>6</sup>Includes 448 and 435 patients respectively to and from leave of absence.

*VA Hospitals: Patients Remaining, Compensation and Pension Status, Type of Patient<sup>1</sup>*  
*October 2, 1974*

| Compensation and Pensions Status   | All Patients | Type of Patient |           |                   |              |                              |
|--|--------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
|  |              | Tuberculosis    | Psychoses | Other Psychiatric | Neurological | General Medical and Surgical |
| VA Hospitals .....   | 80,715       | 936             | 22,898    | 14,694            | 7,616        | 34,573                       |
| Received care for a service-connected disability .....   | 15,169       | 69              | 9,053     | 1,834             | 1,008        | 3,205                        |
| Received care for non-service-connected disability and has a service-connected compensable disability which does not require medical care. . | 8,521        | 129             | 1,106     | 1,716             | 762          | 4,808                        |
| Received care for non-service-connected disability and on VA pension rolls .....   | 22,404       | 221             | 6,542     | 3,529             | 2,365        | 9,747                        |
| Received care for non-service-connected disability. No compensation or pension .....   | 34,191       | 518             | 6,082     | 7,547             | 3,421        | 16,623                       |
| Non-Veterans <sup>2</sup> .....  | 427          | .....           | 113       | 65                | 57           | 192                          |

<sup>1</sup> Figures shown are estimates based on tabulations of a 20 percent systematic random sample of records for patients remaining on October 2, 1974. The figures shown in the column for "All Patients" do not necessarily equal the sum of the component parts due to machine rounding of sample data.

<sup>2</sup> This group includes all patients other than veterans and military such as humanitarian emergencies, reimbursable cases, allied beneficiaries, donors, etc. If a patient is admitted as a Bureau of Employees Compensation case, he is coded as a non-veteran even though he is eligible as a veteran.

TABLE 12

## INPATIENT CARE

VA Hospitals: Patients Remaining, Type of Patient, Percent Hospitalized in Reported State of Residence - October 2, 1974<sup>1</sup>

| Reported State of Residence | All Patients |                            |         | Type of Patient              |                                    |             |                                    |           |                                    |                   |                                    |              |       |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-------|
|                             |              |                            |         | General Medical and Surgical |                                    | Tuberculous |                                    | Psychotic |                                    | Other Psychiatric |                                    | Neurological |       |
|                             | Total        | Hospitalized in Same State |         | Total                        | Percent Hospitalized in Same State | Total       | Percent Hospitalized in Same State | Total     | Percent Hospitalized in Same State | Total             | Percent Hospitalized in Same State |              |       |
|                             |              | Number                     | Percent |                              |                                    |             |                                    |           |                                    |                   |                                    |              |       |
| Total .....                 | 80,715       | 67,790                     | 84.0    | 34,569                       | 87.2                               | 938         | 86.9                               | 22,896    | 80.3                               | 14,693            | 82.2                               | 7,618        | 83.7  |
| United States .....         | 80,070       | 67,151                     | 83.9    | 34,217                       | 87.1                               | 934         | 86.8                               | 22,707    | 80.1                               | 14,630            | 82.1                               | 7,582        | 83.6  |
| Alabama .....               | 1,724        | 1,426                      | 82.7    | 624                          | 78.5                               | 45          | 100.0                              | 591       | 82.9                               | 310               | 89.7                               | 154          | 79.9  |
| Alaska .....                | 5            | .....                      | 0.0     | .....                        | 0.0                                | .....       | 0.0                                | 5         | 0.0                                | .....             | 0.0                                | .....        | 0.0   |
| Arizona .....               | 711          | 604                        | 85.0    | 450                          | 96.7                               | .....       | 0.0                                | 77        | 23.4                               | 116               | 83.6                               | 68           | 79.4  |
| Arkansas .....              | 1,307        | 1,143                      | 87.5    | 570                          | 80.2                               | 28          | 100.0                              | 338       | 92.6                               | 291               | 98.3                               | 80           | 73.8  |
| California .....            | 5,226        | 5,064                      | 96.9    | 2,735                        | 97.8                               | 59          | 100.0                              | 943       | 92.0                               | 929               | 97.7                               | 560          | 99.1  |
| Colorado .....              | 718          | 657                        | 91.5    | 283                          | 92.9                               | 16          | 100.0                              | 199       | 88.4                               | 168               | 94.6                               | 52           | 82.7  |
| Connecticut .....           | 1,054        | 748                        | 71.0    | 486                          | 95.7                               | 13          | 100.0                              | 309       | 24.3                               | 128               | 68.0                               | 118          | 91.5  |
| Delaware .....              | 269          | 168                        | 62.5    | 137                          | 100.0                              | .....       | 0.0                                | 75        | 0.0                                | 21                | 23.8                               | 36           | 72.2  |
| District of Columbia .....  | 508          | 325                        | 64.0    | 217                          | 86.2                               | 24          | 100.0                              | 92        | 29.3                               | 131               | 48.1                               | 44           | 54.5  |
| Florida .....               | 2,920        | 2,368                      | 81.1    | 1,591                        | 96.0                               | 48          | 89.6                               | 629       | 39.9                               | 366               | 78.1                               | 286          | 91.3  |
| Georgia .....               | 1,771        | 1,228                      | 69.3    | 769                          | 71.7                               | 25          | 40.0                               | 457       | 67.4                               | 369               | 74.3                               | 151          | 56.3  |
| Hawaii .....                | 5            | .....                      | 0.0     | .....                        | 0.0                                | .....       | 0.0                                | 5         | 0.0                                | .....             | 0.0                                | .....        | 0.0   |
| Idaho .....                 | 285          | 113                        | 39.6    | 191                          | 49.7                               | .....       | 0.0                                | 15        | 0.0                                | 29                | 31.0                               | 50           | 18.0  |
| Illinois .....              | 4,904        | 4,348                      | 88.7    | 1,811                        | 86.6                               | 67          | 92.5                               | 1,649     | 91.3                               | 871               | 86.7                               | 506          | 90.3  |
| Indiana .....               | 2,076        | 1,548                      | 74.6    | 619                          | 67.9                               | 18          | 50.0                               | 868       | 78.0                               | 442               | 84.6                               | 129          | 52.7  |
| Iowa .....                  | 1,077        | 882                        | 81.9    | 473                          | 77.6                               | .....       | 0.0                                | 366       | 90.2                               | 156               | 81.4                               | 82           | 70.7  |
| Kansas .....                | 1,181        | 947                        | 80.2    | 513                          | 74.5                               | 6           | 100.0                              | 267       | 73.8                               | 273               | 95.2                               | 122          | 83.6  |
| Kentucky .....              | 1,463        | 1,105                      | 75.5    | 645                          | 68.8                               | 14          | 100.0                              | 367       | 77.7                               | 308               | 83.8                               | 129          | 80.6  |
| Louisiana .....             | 1,288        | 969                        | 75.2    | 676                          | 93.6                               | 36          | 100.0                              | 248       | 14.5                               | 192               | 69.3                               | 136          | 96.3  |
| Maine .....                 | 601          | 575                        | 95.7    | 196                          | 94.9                               | .....       | 0.0                                | 139       | 96.4                               | 224               | 100.0                              | 42           | 73.8  |
| Maryland .....              | 1,408        | 933                        | 66.3    | 560                          | 61.3                               | 25          | 100.0                              | 269       | 86.2                               | 339               | 63.1                               | 215          | 55.3  |
| Massachusetts .....         | 2,619        | 2,424                      | 92.6    | 665                          | 84.1                               | 6           | 0.0                                | 968       | 96.3                               | 677               | 95.4                               | 303          | 94.7  |
| Michigan .....              | 2,293        | 2,118                      | 92.4    | 812                          | 93.8                               | 42          | 100.0                              | 845       | 92.7                               | 440               | 90.0                               | 154          | 87.7  |
| Minnesota .....             | 1,479        | 1,269                      | 85.8    | 519                          | 77.6                               | 10          | 60.0                               | 589       | 93.7                               | 266               | 87.2                               | 95           | 80.0  |
| Mississippi .....           | 1,044        | 731                        | 70.0    | 496                          | 73.2                               | 28          | 85.7                               | 245       | 73.5                               | 184               | 63.6                               | 91           | 51.6  |
| Missouri .....              | 1,676        | 1,123                      | 67.0    | 813                          | 78.6                               | 6           | 0.0                                | 304       | 37.5                               | 380               | 54.7                               | 173          | 93.6  |
| Montana .....               | 420          | 204                        | 48.6    | 216                          | 77.8                               | 5           | 0.0                                | 68        | 0.0                                | 92                | 19.6                               | 39           | 46.2  |
| Nebraska .....              | 819          | 542                        | 66.2    | 436                          | 92.7                               | 6           | 100.0                              | 172       | 8.1                                | 159               | 63.5                               | 46           | 37.0  |
| Nevada .....                | 255          | 136                        | 53.3    | 181                          | 53.6                               | .....       | 0.0                                | 20        | 50.0                               | 30                | 33.3                               | 24           | 79.2  |
| New Hampshire .....         | 342          | 114                        | 33.3    | 146                          | 58.9                               | .....       | 0.0                                | 74        | 0.0                                | 81                | 19.8                               | 41           | 29.3  |
| New Jersey .....            | 2,498        | 2,092                      | 83.7    | 868                          | 80.1                               | 48          | 100.0                              | 1,046     | 88.9                               | 348               | 85.1                               | 188          | 65.4  |
| New Mexico .....            | 398          | 308                        | 77.4    | 264                          | 81.8                               | .....       | 0.0                                | 51        | 47.1                               | 64                | 84.4                               | 19           | 73.7  |
| New York .....              | 7,793        | 7,531                      | 96.8    | 3,443                        | 98.9                               | 55          | 100.0                              | 2,426     | 93.4                               | 1,053             | 96.4                               | 816          | 98.7  |
| North Carolina .....        | 2,109        | 1,852                      | 87.8    | 1,034                        | 91.8                               | 31          | 64.5                               | 499       | 91.0                               | 308               | 84.7                               | 237          | 70.9  |
| North Dakota .....          | 242          | 85                         | 35.1    | 101                          | 73.3                               | .....       | 0.0                                | 83        | 0.0                                | 47                | 0.0                                | 11           | 100.0 |
| Ohio .....                  | 3,587        | 3,214                      | 89.6    | 1,333                        | 90.2                               | 15          | 100.0                              | 1,189     | 91.5                               | 660               | 88.9                               | 390          | 82.6  |
| Oklahoma .....              | 826          | 523                        | 63.3    | 403                          | 95.0                               | 12          | 100.0                              | 194       | 16.0                               | 159               | 49.7                               | 58           | 31.0  |
| Oregon .....                | 973          | 672                        | 69.1    | 541                          | 67.5                               | 14          | 0.0                                | 124       | 81.5                               | 197               | 62.4                               | 97           | 85.6  |
| Pennsylvania .....          | 4,931        | 4,476                      | 90.8    | 1,418                        | 90.3                               | 52          | 90.4                               | 2,181     | 91.8                               | 699               | 92.0                               | 581          | 86.6  |
| Rhode Island .....          | 322          | 174                        | 54.0    | 143                          | 86.0                               | 5           | 100.0                              | 85        | 11.8                               | 59                | 18.6                               | 30           | 83.3  |
| South Carolina .....        | 1,199        | 652                        | 54.4    | 610                          | 80.0                               | 22          | 40.9                               | 226       | 8.8                                | 255               | 27.1                               | 86           | 76.7  |
| South Dakota .....          | 511          | 410                        | 80.2    | 259                          | 74.1                               | .....       | 0.0                                | 106       | 91.5                               | 109               | 86.2                               | 37           | 73.0  |
| Tennessee .....             | 2,050        | 1,835                      | 89.5    | 788                          | 92.4                               | 26          | 80.8                               | 707       | 87.0                               | 367               | 86.9                               | 162          | 93.8  |
| Texas .....                 | 4,721        | 4,292                      | 90.9    | 2,343                        | 92.9                               | 51          | 90.2                               | 1,091     | 89.9                               | 878               | 86.7                               | 358          | 91.3  |
| Utah .....                  | 314          | 298                        | 94.9    | 140                          | 100.0                              | .....       | 0.0                                | 59        | 81.4                               | 84                | 100.0                              | 31           | 83.9  |
| Vermont .....               | 129          | 89                         | 69.0    | 60                           | 100.0                              | .....       | 0.0                                | 37        | 5.4                                | 32                | 84.4                               | .....        | 0.0   |
| Virginia .....              | 1,879        | 1,516                      | 80.7    | 803                          | 81.1                               | 48          | 87.5                               | 317       | 81.7                               | 426               | 76.5                               | 285          | 83.5  |
| Washington .....            | 1,115        | 1,058                      | 94.9    | 534                          | 92.9                               | .....       | 0.0                                | 319       | 96.9                               | 225               | 97.8                               | 37           | 89.2  |
| West Virginia .....         | 1,073        | 606                        | 56.5    | 538                          | 80.7                               | 14          | 64.3                               | 226       | 9.3                                | 218               | 36.7                               | 77           | 80.5  |
| Wisconsin .....             | 1,719        | 1,471                      | 85.6    | 654                          | 85.5                               | 14          | 100.0                              | 489       | 75.7                               | 411               | 93.2                               | 151          | 96.0  |
| Wyoming .....               | 233          | 185                        | 79.4    | 110                          | 75.5                               | .....       | 0.0                                | 59        | 100.0                              | 59                | 72.9                               | 5            | 0.0   |
| Outside United States ..    | 644          | 639                        | 99.2    | 352                          | 98.6                               | 4           | 100.0                              | 189       | 100.0                              | 63                | 100.0                              | 36           | 100.0 |
| Puerto Rico .....           | 644          | 639                        | 99.2    | 352                          | 98.6                               | 4           | 100.0                              | 189       | 100.0                              | 63                | 100.0                              | 36           | 100.0 |

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shown in the column for "All Patients" do not necessarily equal the sum of the component parts due to machine rounding of sample data.

VA Hospitals: Patients Remaining, Chronicity, Compensation and Pension Status, Diagnostic Grouping — October 2, 1974<sup>1</sup>

| Diagnostic Composition of Patients                          | All Patients <sup>2</sup> | Treated for SC Disabilities | Veterans with Compensable SC Disabilities but Treated for NSC Disabilities Only | Treated for "Chronic" NSC Disabilities <sup>3</sup> | Treated for Presumed "Non-Chronic" NSC Disabilities <sup>4</sup> | Non-Veterans <sup>5</sup> |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------|
| All patients .....  | 80,715                    | 15,170                      | 8,520   | 18,971  | 37,631   | 424                       |
| Tuberculosis .....  | 937                       | 69                          | 128   | 277   | 463  | .....                     |
| Pulmonary tuberculosis .....                                | 856                       | 64                          | 114   | 255   | 423  | .....                     |
| Other tuberculosis .....                                    | 81                        | 5                           | 14  | 22  | 40   | .....                     |
| Psychoses .....   | 22,897                    | 9,054                       | 1,106   | 8,618   | 4,006  | 113                       |
| Functional .....  | 18,245                    | 8,457                       | 728   | 5,733   | 3,225  | 102                       |
| Organic .....   | 4,652                     | 597                         | 378   | 2,885   | 781  | 11                        |
| Other psychiatric .....                                     | 14,697                    | 1,835                       | 1,718   | 4,180   | 6,899  | 65                        |
| Neurological .....  | 7,616                     | 1,008                       | 763   | 2,665   | 3,122  | 58                        |
| Vascular lesions affecting central nervous system .....     | 2,517                     | 174                         | 321   | 857   | 1,152  | 13                        |
| Other neurological .....                                    | 5,075                     | 834                         | 442   | 1,808   | 1,951  | 40                        |
| Neurological diseases of the sense organs .....             | 24                        | .....                       | .....   | .....   | 19   | 5                         |
| General medical and surgical .....                          | 34,569                    | 3,204                       | 4,805   | 3,231   | 23,141   | 188                       |
| Infective and parasitic diseases .....                      | 387                       | 55                          | 48  | 46  | 238  | .....                     |
| Malignant neoplasms .....                                   | 5,213                     | 195                         | 710   | 472   | 3,824  | 12                        |
| Benign and unspecified neoplasms .....                      | 375                       | 20                          | 66  | 22  | 267  | .....                     |
| Allergic and endocrine system .....                         | 1,934                     | 262                         | 306   | 307   | 1,049  | 10                        |
| Heart diseases and symptoms .....                           | 3,937                     | 318                         | 632   | 364   | 2,604  | 19                        |
| Vascular diseases .....                                     | 3,085                     | 299                         | 379   | 412   | 1,990  | 5                         |
| Acute respiratory diseases .....                            | 651                       | 37                          | 45  | 35  | 534  | .....                     |
| Other respiratory diseases with asthma and symptoms .....   | 2,752                     | 290                         | 328   | 357   | 1,758  | 19                        |
| Diseases of the digestive system and symptoms .....         | 4,977                     | 335                         | 754   | 227   | 3,637  | 24                        |
| Diseases of the genitourinary system and symptoms .....     | 2,288                     | 207                         | 340   | 140   | 1,576  | 25                        |
| Diseases of skin and cellular tissue .....                  | 1,258                     | 167                         | 165   | 108   | 808  | 10                        |
| Diseases of bones and organs of movement and symptoms ..... | 2,577                     | 518                         | 262   | 255   | 1,536  | 6                         |
| Accidents, poisonings and violence .....                    | 2,767                     | 241                         | 440   | 267   | 1,792  | 27                        |
| All other .....   | 2,368                     | 260                         | 330   | 219   | 1,528  | 31                        |

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<sup>2</sup>All groups are mutually exclusive and patients who possess the characteristics of more than 1 group are included only in that group having the highest priority for admission.

<sup>3</sup>This group of "Chronic" patients includes veterans hospitalized for non-service-connected conditions for 90 or more days as of the census date.

<sup>4</sup>This group of presumed "non-chronic" patients includes veterans hospitalized for non-service-connected conditions for less than 90 days as of the census date.

<sup>5</sup>This group includes all patients other than veterans, such as active military, humanitarian emergencies, reimbursable cases, allied beneficiaries, donors, etc. If a patient is admitted as a Bureau of Employees compensation case, he is coded as a non-veteran even though he is eligible as a veteran.



TABLE 14

*VA Hospitals: Patients Remaining, Compensation and Pension Status,  
Type of Patient, Age – October 2, 1974<sup>1</sup>*

| Type of patient and age group | Total<br>All<br>patients | Service connected veterans |                |                  |                             | Non-service connected |         |        | Non-<br>veterans <sup>3</sup> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------|-------------------------------|
|                               |                          | Total                      | 10% or<br>more | Less than<br>10% | NSC<br>with SC <sup>2</sup> | Total                 | Pension | Other  |                               |
| All patients                  | 80,715                   | 23,690                     | 14,619         | 550              | 8,521                       | 56,595                | 22,404  | 34,191 | 427                           |
| Under 25                      | 2,962 <sup>1</sup>       | 1,021                      | 796            | 67               | 158                         | 1,734                 | 82      | 1,652  | 208                           |
| 25-34                         | 6,483                    | 2,558                      | 2,054          | 51               | 453                         | 3,875                 | 395     | 3,480  | 48                            |
| 35-44                         | 8,984                    | 2,819                      | 2,073          | 86               | 660                         | 6,117                 | 1,481   | 4,636  | 48                            |
| 45-54                         | 23,689                   | 7,353                      | 4,543          | 157              | 2,653                       | 16,292                | 5,731   | 10,561 | 41                            |
| 55-64                         | 19,383                   | 6,106                      | 3,262          | 143              | 2,701                       | 13,237                | 5,273   | 7,964  | 43                            |
| 65 and over                   | 19,216                   | 3,833                      | 1,891          | 46               | 1,896                       | 15,340                | 9,442   | 5,898  | 39                            |
| Tuberculosis                  | 936                      | 198                        | 48             | 21               | 129                         | 739                   | 221     | 518    | .....                         |
| Under 25                      | 17                       | .....                      | .....          | .....            | .....                       | 17                    | .....   | 17     | .....                         |
| 25-34                         | 17                       | .....                      | .....          | .....            | 20                          | 72                    | 15      | 57     | .....                         |
| 35-44                         | 91                       | 20                         | .....          | .....            | 56                          | 277                   | 65      | 212    | .....                         |
| 45-54                         | 359                      | 83                         | 22             | 5                | 26                          | 241                   | 90      | 151    | .....                         |
| 55-64                         | 288                      | 47                         | 16             | 5                | 27                          | 132                   | 51      | 81     | .....                         |
| 65 and over                   | 181                      | 48                         | 10             | 11               | .....                       | .....                 | .....   | .....  | .....                         |
| Psychoses                     | 22,898                   | 10,159                     | 8,677          | 376              | 1,106                       | 12,624                | 6,542   | 6,082  | 113                           |
| Under 25                      | 1,168                    | 621                        | 535            | 42               | 44                          | 456                   | 10      | 446    | 91                            |
| 25-34                         | 2,654                    | 1,512                      | 1,393          | 47               | 72                          | 1,131                 | 198     | 933    | 11                            |
| 35-44                         | 3,591                    | 1,606                      | 1,446          | 66               | 94                          | 1,985                 | 828     | 1,157  | .....                         |
| 45-54                         | 6,983                    | 3,133                      | 2,660          | 122              | 351                         | 3,849                 | 2,372   | 1,477  | .....                         |
| 55-64                         | 4,363                    | 2,010                      | 1,584          | 94               | 332                         | 2,354                 | 1,260   | 1,094  | .....                         |
| 65 and over                   | 4,139                    | 1,277                      | 1,059          | 5                | 213                         | 2,849                 | 1,874   | 975    | 11                            |
| Other psychiatric             | 14,694                   | 3,550                      | 1,755          | 79               | 1,716                       | 11,076                | 3,529   | 7,547  | 65                            |
| Under 25                      | 758                      | 148                        | 75             | 21               | 52                          | 578                   | 23      | 555    | 33                            |
| 25-34                         | 1,637                    | 359                        | 206            | 4                | 149                         | 1,265                 | 48      | 1,217  | 13                            |
| 35-44                         | 2,039                    | 428                        | 180            | .....            | 248                         | 1,596                 | 158     | 1,438  | 13                            |
| 45-54                         | 4,443                    | 1,207                      | 624            | 24               | 559                         | 3,235                 | 889     | 2,346  | .....                         |
| 55-64                         | 2,829                    | 869                        | 435            | 15               | 419                         | 1,954                 | 805     | 1,149  | 6                             |
| 65 and over                   | 2,988                    | 539                        | 235            | 15               | 289                         | 2,448                 | 1,606   | 842    | .....                         |
| Neurological                  | 7,616                    | 1,770                      | 988            | 20               | 762                         | 5,786                 | 2,365   | 3,421  | 57                            |
| Under 25                      | 243                      | 52                         | 47             | .....            | 5                           | 160                   | 26      | 134    | 31                            |
| 25-34                         | 516                      | 189                        | 160            | .....            | 29                          | 321                   | 67      | 254    | 5                             |
| 35-44                         | 770                      | 206                        | 153            | 11               | 42                          | 564                   | 186     | 378    | .....                         |
| 45-54                         | 2,111                    | 534                        | 298            | .....            | 236                         | 1,562                 | 541     | 1,021  | 15                            |
| 55-64                         | 1,903                    | 505                        | 243            | 9                | 253                         | 1,397                 | 562     | 835    | .....                         |
| 65 and over                   | 2,073                    | 284                        | 87             | .....            | 197                         | 1,782                 | 983     | 799    | 6                             |
| General medical and surgical  | 34,573                   | 8,013                      | 3,151          | 54               | 4,808                       | 26,370                | 9,747   | 16,623 | 192                           |
| Under 25                      | 793                      | 200                        | 139            | 4                | 57                          | 540                   | 23      | 517    | 53                            |
| 25-34                         | 1,659                    | 498                        | 295            | .....            | 203                         | 1,141                 | 82      | 1,059  | 19                            |
| 35-44                         | 2,493                    | 559                        | 294            | 9                | 256                         | 1,900                 | 294     | 1,606  | 35                            |
| 45-54                         | 9,793                    | 2,396                      | 939            | 6                | 1,451                       | 7,369                 | 1,864   | 5,505  | 26                            |
| 55-64                         | 10,000                   | 2,675                      | 984            | 20               | 1,671                       | 7,291                 | 2,556   | 4,735  | 37                            |
| 65 and over                   | 9,835                    | 1,685                      | 500            | 15               | 1,170                       | 8,129                 | 4,928   | 3,201  | 22                            |

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<sup>2</sup> Veterans with compensable SC disabilities but treated for non-service-connected disabilities only.

<sup>3</sup> This group includes all patients other than veterans such as active military, humanitarian emergencies, reimbursable cases, allied beneficiaries, donors, etc. If a patient is admitted as a Bureau of Employees compensation case, he is coded as a non-veteran even though he is eligible as a veteran.

VA Hospitals: Patients Remaining, Diagnostic Category, Period of Service, Average Age and Age Group — October 2, 1974<sup>1</sup>

| Principal Diagnoses <sup>2</sup>   | All Patients | Period of Service |            |                              |        |        |                         | Average Age      | Age Group |       |        |        |       |        |             |
|--|--------------|-------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------------|
|  |              | Vietnam Era       | Post Korea | Korean Conflict <sup>3</sup> | WW II  | WW I   | All Others <sup>4</sup> |                  | Under 35  | 35-44 | 45-54  | 55-64  | 65-74 | 75-84  | 85 and Over |
| All diseases and conditions .....  | 80,715       | 9,733             | 4,901      | 8,471                        | 44,274 | 11,329 | 2,014                   | 54.5             | 9,448     | 8,987 | 23,689 | 19,386 | 7,446 | 10,368 | 1,411       |
| I. Infective and parasitic diseases .....  | 1,371        | 94                | 113        | 147                          | 897    | 99     | 21                      | 53.6             | 108       | 163   | 480    | 384    | 141   | 75     | 20          |
| Pulmonary tuberculosis (011) .....   | 856          | 17                | 53         | 97                           | 608    | 70     | 11                      | 55.8             | 17        | 83    | 336    | 258    | 91    | 60     | 11          |
| Tuberculosis, late effects (019) .....   | 62           |                   |            | 4                            | 54     | 4      |                         | ( <sup>5</sup> ) |           | 4     | 21     | 24     | 10    |        | 4           |
| Tuberculosis, Other (010, 012-018) .....   | 37           |                   |            |                              | 22     | 10     | 5                       | ( <sup>5</sup> ) |           |       | 10     | 11     | 10    | 5      |             |
| Cardiovascular syphilis (093) .....  | 10           |                   |            |                              | 5      | 5      |                         | ( <sup>5</sup> ) |           |       | 5      |        |       |        | 5           |
| Syphilis of central nervous system (094) .....   | 11           | 11                |            |                              |        |        |                         | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | 11        |       |        |        |       |        |             |
| Other forms of late syphilis, latent or unspecified (095-097) .....  | 26           | 21                | 5          |                              |        |        |                         | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | 21        | 5     |        |        |       |        |             |
| All other venereal diseases (090-092, 098-099) .....   |              |                   |            |                              |        |        |                         |                  |           |       |        |        |       |        |             |
| Infectious hepatitis (070) .....   |              |                   |            |                              |        |        |                         |                  |           |       |        |        |       |        |             |
| Malaria (084) .....  |              |                   |            |                              |        |        |                         |                  |           |       |        |        |       |        |             |
| All other infective and parasitic diseases (000-009, 020-027, 030-039, 040-046, 050-057, 060-068, 071-079, 080-083, 085-089, 100-104, 110-117, 120-129, 130-136) ..... | 369          | 45                | 55         | 46                           | 208    | 10     | 5                       | 48.8             | 59        | 71    | 108    | 91     | 30    | 10     |             |
| II. Neoplasms .....  | 5,768        | 198               | 135        | 331                          | 3,957  | 1,067  | 80                      | 60.8             | 136       | 262   | 1,447  | 1,957  | 853   | 1,005  | 104         |
| Malignancy of buccal cavity and pharynx (140-149) .....  | 579          | 31                | 11         | 46                           | 432    | 49     | 10                      | 59.2             | 5         | 20    | 167    | 242    | 90    | 56     |             |
| Malignancy of digestive organs and peritoneum (150-159) .....  | 890          | 5                 | 16         | 50                           | 585    | 234    |                         | 63.7             |           | 25    | 197    | 290    | 147   | 202    | 27          |
| Malignancy of respiratory system (160, 162-163) .....  | 1,401        | 21                | 10         | 70                           | 1,131  | 150    | 19                      | 59.5             | 5         | 47    | 397    | 577    | 225   | 143    | 5           |
| Malignancy of larynx (161) .....   | 233          | 6                 |            | 6                            | 171    | 50     |                         | 62.1             |           | 6     | 67     | 87     | 26    | 37     | 11          |
| Malignancy of lymphatic and hematopoietic tissue (200-209) .....   | 494          | 29                | 22         | 30                           | 299    | 114    |                         | 59.1             | 29        | 39    | 132    | 138    | 38    | 108    | 10          |
| Malignancy of genitourinary organs (180-189) .....   | 784          | 14                | 14         | 20                           | 434    | 281    | 21                      | 66.9             | 14        | 10    | 111    | 225    | 118   | 275    | 31          |
| Malignancies of all other systems (170-174, 190-199) .....   | 940          | 66                | 37         | 75                           | 612    | 125    | 25                      | 57.6             | 47        | 89    | 254    | 288    | 122   | 130    | 10          |
| Neoplasms, benign (210-228) .....  | 217          | 16                | 16         | 15                           | 141    | 24     | 5                       | 55.6             | 22        | 16    | 57     | 61     | 36    | 24     |             |
| Neoplasms, of unspecified nature (230-239) .....   | 230          | 10                | 9          | 19                           | 152    | 40     |                         | 59.7             | 14        | 10    | 65     | 49     | 51    | 30     | 10          |
| III. Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases .....  | 1,953        | 84                | 93         | 262                          | 1,217  | 268    | 29                      | 56.8             | 70        | 180   | 684    | 540    | 218   | 236    | 24          |
| Diabetes mellitus (250) .....  | 1,468        | 42                | 47         | 182                          | 937    | 236    | 24                      | 58.4             | 22        | 108   | 504    | 433    | 172   | 217    | 10          |
| Diseases of thyroid and other endocrine glands (240-246, 251-258) .....  | 173          | 28                | 10         | 20                           | 110    | 5      |                         | 50.0             | 28        | 21    | 69     | 31     | 14    | 5      | 5           |
| Avitaminosis and other nutritional deficiency (260-269) .....  | 94           | 5                 | 10         | 20                           | 41     | 18     |                         | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | 5         | 11    | 27     | 21     | 15    | 5      | 9           |
| Obesity not specified as of endocrine origin (277) .....   | 96           | 9                 | 10         | 25                           | 52     |        |                         | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | 15        | 15    | 42     | 24     |       |        |             |
| Other metabolic diseases (270-276, 278-279) .....  | 122          |                   | 16         | 15                           | 77     | 9      | 5                       | 55.8             |           | 25    | 42     | 31     | 17    | 9      |             |
| IV. Diseases of blood and blood-forming organs .....   | 279          | 9                 | 27         | 15                           | 172    | 50     | 6                       | 60.3             | 14        | 26    | 62     | 73     | 39    | 61     | 5           |
| Anemia, iron deficiency (280) .....  | 44           |                   | 5          | 5                            | 23     | 11     |                         | ( <sup>5</sup> ) |           |       | 18     | 10     | 5     | 6      | 5           |
| Pernicious Anemia (281.0) .....  | 29           |                   |            |                              | 25     | 4      |                         | ( <sup>5</sup> ) |           |       | 5      | 10     | 10    | 4      |             |
| Anemia, other (281.1-285) .....  | 171          | 9                 | 22         | 5                            | 104    | 31     |                         | 60.2             | 14        | 21    | 28     | 38     | 20    | 51     |             |
| All other diseases of blood and blood-forming organs (286-289) .....   | 35           |                   |            | 5                            | 20     | 4      | 6                       | ( <sup>5</sup> ) |           | 5     | 11     | 15     | 4     |        |             |
| V. Mental disorders .....  | 37,526       | 6,117             | 3,001      | 4,785                        | 18,021 | 4,386  | 1,216                   | 51.3             | 6,208     | 5,617 | 11,415 | 7,182  | 2,509 | 4,003  | 594         |
| Psychoses not attributed to physical conditions (295-299) .....  | 18,246       | 3,419             | 1,733      | 2,696                        | 8,444  | 1,261  | 693                     | 47.8             | 3,688     | 3,330 | 6,039  | 3,072  | 832   | 1,158  | 127         |
| Alcoholic psychosis (291) .....  | 1,223        | 70                | 12         | 118                          | 973    | 32     | 18                      | 56.8             | 24        | 67    | 358    | 574    | 157   | 42     |             |
| Psychoses with organic brain syndrome, except syphilitic (290, 292.2-294) .....  | 3,236        | 136               | 104        | 266                          | 1,486  | 1,177  | 67                      | 65.2             | 111       | 194   | 552    | 664    | 458   | 1,074  | 184         |

|  |              |            |            |            |              |              |            |                  |            |            |              |              |              |              |            |
|--|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Psychoses associated with syphilis (292.0, 292.1) .....  | 189          | .....      | .....      | .....      | 96           | 88           | 5          | 68.0             | .....      | .....      | 34           | 53           | 20           | 71           | 11         |
| Alcoholism (303) .....   | 5,785        | 703        | 680        | 1,027      | 3,135        | 57           | 183        | 48.0             | 627        | 1,262      | 2,451        | 1,174        | 205          | 52           | 15         |
| Mental disorders, not specified as psychotic, associated with physical conditions (309.0, 309.13-309.9) .....  | 4,358        | 170        | 80         | 249        | 2,082        | 1,685        | 92         | 66.6             | 108        | 167        | 721          | 869          | 718          | 1,543        | 233        |
| Psychoneurotic, personality and behavioral disorders (excluding alcoholism) (300-302, 304-307, 307.3, 307.4) .....   | 4,423        | 1,619      | 392        | 424        | 1,749        | 81           | 158        | 42.4             | 1,650      | 592        | 1,239        | 750          | 110          | 58           | 24         |
| Mental retardation (310-315) .....   | 66           | .....      | .....      | 5          | 56           | 5            | .....      | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | .....      | 5          | 21           | 26           | 9            | 5            | .....      |
| <b>VI. Diseases of nervous system and sense organs .....</b>   | <b>4,291</b> | <b>501</b> | <b>248</b> | <b>469</b> | <b>2,543</b> | <b>452</b>   | <b>78</b>  | <b>53.7</b>      | <b>468</b> | <b>508</b> | <b>1,353</b> | <b>1,036</b> | <b>476</b>   | <b>404</b>   | <b>48</b>  |
| Inflammatory diseases of central nervous system (320-324) .....  | 70           | 15         | .....      | 9          | 41           | 5            | .....      | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | 15         | 9          | 26           | 15           | .....        | 5            | .....      |
| Epilepsy (345) .....   | 161          | 20         | 5          | 45         | 86           | 5            | .....      | 48.4             | 15         | 42         | 65           | 26           | 14           | .....        | .....      |
| Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (348.0) .....  | 68           | 6          | .....      | 6          | 46           | 10           | .....      | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | .....      | 6          | 22           | 26           | 9            | 6            | .....      |
| Paraplegia, cerebral or spinal (344.2, 349.3) .....  | 315          | 94         | 35         | 38         | 143          | 5            | .....      | 44.0             | 94         | 48         | 100          | 53           | 14           | 5            | .....      |
| Quadriplegia, cerebral or spinal (344.3, 349.4) .....  | 446          | 118        | 47         | 81         | 191          | 9            | .....      | 43.7             | 127        | 83         | 150          | 57           | 19           | 9            | .....      |
| Other diseases of central nervous system, including hereditary and familial disease of nervous system (330-333, 340-344.1, 344.9, 346-347, 348.1-349.2, 349.5-349.9) ..... | 2,085        | 115        | 132        | 209        | 1,333        | 254          | 42         | 56.8             | 88         | 243        | 644          | 542          | 303          | 244          | 21         |
| Diseases of nerves and peripheral ganglia (350-358) .....  | 326          | 39         | 5          | 30         | 232          | 10           | 10         | 51.9             | 34         | 26         | 132          | 103          | 20           | 5            | 6          |
| Inflammatory diseases of the eye and other diseases and conditions of the eye, except blindness (360-369, 370-378) .....   | 512          | 9          | 15         | 31         | 317          | 124          | 16         | 62.7             | 10         | 21         | 129          | 142          | 81           | 109          | 21         |
| Blindness (379) .....  | 120          | 27         | 4          | 10         | 58           | 21           | .....      | 50.2             | 27         | 15         | 31           | 32           | .....        | 16           | .....      |
| Disease of ear and mastoid process (380-389) .....   | 188          | 58         | 5          | 10         | 96           | 9            | 10         | 46.2             | 58         | 15         | 54           | 40           | 16           | 5            | .....      |
| <b>VII. Diseases of the circulatory system .....</b>   | <b>9,547</b> | <b>366</b> | <b>232</b> | <b>622</b> | <b>5,860</b> | <b>2,306</b> | <b>161</b> | <b>62.3</b>      | <b>184</b> | <b>416</b> | <b>2,291</b> | <b>2,955</b> | <b>1,293</b> | <b>2,134</b> | <b>276</b> |
| Chronic rheumatic heart disease (393-398) .....  | 131          | .....      | 5          | 4          | 117          | 5            | .....      | 55.2             | .....      | 9          | 52           | 54           | 10           | 5            | .....      |
| Hypertensive heart disease, exclusive of ischemic heart disease (400.1, 402, 404) .....  | 34           | 5          | 10         | .....      | 19           | .....        | .....      | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | .....      | 5          | 14           | 16           | .....        | .....        | .....      |
| Hypertensive disease without heart involvement (400.0, 400.2, 400.3, 400.9, 401, 403) .....  | 624          | 44         | 36         | 75         | 433          | 30           | 6          | 54.8             | 34         | 65         | 210          | 191          | 100          | 25           | .....      |
| Acute myocardial infarction (410) .....  | 470          | 11         | 10         | 73         | 301          | 70           | 5          | 58.2             | .....      | 45         | 148          | 170          | 37           | 70           | .....      |
| Chronic ischemic heart disease (412) .....   | 2,090        | 56         | 30         | 94         | 1,199        | 681          | 30         | 65.2             | 3          | 64         | 452          | 595          | 257          | 643          | 78         |
| Other ischemic heart disease, with or without hypertensive disease (411, 413, 414) .....   | 193          | 11         | 5          | 36         | 141          | .....        | .....      | 53.5             | .....      | 19         | 88           | 76           | 10           | .....        | .....      |
| Other forms of heart disease (391, 392.0, 402-429) .....   | 1,006        | 63         | 15         | 72         | 612          | 230          | 14         | 61.5             | 45         | 37         | 244          | 291          | 146          | 217          | 27         |
| Cerebral hemorrhage (431) .....  | 98           | .....      | 6          | 12         | 55           | 25           | .....      | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | .....      | 18         | 31           | 19           | 5            | 20           | 5          |
| Cerebral thrombosis (433) .....  | 531          | 6          | 16         | 5          | 321          | 168          | 15         | 66.5             | 6          | 15         | 42           | 199          | 81           | 172          | 15         |
| Cerebral embolism (434) .....  | 10           | .....      | .....      | .....      | 10           | .....        | .....      | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | .....      | .....      | 10           | .....        | .....        | .....        | .....      |
| Generalized ischemic cerebrovascular disease (437) .....   | 337          | 10         | 10         | 5          | 125          | 159          | 28         | 71.5             | .....      | 10         | 15           | 64           | 76           | 151          | 21         |
| All other cerebrovascular disease (430, 432, 435, 436, 438) .....  | 1,542        | 34         | 42         | 84         | 902          | 452          | 28         | 64.4             | 9          | 40         | 332          | 443          | 281          | 383          | 52         |
| Arteriosclerosis (440) .....   | 561          | 5          | 12         | 27         | 295          | 212          | 10         | 68.1             | .....      | 12         | 71           | 168          | 76           | 207          | 28         |
| All other diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries (441-448) .....   | 980          | 15         | 10         | 47         | 734          | 159          | 15         | 62.1             | 10         | 19         | 225          | 377          | 181          | 133          | 35         |
| Varicose veins lower extremities (454) .....   | 260          | 12         | 6          | 18         | 188          | 31           | 5          | 57.3             | 12         | 5          | 88           | 112          | 7            | 25           | 10         |
| Hemorrhoids (455) .....  | 157          | 47         | 10         | 5          | 79           | 16           | .....      | 47.9             | 32         | 19         | 71           | 19           | .....        | 16           | .....      |
| All other diseases of veins and lymphatics, and other diseases of circulatory system (390, 392.9, 450-453, 456-458) .....  | 523          | 47         | 9          | 65         | 329          | 68           | 5          | 55.8             | 33         | 34         | 198          | 161          | 26           | 67           | 5          |
| <b>VIII. Diseases of the respiratory system .....</b>  | <b>3,151</b> | <b>170</b> | <b>112</b> | <b>158</b> | <b>2,041</b> | <b>591</b>   | <b>79</b>  | <b>59.6</b>      | <b>174</b> | <b>152</b> | <b>772</b>   | <b>974</b>   | <b>515</b>   | <b>517</b>   | <b>46</b>  |
| Acute respiratory infections including influenza (460-466, 470-474) .....  | 84           | 14         | 6          | .....      | 64           | .....        | .....      | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | 9          | 6          | 34           | 15           | 14           | 6            | .....      |
| Pneumonia (480-486) .....  | 542          | 49         | 10         | 16         | 289          | 167          | 11         | 61.2             | 44         | 26         | 103          | 148          | 70           | 122          | 28         |
| Bronchitis, unqualified and chronic (490-491) .....  | 256          | 4          | 15         | .....      | 168          | 64           | 5          | 62.2             | 9          | 5          | 55           | 69           | 69           | 43           | 5          |
| Emphysema (492) .....  | 922          | 6          | 21         | 25         | 664          | 196          | 10         | 63.7             | 6          | 5          | 199          | 311          | 205          | 188          | 9          |
| Asthma (493) .....   | 122          | .....      | 5          | 10         | 102          | .....        | 5          | 57.1             | .....      | 5          | 40           | 68           | 5            | 5            | .....      |
| All other diseases of upper respiratory tract and respiratory system (500-508, 510-519) .....  | 1,225        | 97         | 55         | 107        | 754          | 164          | 48         | 55.9             | 106        | 105        | 341          | 363          | 152          | 153          | 4          |
| <b>IX. Diseases of the digestive system .....</b>  | <b>4,547</b> | <b>460</b> | <b>286</b> | <b>446</b> | <b>2,835</b> | <b>435</b>   | <b>85</b>  | <b>54.2</b>      | <b>373</b> | <b>485</b> | <b>1,575</b> | <b>1,259</b> | <b>394</b>   | <b>448</b>   | <b>15</b>  |
| Diseases of oral cavity, salivary glands, and jaws (520-529) .....   | 115          | 29         | .....      | 5          | 68           | 13           | .....      | 52.9             | 24         | 5          | 28           | 30           | 15           | 13           | .....      |

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TABLE 15 — Continued

VA Hospitals: Patients Remaining, Diagnostic Category, Period of Service, Average Age and Age Group — October 2, 1974<sup>1</sup>

| Principal Diagnoses: <sup>2</sup>  | All Patients | Period of Service |                         |                              |       |       |                         | Average Age      | Age Group |       |       |       |       |       |             |
|--|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
|  |              | Vietnam Era       | Post Korea <sup>7</sup> | Korean Conflict <sup>3</sup> | WW II | WW I  | All Others <sup>4</sup> |                  | Under 35  | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65-74 | 75-84 | 85 and Over |
| IX. Diseases of the digestive system — Cont.   |              |                   |                         |                              |       |       |                         |                  |           |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| Ulcers digestive system (stomach, duodenum, peptic, gastrojejunal) (531-534) . . . . .           | 683          | 53                | 67                      | 74                           | 423   | 51    | 15                      | 53.0             | 43        | 77    | 285   | 188   | 40    | 50    | .....       |
| All other diseases esophagus, stomach and duodenum (except ulcers) (530, 535-537) . . . . .      | 318          | 20                | 9                       | 38                           | 216   | 35    | .....                   | 56.3             | 19        | 32    | 91    | 106   | 30    | 35    | 5           |
| Hernia of abdominal cavity (550-553) . . . . .   | 802          | 61                | 34                      | 44                           | 472   | 156   | 35                      | 58.6             | 46        | 63    | 218   | 219   | 96    | 161   | .....       |
| Other diseases of intestine and peritoneum (540-543, 560-569) . . . . .                          | 968          | 145               | 50                      | 94                           | 540   | 123   | 16                      | 54.4             | 115       | 90    | 313   | 216   | 97    | 132   | 5           |
| Cirrhosis of liver (571) . . . . .   | 1,012        | 40                | 65                      | 119                          | 769   | ..... | 19                      | 53.0             | 20        | 114   | 448   | 347   | 77    | 6     | .....       |
| Other diseases of liver, gall bladder and pancreas (570, 572-577) . . . . .                      | 649          | 112               | 61                      | 72                           | 347   | 57    | .....                   | 50.4             | 106       | 104   | 192   | 153   | 39    | 51    | 5           |
| X. Diseases of the genitourinary system . . . . .  |              |                   |                         |                              |       |       |                         |                  |           |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| Nephritis and nephrosis (580-584) . . . . .  | 2,078        | 168               | 60                      | 189                          | 1,109 | 497   | 55                      | 59.8             | 149       | 169   | 461   | 550   | 252   | 424   | 77          |
| Other diseases of urinary system (590-599) . . . . .   | 297          | 59                | 16                      | 31                           | 164   | 27    | .....                   | 53.2             | 39        | 35    | 86    | 84    | 21    | 28    | 5           |
| Diseases of the prostate (600-602) . . . . .   | 910          | 55                | 34                      | 100                          | 528   | 154   | 39                      | 57.7             | 55        | 119   | 230   | 227   | 120   | 141   | 21          |
| Other diseases of male genital organs (603-607) . . . . .  | 695          | 20                | 10                      | 36                           | 319   | 294   | 16                      | 67.6             | 15        | 5     | 87    | 203   | 106   | 234   | 45          |
| Diseases of breast, gynecological conditions (610-616, 620-629) . . . . .                        | 126          | 28                | .....                   | 10                           | 66    | 22    | .....                   | 52.1             | 28        | 10    | 36    | 25    | 5     | 16    | 6           |
|  | 50           | 6                 | .....                   | 12                           | 32    | ..... | .....                   | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | 12        | ..... | 22    | 11    | ..... | 5     | .....       |
| XI. Deliveries and Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (630-678) . . . . . |              |                   |                         |                              |       |       |                         |                  |           |       |       |       |       |       |             |
|  |              |                   |                         |                              |       |       |                         |                  |           |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| XII. Diseases of skin and subcutaneous tissue . . . . .  |              |                   |                         |                              |       |       |                         |                  |           |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| Infections of skin and subcutaneous tissue (680-686, 694-698) . . . . .                          | 1,258        | 185               | 83                      | 124                          | 704   | 142   | 20                      | 52.5             | 175       | 168   | 412   | 238   | 99    | 149   | 16          |
| All other diseases of skin and subcutaneous tissue (690-693, 700-709) . . . . .                  | 546          | 82                | 20                      | 63                           | 334   | 37    | 10                      | 51.1             | 88        | 66    | 189   | 100   | 51    | 46    | 5           |
|  | 712          | 103               | 63                      | 61                           | 370   | 105   | 10                      | 53.5             | 87        | 102   | 223   | 138   | 48    | 103   | 11          |
| XIII. Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue . . . . .                     |              |                   |                         |                              |       |       |                         |                  |           |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| Arthritis and rheumatism, except rheumatic fever (710-718) . . . . .                             | 2,544        | 338               | 119                     | 260                          | 1,594 | 207   | 26                      | 51.6             | 321       | 230   | 832   | 771   | 186   | 171   | 36          |
| Displacement of intervertebral disc (725) . . . . .  | 1,056        | 30                | 21                      | 83                           | 775   | 137   | 10                      | 58.8             | 21        | 46    | 339   | 392   | 111   | 122   | 25          |
| Osteomyelitis and other diseases of bone and joint (720-724, 726-729) . . . . .                  | 255          | 56                | 6                       | 55                           | 122   | 5     | 11                      | 46.1             | 56        | 45    | 78    | 71    | ..... | 5     | .....       |
| Other diseases of musculoskeletal system (730-738) . . . . .                                     | 732          | 177               | 61                      | 88                           | 376   | 30    | .....                   | 47.0             | 168       | 118   | 234   | 155   | 34    | 14    | 11          |
|  | 501          | 75                | 31                      | 34                           | 321   | 35    | 5                       | 52.2             | 76        | 21    | 181   | 153   | 41    | 30    | .....       |
| XIV. Congenital deformities (741-759) . . . . .  |              |                   |                         |                              |       |       |                         |                  |           |       |       |       |       |       |             |
|  | 148          | 29                | 11                      | 10                           | 84    | 5     | 9                       | 50.5             | 30        | 19    | 33    | 39    | 17    | 10    | .....       |
| XVI.a Symptoms and ill-defined conditions . . . . .  |              |                   |                         |                              |       |       |                         |                  |           |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| Senility without mention of psychosis (794) . . . . .  | 2,000        | 238               | 108                     | 229                          | 1,116 | 285   | 24                      | 55.1             | 226       | 162   | 626   | 513   | 163   | 263   | 46          |
| Symptoms and all other ill-defined conditions (780-792, 795-796) . . . . .                       | 59           | .....             | .....                   | .....                        | 4     | 50    | 5                       | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | .....     | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 37    | 22          |
|  | 1,941        | 238               | 108                     | 229                          | 1,112 | 235   | 19                      | 54.3             | 226       | 162   | 626   | 513   | 163   | 226   | 24          |
| XVI.b Observation and examination cases, follow-up and special admissions . . . . .              |              |                   |                         |                              |       |       |                         |                  |           |       |       |       |       |       |             |
|  | 675          | 68                | 48                      | 64                           | 338   | 130   | 27                      | 56.7             | 68        | 77    | 171   | 161   | 63    | 118   | 18          |
| Tuberculosis (Y03.01, Y03.2, Y10.61-Y10.63) . . . . .  | 21           | .....             | 4                       | .....                        | 12    | 5     | .....                   | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | .....     | 4     | 6     | 6     | ..... | 5     | .....       |
| Mental (793.0, Y00.1, Y03.4), (316, 318, APA Code) . . . . .                                     | 62           | 12                | 12                      | .....                        | 26    | 12    | .....                   | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | 12        | 12    | 11    | 11    | 4     | 12    | .....       |
| Malignancy (793.1, Y03.3) . . . . .  | 79           | .....             | .....                   | 5                            | 37    | 37    | .....                   | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | .....     | 5     | 9     | 13    | 10    | 36    | 6           |

All other admissions (793.8, 793.9, Y00.0, Y00.01, Y00.09, Y00.2-Y01, Y03.02, Y03.91-Y03.94, Y04-Y06, Y10.0-Y10.6, Y10.60, Y10.64-Y10.69, Y10.9, Y11-Y12, Y20-Y29) .....  
 Diagnosis deferred, mental observation (319.0 APA Code).....

**XVII. Accidents, poisonings, and nature of injury** .....

|  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Fracture of skull and facial bones (800-804).....  | 117   | 17    | ..... | 16    | 73    | 6     | 5     | 51.2             | 13    | 14    | 50    | 19    | 15    | ..... | 5     |
| Fracture of skull and facial bones, late effects (800-804) <sup>1</sup> .....  | 26    | 15    | 5     | ..... | 6     | ..... | ..... | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | 15    | 5     | ..... | 6     | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Fracture of spine and trunk (805-809).....   | 237   | 61    | 10    | 5     | 121   | 40    | ..... | 52.9             | 61    | 10    | 58    | 52    | 11    | 31    | 15    |
| Fracture of spine and trunk, late effects (805-809) <sup>1</sup> .....   | 320   | 79    | 42    | 55    | 124   | 10    | 10    | 43.2             | 104   | 62    | 72    | 66    | 5     | 10    | ..... |
| Fracture of upper limb (810-819).....  | 121   | 26    | 17    | ..... | 78    | ..... | ..... | 48.6             | 36    | ..... | 21    | 49    | 14    | ..... | ..... |
| Fracture of upper limb, late effects (810-819) <sup>1</sup> .....  | 47    | 5     | ..... | 6     | 36    | ..... | ..... | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | ..... | 10    | 21    | 15    | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Fracture of lower limb (820-829).....  | 781   | 128   | 21    | 48    | 382   | 182   | 20    | 56.8             | 117   | 46    | 227   | 151   | 32    | 179   | 31    |
| Fracture of lower limb, late effects (820-829) <sup>1</sup> .....  | 194   | 19    | 6     | 29    | 105   | 30    | 5     | 59.1             | 14    | 14    | 40    | 60    | 36    | 20    | 10    |
| Dislocation without fracture (830-839).....  | 244   | 56    | 23    | 32    | 128   | ..... | 5     | 45.8             | 56    | 35    | 103   | 40    | 12    | ..... | ..... |
| Dislocation without fracture, late effects (830-839) <sup>1</sup> .....  | 15    | 5     | ..... | ..... | 10    | ..... | ..... | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | 5     | ..... | 5     | 5     | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Intracranial injury — without skull fracture (850-854).....  | 122   | 45    | 5     | 31    | 31    | ..... | 10    | 41.4             | 50    | 10    | 41    | 16    | 5     | ..... | ..... |
| Intracranial injury — without skull fracture, late effects (850-854) <sup>1</sup> .....  | 189   | 56    | 20    | 20    | 78    | ..... | 15    | 40.1             | 77    | 30    | 59    | 24    | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Internal injury of chest, abdomen and pelvis (860-869).....  | 14    | 5     | ..... | ..... | 5     | 4     | ..... | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | 5     | ..... | 5     | ..... | ..... | 4     | ..... |
| Internal injury of chest, abdomen and pelvis, late effects (860-869) <sup>1</sup> .....  | 10    | 10    | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | 10    | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Traumatic amputation of arm and hand — complete/partial (887).....   | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....            | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Traumatic amputation of arm and hand — complete/partial, late effects (887) <sup>1</sup> .....                                       | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....            | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Traumatic amputation of foot and leg(s) — complete/partial (896-897).....  | 11    | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5     | 6     | ..... | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5     | 6     | ..... |
| Traumatic amputation of foot and leg(s) — complete/partial, late effects (896-897) <sup>1</sup> .....                                | 10    | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10    | ..... | ..... | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5     | 5     | ..... | ..... |
| Burns (940-949).....   | 114   | 33    | 9     | 6     | 49    | 6     | 11    | 43.6             | 43    | 9     | 27    | 29    | 6     | ..... | ..... |
| Burns, late effects (940-949) <sup>1</sup> .....   | 27    | ..... | 6     | ..... | 21    | ..... | ..... | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | ..... | 6     | 15    | ..... | 6     | ..... | ..... |
| Injury to nerves and spinal cord (950-959).....  | 65    | 11    | 10    | 10    | 29    | 5     | ..... | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | 16    | 10    | 10    | 14    | 10    | 5     | ..... |
| Injury to nerves and spinal cord, late effects (950-959) <sup>1</sup> .....  | 118   | 9     | 19    | 33    | 57    | ..... | ..... | 45.1             | 14    | 39    | 52    | 14    | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Adverse effect of medicinal agents and other complications of surgical and medical care (960-979, 997-999).....                      | 501   | 70    | 22    | 52    | 271   | 79    | 7     | 55.3             | 54    | 39    | 166   | 119   | 45    | 68    | 10    |
| All other accidents, poisonings and violence (840-848, 870-879, 880-886, 890-895, 900-907, 910-918, 920-929, 930-939, 980-996).....  | 269   | 44    | 10    | 17    | 158   | 30    | 10    | 53.9             | 44    | 10    | 93    | 65    | 21    | 21    | 15    |
| All other accidents, poisonings and violence, late effects (870-879, 880-886, 890-895, 900-907, 910-918, 920-929) <sup>1</sup> ..... | 34    | 14    | ..... | ..... | 9     | 11    | ..... | ( <sup>5</sup> ) | 10    | 4     | 10    | 5     | ..... | 6     | ..... |

<sup>1</sup> Figures shown are estimates based on tabulations of a 20 percent systematic random sample of records for patients remaining on October 2, 1974. The figures shown in the column for "All Patients" do not necessarily equal the sum of the component parts due to machine rounding of sample data.

<sup>2</sup> The diagnostic categories and selected diagnoses included in this table are based on the "International Classification of Diseases Adapted for Indexing of Hospital Records," US PHS Pub. No. 1693. The numbers following the diagnoses are the identifying code numbers of this diagnostic

classification: Category XV, "Certain Causes of Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality," in which no cases occurred, is not included in this table.

<sup>3</sup> Service between June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955.

<sup>4</sup> Consist of 284 Spanish Americans, 1,306 Peacetime and 424 All others.

<sup>5</sup> Average Age not calculated for totals less than 100 cases.

<sup>6</sup> All late effect codes are differentiated from other codes by being uniformly .9 in the fourth digit position.

<sup>7</sup> Post Korea, Service between February 1, 1955 and August 4, 1964.

*VA Hospitals: Patients Remaining, Percent by Attained Stay, Diagnostic Grouping – October 2, 1974<sup>1</sup>*

| Diagnostic Composition of Patients                         | Number of Patients | Percent in Each Diagnostic Category for Specified Length of Stay |                 |                                  |      |      |      |      |
|--|--------------------|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
|  |                    | Less Than 90 Days  | 90 Days or More | Inpatient Stay More Than (Years) |      |      |      |      |
|  |                    |  |                 | 1                                | 2    | 5    | 10   | 20   |
| All patients.....  | 80,715             | 64.3   | 35.7            | 21.7                             | 16.1 | 9.3  | 6.0  | 3.4  |
| Tuberculosis.....  | 937                | 63.3   | 36.7            | 5.5                              | 1.7  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| Pulmonary tuberculosis.....                                | 856                | 62.4   | 37.6            | 5.5                              | 1.9  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| Other tuberculosis.....                                    | 81                 | 72.8   | 27.2            | 6.2                              | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| Psychoses.....   | 22,897             | 32.9   | 67.1            | 48.8                             | 38.9 | 25.4 | 18.2 | 10.5 |
| Functional.....  | 18,245             | 35.9   | 64.1            | 45.9                             | 37.5 | 27.1 | 20.3 | 12.2 |
| Organic.....   | 4,652              | 21.3   | 78.7            | 60.1                             | 44.5 | 19.0 | 10.0 | 3.9  |
| Other psychiatric.....                                     | 14,694             | 63.4   | 36.6            | 20.5                             | 14.2 | 6.0  | 2.2  | 1.1  |
| Neurological.....  | 7,618              | 53.6   | 46.4            | 25.8                             | 17.0 | 7.3  | 3.3  | 1.0  |
| Vascular lesions affecting central nervous system.....     | 2,515              | 57.5   | 42.5            | 21.4                             | 10.4 | 3.5  | 1.8  | 0.4  |
| Other neurological.....                                    | 5,078              | 51.5   | 48.5            | 28.2                             | 20.3 | 9.3  | 4.0  | 1.2  |
| Neurological diseases of the sense organs.....             | 25                 | 100.0  | 0.0             | 0.0                              | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| General medical and surgical.....                          | 34,567             | 87.9   | 12.1            | 3.7                              | 2.1  | 0.7  | 0.4  | 0.2  |
| Infective and parasitic diseases.....                      | 388                | 82.0   | 18.0            | 3.9                              | 2.6  | 1.3  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| Malignant neoplasms.....                                   | 5,213              | 89.0   | 11.0            | 2.0                              | 1.3  | 0.3  | 0.1  | 0.0  |
| Benign and unspecified neoplasms.....                      | 374                | 94.4   | 5.6             | 2.7                              | 2.7  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| Allergic and endocrine system.....                         | 1,932              | 78.8   | 21.2            | 8.8                              | 6.4  | 1.6  | 1.1  | 0.6  |
| Heart diseases and symptoms.....                           | 3,938              | 88.1   | 11.9            | 5.5                              | 2.8  | 1.2  | 0.9  | 0.9  |
| Vascular diseases.....                                     | 3,085              | 82.9   | 17.1            | 5.3                              | 2.2  | 0.9  | 0.5  | 0.4  |
| Acute respiratory diseases.....                            | 650                | 93.5   | 6.5             | 1.8                              | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| Other respiratory diseases with asthma and symptoms.....   | 2,751              | 81.9   | 18.1            | 8.0                              | 4.5  | 1.3  | 0.8  | 0.4  |
| Diseases of the digestive system and symptoms.....         | 4,975              | 94.5   | 5.5             | 1.1                              | 0.3  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0  |
| Diseases of the genitourinary system and symptoms.....     | 2,288              | 91.5   | 8.5             | 2.7                              | 0.9  | 0.2  | 0.2  | 0.0  |
| Diseases of skin and cellular tissue.....                  | 1,258              | 88.3   | 11.7            | 2.7                              | 0.9  | 0.9  | 0.4  | 0.0  |
| Diseases of bones and organs of movement and symptoms..... | 2,576              | 86.7   | 13.3            | 4.2                              | 2.6  | 1.4  | 0.6  | 0.2  |
| Accidents, poisonings and violence.....                    | 2,768              | 87.1   | 12.9            | 1.8                              | 1.2  | 0.2  | 0.2  | 0.2  |
| All other.....   | 2,371              | 88.6   | 11.4            | 3.4                              | 2.2  | 0.8  | 0.0  | 0.0  |

<sup>1</sup> Figures shown are estimates based on tabulations of a 20 percent systematic random sample of records for patients remaining on October 2, 1974. The figures

shown in the column for "Number of Patients" do not necessarily equal the sum of the component parts due to machine rounding of sample data.

VA Hospitals: Patients Remaining, Age, Diagnostic Grouping – October 2, 1974<sup>1</sup>

| Diagnostic Composition of Patients                          | All Patients |         | Age Distribution |         |        |         |        |         |             |         |
|---|--------------|---------|------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-------------|---------|
|   |              |         | Under 55         |         | 55-64  |         | 65-74  |         | 75 and Over |         |
|   | Number       | Percent | Number           | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number      | Percent |
| All patients .....  | 80,715       | 100.0   | 42,117           | 100.0   | 19,384 | 100.0   | 7,445  | 100.0   | 11,772      | 100.0   |
| Tuberculosis .....  | 937          | 1.2     | 468              | 1.1     | 288    | 1.5     | 101    | 1.4     | 80          | 0.7     |
| Pulmonary tuberculosis .....                                | 856          | 1.1     | 436              | 1.0     | 258    | 1.3     | 91     | 1.2     | 71          | 0.6     |
| Other tuberculosis .....                                    | 81           | 0.1     | 32               | 0.1     | 30     | 0.2     | 10     | 0.1     | 9           | 0.1     |
| Psychoses .....   | 22,898       | 28.4    | 14,396           | 34.2    | 4,363  | 22.5    | 1,472  | 19.8    | 2,667       | 22.6    |
| Functional .....  | 18,246       | 22.6    | 13,057           | 31.0    | 3,072  | 15.8    | 832    | 11.2    | 1,285       | 10.9    |
| Organic .....   | 4,652        | 5.8     | 1,339            | 3.2     | 1,291  | 6.7     | 640    | 8.6     | 1,382       | 11.7    |
| Other psychiatric .....                                     | 14,697       | 18.2    | 8,879            | 21.1    | 2,829  | 14.6    | 1,047  | 14.1    | 1,942       | 16.5    |
| Neurological .....  | 7,615        | 9.4     | 3,639            | 8.6     | 1,903  | 9.8     | 890    | 12.0    | 1,183       | 10.1    |
| Vascular lesions affecting central nervous system .....     | 2,514        | 3.1     | 528              | 1.3     | 725    | 3.7     | 442    | 5.9     | 819         | 7.0     |
| Other neurological .....                                    | 5,076        | 6.3     | 3,096            | 7.3     | 1,173  | 6.1     | 443    | 6.0     | 364         | 3.1     |
| Neurological diseases of the sense organs .....             | 25           | 0.0     | 15               | 0.0     | 5      | 0.0     | 5      | 0.1     | .....       | .....   |
| General medical and surgical .....                          | 34,571       | 42.8    | 14,735           | 35.0    | 10,001 | 51.6    | 3,935  | 52.7    | 5,900       | 50.1    |
| Infective and parasitic diseases .....                      | 388          | 0.5     | 252              | 0.6     | 91     | 0.5     | 30     | 0.4     | 15          | 0.1     |
| Malignant neoplasms .....                                   | 5,214        | 6.5     | 1,602            | 3.8     | 1,816  | 9.3     | 750    | 10.1    | 1,046       | 8.9     |
| Benign and unspecified neoplasms .....                      | 375          | 0.5     | 144              | 0.3     | 85     | 0.4     | 83     | 1.1     | 63          | 0.5     |
| Allergic and endocrine system .....                         | 1,933        | 2.4     | 920              | 2.2     | 535    | 2.8     | 218    | 2.9     | 260         | 2.2     |
| Heart diseases and symptoms .....                           | 3,937        | 4.9     | 1,227            | 2.9     | 1,211  | 6.2     | 459    | 6.2     | 1,040       | 8.9     |
| Vascular diseases .....                                     | 3,085        | 3.8     | 1,127            | 2.7     | 1,022  | 5.3     | 390    | 5.2     | 546         | 4.6     |
| Acute respiratory diseases .....                            | 652          | 0.8     | 223              | 0.5     | 168    | 0.9     | 94     | 1.3     | 167         | 1.4     |
| Other respiratory diseases with asthma and symptoms .....   | 2,752        | 3.4     | 1,033            | 2.5     | 865    | 4.5     | 451    | 6.1     | 403         | 3.4     |
| Diseases of the digestive system and symptoms .....         | 4,976        | 6.1     | 2,649            | 6.2     | 1,380  | 7.1     | 431    | 5.8     | 516         | 4.4     |
| Diseases of the genitourinary system and symptoms .....     | 2,288        | 2.8     | 835              | 2.0     | 603    | 3.1     | 277    | 3.7     | 573         | 4.9     |
| Diseases of skin and cellular tissue .....                  | 1,258        | 1.6     | 755              | 1.8     | 238    | 1.2     | 100    | 1.3     | 165         | 1.4     |
| Diseases of bones and organs of movement and symptoms ..... | 2,576        | 3.2     | 1,412            | 3.4     | 770    | 4.0     | 186    | 2.5     | 208         | 1.8     |
| Accidents, poisonings and violence .....                    | 2,767        | 3.4     | 1,519            | 3.6     | 612    | 3.2     | 212    | 2.8     | 424         | 3.6     |
| All other .....   | 2,370        | 2.9     | 1,037            | 2.5     | 605    | 3.1     | 254    | 3.4     | 474         | 4.0     |

<sup>1</sup> Figures shown are estimates based on tabulations of a 20 percent systematic random sample of records for patients remaining October 2, 1974. The figures

shown in the column for "All Patients" do not necessarily equal the sum of the component parts due to machine rounding of sample data.

*VA Hospitals: Patients Remaining, Age Groups by Type of Hospital and State –  
October 2, 1974<sup>1</sup>*

| Type of Hospital and State                | Total All Patients | Age Group |       |       |        |        |             |
|---|--------------------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------------|
|   |                    | Under 25  | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54  | 55-64  | 65 and Over |
| All hospitals .....                       | 80,715             | 2,958     | 6,477 | 8,992 | 23,689 | 19,388 | 19,220      |
| Psychiatric hospitals .....               | 21,424             | 692       | 1,920 | 3,116 | 6,546  | 4,425  | 4,725       |
| General hospitals .....                   | 59,300             | 2,266     | 4,557 | 5,876 | 17,143 | 14,963 | 14,495      |
| <b>Psychiatric Hospitals</b>              |                    |           |       |       |        |        |             |
| Alabama: Tuscaloosa .....                 | 517                | 20        | 55    | 30    | 187    | 127    | 98          |
| California: Los Angeles (Brentwood) ..... | 413                | 56        | 112   | 102   | 107    | 36     | .....       |
| Colorado: Fort Lyon .....                 | 555                | 16        | 48    | 76    | 206    | 113    | 96          |
| Illinois: Downey .....                    | 1,559              | 44        | 180   | 241   | 494    | 348    | 252         |
| Indiana: Marion .....                     | 1,079              | 34        | 54    | 179   | 250    | 186    | 376         |
| Iowa: Knoxville .....                     | 671                | 18        | 50    | 89    | 161    | 113    | 240         |
| Maryland: Perry Point .....               | 910                | 25        | 45    | 95    | 272    | 210    | 263         |
| Massachusetts:                            |                    |           |       |       |        |        |             |
| Bedford .....                             | 744                | 21        | 63    | 41    | 185    | 191    | 243         |
| Brockton .....                            | 761                | 18        | 55    | 102   | 288    | 136    | 162         |
| Northampton .....                         | 655                | 10        | 58    | 110   | 201    | 135    | 141         |
| Michigan: Battle Creek .....              | 1,015              | 42        | 113   | 204   | 387    | 159    | 110         |
| Minnesota: St. Cloud .....                | 891                | 16        | 94    | 121   | 173    | 192    | 295         |
| New Jersey: Lyons .....                   | 1,316              | 40        | 76    | 181   | 398    | 325    | 296         |
| New York:                                 |                    |           |       |       |        |        |             |
| Canandaigua .....                         | 979                | 5         | 80    | 133   | 305    | 194    | 262         |
| Montrose .....                            | 1,153              | 36        | 105   | 233   | 422    | 193    | 164         |
| North Carolina: Salisbury .....           | 822                | 19        | 74    | 115   | 304    | 209    | 101         |
| Ohio:                                     |                    |           |       |       |        |        |             |
| Chillicothe .....                         | 1,100              | 28        | 43    | 152   | 351    | 251    | 275         |
| Oregon: Roseburg .....                    | 315                | .....     | 32    | 97    | 71     | 56     | 59          |
| Pennsylvania:                             |                    |           |       |       |        |        |             |
| Coatesville .....                         | 1,320              | 74        | 129   | 152   | 427    | 327    | 211         |
| Pittsburgh .....                          | 830                | 36        | 83    | 109   | 308    | 183    | 111         |
| South Dakota: Fort Meade .....            | 373                | 22        | 71    | 49    | 65     | 60     | 106         |
| Tennessee: Murfreesboro .....             | 854                | 21        | 62    | 103   | 231    | 184    | 253         |
| Texas: Waco .....                         | 1,019              | 34        | 81    | 227   | 304    | 204    | 169         |
| Washington: American Lake .....           | 527                | 39        | 96    | 67    | 154    | 95     | 76          |
| Wisconsin: Tomah .....                    | 749                | 8         | 51    | 73    | 209    | 145    | 263         |
| Wyoming: Sheridan .....                   | 297                | 10        | 10    | 35    | 86     | 53     | 103         |
| <b>General Hospitals</b>                  |                    |           |       |       |        |        |             |
| Alabama:                                  |                    |           |       |       |        |        |             |
| Birmingham .....                          | 365                | 30        | 20    | 30    | 115    | 100    | 70          |
| Montgomery .....                          | 140                | .....     | 5     | 5     | 53     | 43     | 34          |
| Tuskegee .....                            | 937                | 44        | 48    | 94    | 342    | 205    | 204         |
| Arizona:                                  |                    |           |       |       |        |        |             |
| Phoenix .....                             | 212                | 12        | 12    | 18    | 47     | 76     | 47          |
| Prescott .....                            | 186                | .....     | ..... | 9     | 45     | 45     | 87          |
| Tucson .....                              | 256                | 10        | 16    | 20    | 47     | 77     | 86          |
| Arkansas:                                 |                    |           |       |       |        |        |             |
| Fayetteville .....                        | 212                | .....     | 5     | 5     | 73     | 64     | 65          |
| Little Rock .....                         | 1,299              | 39        | 86    | 144   | 420    | 339    | 271         |
| California:                               |                    |           |       |       |        |        |             |
| Fresno .....                              | 244                | 5         | 22    | 11    | 81     | 42     | 83          |
| Livermore .....                           | 158                | 9         | 5     | 9     | 48     | 46     | 41          |
| Long Beach .....                          | 1,178              | 59        | 104   | 118   | 369    | 246    | 282         |
| Los Angeles (Wadsworth) .....             | 568                | 10        | 48    | 19    | 105    | 162    | 224         |
| Martinez .....                            | 370                | 8         | 46    | 34    | 92     | 98     | 92          |
| Palo Alto .....                           | 1,087              | 86        | 193   | 142   | 306    | 179    | 181         |
| San Diego .....                           | 411                | 22        | 27    | 45    | 109    | 96     | 112         |
| San Francisco .....                       | 256                | 5         | 5     | 14    | 100    | 90     | 42          |
| Sepulveda .....                           | 584                | 6         | 39    | 56    | 139    | 157    | 187         |
| Colorado:                                 |                    |           |       |       |        |        |             |
| Denver .....                              | 394                | 26        | 26    | 41    | 131    | 106    | 64          |
| Grand Junction .....                      | 96                 | .....     | 11    | 6     | 17     | 39     | 23          |
| Connecticut:                              |                    |           |       |       |        |        |             |
| Newington .....                           | 142                | 8         | 5     | 16    | 33     | 44     | 36          |
| West Haven .....                          | 658                | 41        | 41    | 31    | 248    | 150    | 147         |
| Delaware: Wilmington .....                | 289                | .....     | 5     | 16    | 84     | 116    | 68          |
| District of Columbia: Washington .....    | 596                | 38        | 85    | 61    | 154    | 151    | 107         |
| Florida:                                  |                    |           |       |       |        |        |             |
| Bay Pines .....                           | 638                | 19        | 28    | 38    | 188    | 122    | 243         |
| Gainesville .....                         | 406                | 27        | 67    | 44    | 110    | 82     | 76          |
| Lake City .....                           | 295                | 5         | 22    | 22    | 93     | 98     | 55          |
| Miami .....                               | 678                | 43        | 67    | 39    | 189    | 165    | 175         |
| Tampa .....                               | 522                | 16        | 58    | 34    | 151    | 142    | 121         |

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TABLE 18 — Continued

## INPATIENT CARE

*VA Hospitals: Patients Remaining, Age Groups by Type of Hospital and State —  
October 2, 1974<sup>1</sup>*

| Type of Hospital and State      | Total All Patients | Age Group |       |       |       |       |             |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
|                                 |                    | Under 25  | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65 and Over |
| Georgia:                        |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Atlanta .....                   | 400                | 23        | 28    | 59    | 132   | 122   | 36          |
| Augusta .....                   | 1,109              | 17        | 109   | 290   | 350   | 232   | 111         |
| Dublin .....                    | 394                | 14        | 9     | 28    | 102   | 102   | 139         |
| Idaho: Boise .....              | 155                | 9         | 5     | 5     | 36    | 41    | 59          |
| Illinois:                       |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Chicago (Research) .....        | 475                | 18        | 35    | 40    | 130   | 123   | 129         |
| Chicago (West Side) .....       | 499                | 38        | 65    | 63    | 113   | 100   | 120         |
| Danville .....                  | 1,055              | 30        | 45    | 131   | 403   | 248   | 198         |
| Hines .....                     | 1,283              | 66        | 123   | 175   | 388   | 362   | 169         |
| Marion .....                    | 140                | 5         | 10    | 16    | 26    | 31    | 52          |
| Indiana:                        |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Fort Wayne .....                | 160                |           | 5     |       | 60    | 40    | 55          |
| Indianapolis .....              | 478                | 26        | 76    | 27    | 132   | 106   | 111         |
| Iowa:                           |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Des Moines .....                | 311                | 5         | 10    | 24    | 76    | 86    | 110         |
| Iowa City .....                 | 306                | 19        |       | 26    | 103   | 79    | 79          |
| Kansas:                         |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Leavenworth .....               | 437                | 4         | 20    | 27    | 154   | 108   | 124         |
| Topeka .....                    | 798                | 37        | 72    | 154   | 216   | 102   | 217         |
| Wichita .....                   | 187                |           |       | 5     | 48    | 67    | 67          |
| Kentucky:                       |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Lexington .....                 | 926                | 9         | 69    | 149   | 263   | 219   | 217         |
| Louisville .....                | 371                | 17        | 19    | 41    | 103   | 83    | 108         |
| Louisiana:                      |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Alexandria .....                | 306                |           | 5     | 27    | 75    | 113   | 86          |
| New Orleans .....               | 525                | 29        | 37    | 50    | 182   | 145   | 82          |
| Shreveport .....                | 369                | 6         | 33    | 34    | 97    | 113   | 86          |
| Maine: Togus .....              | 665                | 27        | 57    | 37    | 233   | 126   | 185         |
| Maryland:                       |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Baltimore .....                 | 234                |           | 8     | 28    | 69    | 73    | 56          |
| Fort Howard .....               | 208                |           | 6     | 12    | 61    | 49    | 80          |
| Massachusetts:                  |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Boston .....                    | 682                | 52        | 57    | 93    | 201   | 166   | 113         |
| West Roxbury .....              | 212                | 16        | 27    | 38    | 49    | 44    | 38          |
| Michigan:                       |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Allen Park .....                | 582                | 11        | 25    | 56    | 270   | 152   | 68          |
| Ann Arbor .....                 | 295                | 17        | 32    | 18    | 87    | 91    | 50          |
| Iron Mountain .....             | 174                | 5         | 5     |       | 37    | 32    | 95          |
| Saginaw .....                   | 171                | 10        |       | 10    | 66    | 20    | 65          |
| Minnesota: Minneapolis .....    | 684                | 31        | 56    | 79    | 116   | 204   | 198         |
| Mississippi:                    |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Biloxi .....                    | 731                | 35        | 64    | 87    | 283   | 154   | 108         |
| Jackson .....                   | 428                | 12        | 36    | 30    | 131   | 124   | 95          |
| Missouri:                       |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Columbia .....                  | 229                | 10        | 30    | 31    | 71    | 41    | 46          |
| Kansas City .....               | 380                | 23        | 32    | 36    | 84    | 101   | 104         |
| Poplar Bluff .....              | 132                |           | 7     | 7     | 37    | 44    | 37          |
| St. Louis .....                 | 760                | 46        | 84    | 98    | 209   | 153   | 170         |
| Montana:                        |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Fort Harrison .....             | 144                | 6         | 6     | 6     | 66    | 30    | 30          |
| Miles City .....                | 74                 | 7         |       |       | 20    | 20    | 27          |
| Nebraska:                       |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Grand Island .....              | 122                |           |       | 9     | 23    | 38    | 52          |
| Lincoln .....                   | 173                | 9         | 35    | 23    | 27    | 37    | 42          |
| Omaha .....                     | 328                | 10        | 11    | 57    | 107   | 101   | 42          |
| Nevada: Reno .....              | 145                |           |       | 19    | 58    |       | 68          |
| New Hampshire: Manchester ..... | 147                |           | 8     | 4     | 33    | 45    | 57          |
| New Jersey: East Orange .....   | 965                | 38        | 78    | 62    | 263   | 284   | 240         |
| New Mexico: Albuquerque .....   | 371                | 13        | 36    | 50    | 102   | 100   | 70          |
| New York:                       |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Albany .....                    | 660                | 21        | 31    | 63    | 132   | 148   | 265         |
| Batavia .....                   | 206                |           | 5     | 20    | 20    | 66    | 95          |
| Bath .....                      | 185                |           |       |       | 25    | 30    | 130         |
| Bronx .....                     | 790                | 15        | 71    | 87    | 228   | 227   | 162         |
| Brooklyn .....                  | 870                | 42        | 95    | 86    | 263   | 201   | 183         |
| Buffalo .....                   | 787                | 26        | 41    | 56    | 193   | 172   | 299         |
| Castle Point .....              | 234                | 12        | 6     | 24    | 60    | 66    | 66          |
| New York .....                  | 880                | 13        | 95    | 53    | 200   | 304   | 215         |
| Northport .....                 | 838                | 22        | 51    | 60    | 284   | 213   | 208         |
| Syracuse .....                  | 364                | 35        | 30    | 40    | 56    | 96    | 107         |
| North Carolina:                 |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Durham .....                    | 443                | 15        | 30    | 86    | 152   | 122   | 38          |
| Fayetteville .....              | 321                |           | 27    | 44    | 74    | 94    | 82          |
| Oteen .....                     | 520                | 5         | 26    | 41    | 149   | 111   | 188         |
| North Dakota: Fargo .....       | 199                | 5         | 5     | 11    | 42    | 63    | 73          |

See footnote at end of table.

*VA Hospitals: Patients Remaining, Age Groups by Type of Hospital and State -  
October 2, 1974<sup>1</sup>*

| Type of Hospital and State          | Total All Patients | Age Group |       |       |       |       |             |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
|                                     |                    | Under 25  | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65 and Over |
| Ohio:                               |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Cincinnati .....                    | 398                | 24        | 29    | 41    | 93    | 129   | 82          |
| Cleveland .....                     | 1,504              | 59        | 172   | 182   | 495   | 333   | 263         |
| Dayton .....                        | 714                | 18        | 33    | 52    | 200   | 164   | 247         |
| Oklahoma:                           |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Muskogee .....                      | 202                | 12        | 8     | 8     | 55    | 67    | 52          |
| Oklahoma City .....                 | 356                | 26        | 56    | 55    | 69    | 93    | 57          |
| Oregon: Portland .....              | 442                | 19        | 9     | 33    | 113   | 127   | 141         |
| Pennsylvania:                       |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Altoona .....                       | 169                |           | 23    | 12    | 35    | 41    | 58          |
| Butler .....                        | 268                |           | 6     | 18    | 97    | 55    | 92          |
| Erie .....                          | 128                | 6         | 12    |       | 6     | 61    | 43          |
| Lebanon .....                       | 832                | 26        | 68    | 116   | 222   | 198   | 202         |
| Philadelphia .....                  | 445                | 13        | 49    | 31    | 125   | 115   | 112         |
| Pittsburgh .....                    | 553                | 28        | 47    | 28    | 112   | 169   | 169         |
| Wilkes-Barre .....                  | 398                | 11        | 31    | 45    | 80    | 130   | 101         |
| Puerto Rico: San Juan .....         | 640                | 113       | 78    | 72    | 189   | 120   | 68          |
| Rhode Island: Providence .....      | 272                | 15        | 13    | 28    | 103   | 54    | 59          |
| South Carolina:                     |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Charleston .....                    | 347                | 13        | 35    | 52    | 147   | 61    | 39          |
| Columbia .....                      | 399                | 3         | 7     | 40    | 162   | 102   | 85          |
| South Dakota:                       |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Hot Springs .....                   | 192                | 8         | 4     | 12    | 25    | 49    | 94          |
| Sioux Falls .....                   | 183                |           | 13    | 22    | 43    | 43    | 62          |
| Tennessee:                          |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Memphis .....                       | 842                | 46        | 100   | 64    | 239   | 243   | 150         |
| Mountain Home .....                 | 453                |           | 11    | 44    | 110   | 116   | 172         |
| Nashville .....                     | 415                | 16        | 9     | 55    | 100   | 167   | 68          |
| Texas:                              |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Amarillo .....                      | 106                | 5         | 16    |       | 11    | 48    | 26          |
| Big Spring .....                    | 196                |           | 10    | 25    | 71    | 45    | 45          |
| Bonham .....                        | 62                 | 4         |       | 5     | 22    | 5     | 26          |
| Dallas .....                        | 607                | 37        | 52    | 72    | 214   | 149   | 83          |
| Houston .....                       | 1,145              | 68        | 73    | 125   | 421   | 286   | 172         |
| Kerrville .....                     | 258                |           |       | 6     | 82    | 47    | 123         |
| Marlin .....                        | 197                |           | 5     | 5     | 25    | 51    | 111         |
| San Antonio .....                   | 321                | 16        | 24    | 27    | 89    | 90    | 75          |
| Temple .....                        | 576                | 14        | 24    | 45    | 183   | 162   | 148         |
| Utah: Salt Lake City .....          | 387                | 9         | 51    | 47    | 100   | 93    | 87          |
| Vermont: White River Junction ..... | 179                | 7         | 27    | 7     | 65    | 40    | 33          |
| Virginia:                           |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Hampton .....                       | 391                | 6         | 29    | 40    | 113   | 62    | 141         |
| Richmond .....                      | 714                | 19        | 48    | 59    | 242   | 186   | 160         |
| Salem .....                         | 749                | 21        | 47    | 99    | 253   | 177   | 152         |
| Washington:                         |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Seattle .....                       | 275                | 21        | 24    | 14    | 101   | 87    | 28          |
| Spokane .....                       | 178                |           | 5     | 14    | 48    | 53    | 58          |
| Vancouver .....                     | 289                | 5         | 42    | 28    | 67    | 90    | 57          |
| Walla Walla .....                   | 149                | 8         |       | 16    | 39    | 39    | 47          |
| West Virginia:                      |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Beckley .....                       | 131                |           | 15    | 7     | 30    | 34    | 45          |
| Clarksburg .....                    | 179                | 5         | 18    |       | 35    | 75    | 46          |
| Huntington .....                    | 167                |           | 4     | 9     | 53    | 66    | 35          |
| Martinsburg .....                   | 548                |           | 14    | 37    | 93    | 144   | 260         |
| Wisconsin:                          |                    |           |       |       |       |       |             |
| Madison .....                       | 325                |           | 16    | 23    | 111   | 47    | 128         |
| Wood .....                          | 706                | 36        | 106   | 93    | 165   | 175   | 131         |
| Wyoming: Cheyenne .....             | 119                |           | 10    | 10    | 31    | 31    | 37          |

<sup>1</sup> Figures shown are estimates based on tabulations of a 20 percent systematic random sample of records for patients remaining on October 2, 1974. The figures

shown in the column for "All Patients" do not necessarily equal the sum of the component parts due to machine rounding of sample data.

TABLE 19

VA Hospitals: Patients Discharged, Age, Marital Status, Diagnostic Grouping-Fiscal Year 1975<sup>1</sup>

| Diagnostic Composition of Patients                    | Total Patients <sup>2</sup> | Age Group |         |         |        |             | Marital Status |         |           |         |          |         |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|-------------|----------------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|
|   |                             | Under 45  | 45-54   | 55-64   | 65-74  | 75 and Over | Never Married  | Married | Separated | Widowed | Divorced | Unknown |
| All patients  | 883,350                     | 240,516   | 246,989 | 223,330 | 75,197 | 97,318      | 143,849        | 486,104 | 49,910    | 52,521  | 131,937  | 19,029  |
| Tuberculosis  | 5,840                       | 1,054     | 2,226   | 1,628   | 450    | 482         | 946            | 2,502   | 566       | 434     | 1,287    | 105     |
| Pulmonary tuberculosis                                | 3,959                       | 724       | 1,590   | 1,119   | 241    | 285         | 668            | 1,567   | 425       | 297     | 932      | 70      |
| Other tuberculosis                                    | 1,881                       | 330       | 636     | 509     | 209    | 197         | 278            | 935     | 141       | 137     | 355      | 35      |
| Psychoses   | 73,026                      | 40,281    | 18,353  | 9,504   | 2,240  | 2,648       | 30,663         | 22,001  | 5,174     | 1,866   | 11,143   | 2,179   |
| Functional  | 62,526                      | 38,030    | 15,454  | 6,977   | 1,199  | 866         | 28,591         | 17,436  | 4,378     | 1,029   | 9,131    | 1,951   |
| Organic   | 10,500                      | 2,251     | 2,899   | 2,527   | 1,041  | 1,782       | 2,072          | 4,565   | 796       | 837     | 2,012    | 218     |
| Other psychiatric                                     | 145,752                     | 62,647    | 47,725  | 25,934  | 5,027  | 4,419       | 27,481         | 62,887  | 12,517    | 6,171   | 33,756   | 2,940   |
| Neurological  | 53,907                      | 13,013    | 14,771  | 14,052  | 5,186  | 6,885       | 7,138          | 32,770  | 2,607     | 3,258   | 6,903    | 1,231   |
| Vascular lesions affecting central nervous system     | 16,242                      | 549       | 3,211   | 5,302   | 2,696  | 4,484       | 1,429          | 10,451  | 607       | 1,640   | 1,750    | 365     |
| Other neurological                                    | 36,801                      | 12,242    | 11,270  | 8,529   | 2,419  | 2,341       | 5,608          | 21,721  | 1,966     | 1,583   | 5,066    | 857     |
| Neurological diseases of the sense organs             | 864                         | 222       | 290     | 221     | 71     | 60          | 101            | 598     | 34        | 35      | 87       | 9       |
| General medical and surgical                          | 604,825                     | 123,521   | 163,914 | 172,212 | 62,294 | 82,884      | 77,621         | 365,944 | 29,046    | 40,792  | 78,848   | 12,574  |
| Infective and parasitic diseases                      | 9,702                       | 4,584     | 1,968   | 1,669   | 604    | 877         | 2,220          | 5,043   | 506       | 463     | 1,238    | 232     |
| Malignant neoplasms                                   | 63,929                      | 4,673     | 14,432  | 21,956  | 9,822  | 13,046      | 6,775          | 40,275  | 2,505     | 5,524   | 7,334    | 1,516   |
| Benign and unspecified neoplasms                      | 8,943                       | 1,971     | 2,457   | 2,534   | 967    | 1,014       | 1,142          | 5,804   | 361       | 499     | 1,028    | 109     |
| Allergic and endocrine system                         | 25,947                      | 4,366     | 8,479   | 8,196   | 2,503  | 2,403       | 3,063          | 16,254  | 1,371     | 1,571   | 3,225    | 463     |
| Heart diseases and symptoms                           | 73,462                      | 5,580     | 20,740  | 23,975  | 8,896  | 14,271      | 5,925          | 49,448  | 2,791     | 6,063   | 7,695    | 1,550   |
| Vascular diseases                                     | 42,828                      | 6,867     | 12,960  | 13,392  | 4,385  | 5,224       | 4,930          | 26,145  | 2,209     | 2,873   | 5,845    | 826     |
| Acute respiratory diseases                            | 16,832                      | 3,052     | 3,764   | 4,162   | 1,817  | 4,037       | 2,467          | 8,964   | 910       | 1,690   | 2,435    | 366     |
| Other respiratory diseases with asthma and symptoms   | 50,410                      | 8,018     | 13,230  | 16,539  | 6,236  | 6,387       | 5,536          | 30,341  | 2,440     | 3,684   | 7,383    | 1,026   |
| Diseases of the digestive system and symptoms         | 92,588                      | 22,264    | 28,717  | 25,134  | 7,670  | 8,803       | 12,636         | 53,908  | 5,146     | 5,379   | 13,593   | 1,926   |
| Diseases of the genitourinary system and symptoms     | 45,928                      | 8,660     | 10,167  | 12,628  | 5,729  | 8,744       | 5,812          | 29,249  | 1,893     | 3,372   | 4,638    | 964     |
| Diseases of skin and cellular tissue                  | 23,102                      | 8,214     | 6,336   | 5,118   | 1,661  | 1,773       | 4,392          | 12,251  | 1,316     | 1,129   | 3,469    | 545     |
| Diseases of bones and organs of movement and symptoms | 41,699                      | 12,105    | 13,118  | 10,972  | 2,755  | 2,749       | 4,855          | 27,514  | 1,916     | 1,713   | 5,100    | 601     |
| Accidents, poisonings and violence                    | 51,454                      | 21,147    | 13,114  | 9,966   | 2,964  | 4,263       | 10,295         | 25,089  | 3,297     | 2,903   | 8,658    | 1,312   |
| All other   | 58,001                      | 12,020    | 14,432  | 15,971  | 6,285  | 9,293       | 7,573          | 35,659  | 2,385     | 4,039   | 7,207    | 1,138   |

<sup>1</sup> Patient Treatment File. This table, as well as all others in this hospital discharge series, excludes approximately 145,000 one-day hemodialysis discharges.

<sup>2</sup> This figure is based on completed records. In addition, there were 37,625 incomplete discharge records in file at the time the table was prepared.

VA Hospital: Patients Discharged, Manner of Disposition, Diagnostic Grouping – Fiscal Year 1975<sup>1</sup>

| Type of Patient   | Total All Discharges <sup>2</sup> | Discharge Status     |                          |           |              |   |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|---|
|   |                                   | Regular <sup>3</sup> | Nonbed Care <sup>4</sup> | Irregular | Total Deaths | Transfers to Further VA Inpatient Care at VA or Non-VA Hospital |
| All patients .....  | 883,350                           | 758,942              | 4,997                    | 46,491    | 43,386       | 29,534  |
| Tuberculosis .....  | 5,840                             | 4,733                | 8                        | 363       | 230          | 506   |
| Pulmonary tuberculosis .....                                | 3,959                             | 3,051                | 4                        | 296       | 167          | 441   |
| Other tuberculosis .....                                    | 1,881                             | 1,682                | 4                        | 67        | 63           | 65  |
| Psychoses .....   | 73,026                            | 51,400               | 3,639                    | 10,838    | 1,327        | 5,822   |
| Functional .....  | 62,526                            | 43,735               | 3,343                    | 9,957     | 573          | 4,918   |
| Organic .....   | 10,500                            | 7,665                | 296                      | 881       | 754          | 904   |
| Other psychiatric .....                                     | 145,752                           | 116,646              | 987                      | 22,268    | 1,689        | 4,162   |
| Neurological .....  | 53,907                            | 45,387               | 85                       | 1,163     | 4,338        | 2,934   |
| Vascular lesions affecting central nervous system .....     | 16,242                            | 12,726               | 31                       | 158       | 2,708        | 619   |
| Other neurological .....                                    | 36,801                            | 31,853               | 54                       | 992       | 1,625        | 2,277   |
| Neurological diseases of the sense organs .....             | 864                               | 808                  | .....                    | 13        | 5            | 38  |
| General medical and surgical .....                          | 604,825                           | 540,776              | 278                      | 11,859    | 35,802       | 16,110  |
| Infective and parasitic diseases .....                      | 9,702                             | 8,892                | 11                       | 247       | 460          | 92  |
| Malignant neoplasms .....                                   | 63,929                            | 46,763               | 13                       | 621       | 13,534       | 2,998   |
| Benign and unspecified neoplasms .....                      | 8,943                             | 8,398                | 2                        | 112       | 99           | 332   |
| Allergic and endocrine system .....                         | 25,947                            | 24,089               | 17                       | 575       | 827          | 439   |
| Heart diseases and symptoms .....                           | 73,462                            | 62,765               | 24                       | 1,326     | 6,877        | 2,470   |
| Vascular diseases .....                                     | 42,828                            | 39,086               | 22                       | 711       | 1,918        | 1,091   |
| Acute respiratory diseases .....                            | 16,832                            | 13,639               | 18                       | 314       | 2,689        | 172   |
| Other respiratory diseases with asthma and symptoms .....   | 50,410                            | 45,982               | 14                       | 1,204     | 2,302        | 908   |
| Diseases of the digestive system and symptoms .....         | 92,588                            | 84,793               | 39                       | 2,478     | 3,771        | 1,507   |
| Diseases of the genitourinary system and symptoms .....     | 45,928                            | 43,276               | 19                       | 477       | 932          | 1,224   |
| Diseases of skin and cellular tissue .....                  | 23,102                            | 22,161               | 24                       | 461       | 140          | 316   |
| Diseases of bones and organs of movement and symptoms ..... | 41,699                            | 39,598               | 10                       | 665       | 269          | 1,157   |
| Accidents, poisonings and violence .....                    | 51,454                            | 47,408               | 35                       | 1,421     | 737          | 1,853   |
| All other .....   | 58,001                            | 53,926               | 30                       | 1,247     | 1,247        | 1,551   |

<sup>1</sup> Patient treatment file. This table, as well as all others in this hospital discharge series, excludes approximately 145,000 one-day hemodialysis discharges.

<sup>2</sup> This figure is based on completed records. In addition, there were 37,625 incomplete discharge records in file at the time the table was prepared.

<sup>3</sup> Includes discharges to VA outpatient programs.

<sup>4</sup> Committed patients and institutional award patients who were released for the purpose of determining the patient's ability to make a satisfactory adjustment outside the hospital.

TABLE 21

VA Hospitals: Patients Discharged, Age, Diagnostic Category – Fiscal Year 1975<sup>1</sup>

| Diagnostic Category and ICDA Codes <sup>2</sup>  | Total Diagnoses <sup>3</sup> | Principal Diagnosis <sup>4</sup> | Associated Diagnoses <sup>5</sup> | Average Age      | Age Group of Principal Diagnosis |        |         |         |        |             |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------------|
|  |                              |                                  |                                   |                  | Under 35                         | 35-44  | 45-54   | 55-64   | 65-74  | 75 and Over |
| All diseases and conditions  | 2,210,538                    | 883,350                          | 1,327,188                         | 52.2             | 143,254                          | 97,262 | 246,989 | 223,330 | 75,197 | 97,318      |
| I. Infective and Parasitic diseases  | 40,180                       | 14,907                           | 25,273                            | 48.3             | 3,916                            | 1,668  | 3,969   | 3,097   | 948    | 1,309       |
| Pulmonary tuberculosis (011)   | 6,583                        | 3,959                            | 2,624                             | 53.1             | 219                              | 505    | 1,590   | 1,119   | 241    | 285         |
| Tuberculosis, late effects (019)   | 809                          | 118                              | 691                               | 52.5             | 7                                | 16     | 51      | 28      | 8      | 8           |
| Tuberculosis, Other (010, 012-018)   | 2,725                        | 804                              | 1,921                             | 54.8             | 71                               | 91     | 243     | 218     | 77     | 104         |
| Cardiovascular syphilis (093)  | 158                          | 59                               | 99                                | ( <sup>6</sup> ) |                                  | 1      | 9       | 12      | 11     | 26          |
| Syphilis of central nervous system (094)   | 374                          | 100                              | 274                               | 63.5             |                                  | 4      | 29      | 21      | 15     | 31          |
| Other forms of late syphilis, latent or unspecified (095-097)  | 3,750                        | 119                              | 3,631                             | 55.3             | 19                               | 8      | 27      | 29      | 16     | 20          |
| All other venereal diseases (090-092, 098-099)   | 2,359                        | 1,079                            | 1,280                             | 34.1             | 730                              | 118    | 149     | 50      | 15     | 17          |
| Infectious hepatitis (070)   | 1,221                        | 996                              | 225                               | 32.6             | 745                              | 75     | 107     | 46      | 14     | 9           |
| Malaria (084)  | 69                           | 31                               | 38                                | ( <sup>6</sup> ) | 23                               | 1      | 4       | 3       |        |             |
| All other infective and parasitic diseases (000-009, 020-027, 030-039, 040-046, 050-057, 060-068, 071-079, 080-083, 085-089, 100-104, 110-117, 120-129, 130-136) | 22,132                       | 7,642                            | 14,490                            | 48.7             | 2,102                            | 849    | 1,760   | 1,571   | 551    | 809         |
| II. Neoplasms  | 127,595                      | 74,385                           | 53,210                            | 59.9             | 3,421                            | 3,584  | 17,392  | 24,952  | 10,910 | 14,126      |
| Malignancy of buccal cavity and pharynx (140-149)  | 6,842                        | 5,297                            | 1,545                             | 58.9             | 60                               | 183    | 1,608   | 2,130   | 771    | 545         |
| Malignancy of digestive organs and peritoneum (150-159)  | 11,193                       | 9,064                            | 2,129                             | 62.5             | 86                               | 265    | 2,049   | 3,168   | 1,453  | 2,043       |
| Malignancy of respiratory system (160, 162-163)  | 19,157                       | 16,269                           | 2,888                             | 60.1             | 75                               | 581    | 4,312   | 6,670   | 2,602  | 2,029       |
| Malignancy of larynx (161)   | 2,530                        | 2,006                            | 524                               | 59.9             | 8                                | 44     | 567     | 845     | 313    | 229         |
| Malignancy of lymphatic and hematopoietic tissue (200-209)   | 10,759                       | 7,964                            | 2,795                             | 54.7             | 1,059                            | 649    | 1,924   | 2,442   | 849    | 1,041       |
| Malignancy of genitourinary organs (180-189)   | 17,144                       | 12,023                           | 5,121                             | 67.4             | 268                              | 219    | 1,309   | 3,023   | 2,260  | 4,944       |
| Malignancies of all other systems (170-174, 190-199)   | 39,660                       | 12,095                           | 27,565                            | 59.3             | 582                              | 746    | 2,937   | 3,939   | 1,647  | 2,244       |
| Neoplasms, benign (210-228)  | 16,167                       | 7,742                            | 8,425                             | 52.9             | 1,114                            | 746    | 2,197   | 2,142   | 796    | 747         |
| Neoplasms, of unspecified nature (230-239)   | 4,143                        | 1,925                            | 2,218                             | 56.8             | 169                              | 151    | 489     | 593     | 219    | 304         |
| III. Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases  | 126,014                      | 26,370                           | 99,644                            | 54.8             | 1,671                            | 2,816  | 8,614   | 8,330   | 2,522  | 2,417       |
| Diabetes mellitus (250)  | 70,826                       | 18,385                           | 52,441                            | 55.6             | 880                              | 1,837  | 5,998   | 6,011   | 1,833  | 1,826       |
| Diseases of thyroid and other endocrine glands (240-246, 251-258)  | 8,538                        | 2,830                            | 5,708                             | 51.3             | 421                              | 335    | 835     | 841     | 232    | 166         |
| Avitaminosis and other nutritional deficiency (260-269)  | 6,071                        | 871                              | 5,200                             | 59.3             | 32                               | 67     | 224     | 270     | 111    | 167         |
| Obesity not specified as of endocrine origin (277)   | 19,521                       | 1,449                            | 18,072                            | 50.1             | 135                              | 246    | 562     | 394     | 80     | 32          |
| Other metabolic diseases (270-276, 278-279)  | 21,058                       | 2,835                            | 18,223                            | 53.8             | 203                              | 331    | 995     | 814     | 266    | 226         |
| IV. Diseases of blood and blood-forming organs   | 42,914                       | 4,280                            | 38,634                            | 57.1             | 488                              | 368    | 980     | 1,067   | 474    | 903         |
| Anemia, iron deficiency (280)  | 11,322                       | 1,145                            | 10,177                            | 61.5             | 44                               | 73     | 256     | 294     | 177    | 301         |
| Pernicious Anemia (281.0)  | 662                          | 174                              | 488                               | 65.4             | 5                                | 9      | 27      | 35      | 31     | 67          |
| Anemia, other (281.1-285)  | 23,988                       | 1,999                            | 21,989                            | 56.7             | 253                              | 168    | 453     | 499     | 190    | 436         |
| All other diseases of blood and blood-forming organs (286-289)   | 6,942                        | 962                              | 5,980                             | 51.0             | 186                              | 118    | 244     | 239     | 76     | 99          |
| V. Mental disorders  | 350,811                      | 218,039                          | 132,772                           | 44.2             | 64,549                           | 37,910 | 65,926  | 35,355  | 7,249  | 7,050       |
| Psychoses not attributed to physical conditions (295-299)  | 74,001                       | 62,526                           | 11,475                            | 39.7             | 27,083                           | 10,947 | 15,454  | 6,977   | 1,199  | 866         |
| Alcoholic psychosis (291)  | 8,601                        | 5,778                            | 2,823                             | 50.7             | 457                              | 948    | 2,286   | 1,589   | 393    | 105         |
| Psychosis with organic brain syndrome, except syphilitic (290, 292.2-294)  | 7,585                        | 4,620                            | 2,965                             | 61.4             | 602                              | 239    | 592     | 914     | 630    | 1,643       |
| Psychoses associated with syphilis (292.0, 292.1)  | 131                          | 92                               | 39                                | ( <sup>6</sup> ) | 1                                | 3      | 16      | 24      | 16     | 32          |
| Alcoholism (303)   | 131,175                      | 80,186                           | 50,989                            | 47.6             | 9,631                            | 17,064 | 33,091  | 17,160  | 2,694  | 546         |
| Mental disorders, not specified as psychotic, associated with physical conditions (309.0, 309.13-309.9)  | 22,801                       | 10,642                           | 12,159                            | 61.3             | 721                              | 760    | 2,221   | 2,283   | 1,330  | 3,327       |
| Psychoneurotic, personality and behavioral disorders (excluding alcoholism) (300-302, 304-307, 307.3, 307.4)   | 105,845                      | 54,064                           | 51,781                            | 38.8             | 26,012                           | 7,932  | 12,229  | 6,381   | 983    | 527         |
| Mental retardation (310-315)   | 672                          | 131                              | 541                               | 44.4             | 42                               | 17     | 37      | 27      | 4      | 4           |
| VI. Diseases of nervous system and sense organs  | 117,871                      | 41,486                           | 76,385                            | 54.5             | 4,985                            | 4,131  | 11,306  | 11,241  | 4,300  | 5,523       |
| Inflammatory diseases of central nervous system (320-324)  | 1,078                        | 495                              | 583                               | 47.7             | 100                              | 80     | 156     | 115     | 27     | 17          |
| Epilepsy (345)   | 9,615                        | 3,310                            | 6,305                             | 45.2             | 862                              | 574    | 1,071   | 576     | 130    | 97          |

See footnotes at end of table.

VA Hospitals: Patients Discharged, Age, Diagnostic Category – Fiscal Year 1975<sup>1</sup>

| Diagnostic Category and ICDA Codes <sup>2</sup>   | Total Diagnoses <sup>3</sup> | Principal Diagnosis <sup>4</sup> | Associated Diagnoses <sup>5</sup> | Average Age | Age Group of Principal Diagnosis |              |               |               |               |               |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   |                              |                                  |                                   |             | Under 35                         | 35-44        | 45-54         | 55-64         | 65-74         | 75 and Over   |
| Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (348.0) . . . . .   | 556                          | 442                              | 114                               | 56.9        | 5                                | 33           | 144           | 177           | 54            | 29            |
| Paraplegia, Cerebral or spinal (344.2, 349.3) . . . . .   | 4,150                        | 1,468                            | 2,682                             | 44.2        | 430                              | 236          | 472           | 242           | 56            | 32            |
| Quadriplegia, cerebral or spinal (344.3, 349.4) . . . . .   | 2,393                        | 888                              | 1,505                             | 41.7        | 312                              | 176          | 239           | 126           | 26            | 9             |
| Other diseases of central nervous system, including hereditary and familial diseases of nervous system (330-333, 340-344.1, 344.9, 346-347, 348.1-349.2, 349.5-349.9) . . . . . | 25,227                       | 8,924                            | 16,303                            | 53.9        | 934                              | 1,096        | 2,607         | 2,387         | 921           | 979           |
| Diseases of nerves and peripheral ganglia (350-358) . . . . .   | 14,945                       | 4,856                            | 10,089                            | 51.2        | 668                              | 566          | 1,633         | 1,339         | 345           | 305           |
| Inflammatory diseases of the eye and other diseases and conditions of the eye, except blindness (360-369, 370-378) . . . . .  | 41,437                       | 16,244                           | 25,193                            | 61.1        | 771                              | 731          | 3,452         | 5,074         | 2,417         | 3,799         |
| Blindness (379) . . . . .   | 3,110                        | 518                              | 2,592                             | 54.8        | 56                               | 62           | 132           | 138           | 64            | 66            |
| Disease of ear and mastoid process (380-389) . . . . .  | 15,360                       | 4,341                            | 11,019                            | 48.7        | 847                              | 577          | 1,400         | 1,067         | 260           | 190           |
| <b>VII. Diseases of the circulatory system . . . . .</b>  | <b>373,114</b>               | <b>132,245</b>                   | <b>240,869</b>                    | <b>59.2</b> | <b>4,241</b>                     | <b>8,722</b> | <b>36,823</b> | <b>42,590</b> | <b>15,949</b> | <b>23,920</b> |
| Chronic rheumatic heart disease (393-398) . . . . .   | 9,185                        | 4,003                            | 5,182                             | 54.3        | 181                              | 404          | 1,509         | 1,319         | 328           | 262           |
| Hypertensive heart disease, exclusive of ischemic heart disease (400.1, 402, 404) . . . . .   | 3,946                        | 2,215                            | 1,731                             | 57.9        | 38                               | 156          | 706           | 789           | 256           | 270           |
| Hypertensive disease without heart involvement (400.0, 400.2, 400.3, 400.9, 401, 403) . . . . .   | 49,359                       | 12,737                           | 36,622                            | 52.9        | 851                              | 1,547        | 4,784         | 3,929         | 968           | 658           |
| Acute myocardial infarction (410) . . . . .   | 10,333                       | 7,302                            | 3,031                             | 58.8        | 64                               | 478          | 2,269         | 2,623         | 815           | 1,053         |
| Chronic ischemic heart disease (412) . . . . .  | 94,609                       | 41,915                           | 52,694                            | 61.1        | 211                              | 2,149        | 11,514        | 13,740        | 5,283         | 9,018         |
| Other ischemic heart disease, with or without hypertensive disease (411, 413, 414) . . . . .  | 15,734                       | 3,183                            | 12,601                            | 55.7        | 34                               | 291          | 1,250         | 1,115         | 265           | 228           |
| Other forms of heart disease (391, 392.0, 420-429) . . . . .  | 73,779                       | 14,490                           | 59,289                            | 60.5        | 650                              | 864          | 3,382         | 4,295         | 1,919         | 3,380         |
| Cerebral hemorrhage (431) . . . . .   | 1,057                        | 655                              | 402                               | 58.3        | 16                               | 50           | 198           | 212           | 85            | 94            |
| Cerebral thrombosis (433) . . . . .   | 5,581                        | 3,372                            | 2,209                             | 63.7        | 16                               | 78           | 689           | 1,157         | 562           | 870           |
| Cerebral embolism (434) . . . . .   | 330                          | 125                              | 205                               | 60.5        | 2                                | 9            | 28            | 44            | 19            | 23            |
| Generalized ischemic cerebrovascular disease (437) . . . . .  | 7,650                        | 2,121                            | 5,529                             | 69.5        | 6                                | 20           | 232           | 461           | 392           | 1,010         |
| All other cerebrovascular disease (430, 432, 435, 436, 438) . . . . .   | 20,760                       | 9,969                            | 10,791                            | 63.2        | 91                               | 261          | 2,064         | 3,428         | 1,638         | 2,487         |
| Arteriosclerosis (440) . . . . .  | 17,530                       | 5,251                            | 12,279                            | 65.4        | 7                                | 92           | 1,689         | 1,689         | 866           | 1,674         |
| All other diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries (441-448) . . . . .  | 21,122                       | 8,321                            | 12,801                            | 60.5        | 206                              | 369          | 1,913         | 3,129         | 1,273         | 1,431         |
| Varicose veins lower extremities (454) . . . . .  | 7,814                        | 3,213                            | 4,601                             | 55.1        | 225                              | 291          | 1,036         | 1,042         | 291           | 328           |
| Hemorrhoids (455) . . . . .   | 11,612                       | 5,159                            | 6,453                             | 48.2        | 884                              | 898          | 1,756         | 1,183         | 255           | 183           |
| All other diseases of veins and lymphatics, and other diseases of circulatory system (390, 392.9, 450-453, 456-458) . . . . .   | 22,663                       | 8,214                            | 14,449                            | 54.7        | 759                              | 765          | 2,570         | 2,435         | 734           | 951           |
| <b>VIII. Diseases of the respiratory system . . . . .</b>   | <b>169,077</b>               | <b>58,626</b>                    | <b>110,451</b>                    | <b>57.4</b> | <b>5,510</b>                     | <b>3,608</b> | <b>13,870</b> | <b>18,378</b> | <b>7,449</b>  | <b>9,811</b>  |
| Acute respiratory infections including influenza (460-466, 470-474) . . . . .   | 11,840                       | 4,702                            | 7,138                             | 51.6        | 1,117                            | 378          | 1,038         | 1,076         | 414           | 679           |
| Pneumonia (480-486) . . . . .   | 28,126                       | 11,449                           | 16,677                            | 60.8        | 736                              | 710          | 2,528         | 2,870         | 1,349         | 3,256         |
| Bronchitis, unqualified and chronic (490-491) . . . . .   | 25,009                       | 7,286                            | 17,723                            | 60.0        | 173                              | 326          | 1,856         | 2,652         | 1,108         | 1,171         |
| Emphysema (492) . . . . .   | 44,509                       | 12,391                           | 32,118                            | 62.6        | 49                               | 251          | 2,440         | 4,998         | 2,314         | 2,339         |
| Asthma (493) . . . . .  | 5,931                        | 2,791                            | 3,140                             | 51.1        | 380                              | 325          | 925           | 819           | 200           | 142           |
| All other diseases of upper respiratory tract and respiratory system (500-508, 510-519) . . . . .   | 53,662                       | 20,007                           | 33,655                            | 53.6        | 3,055                            | 1,618        | 5,083         | 5,963         | 2,064         | 2,224         |
| <b>IX. Diseases of the digestive system . . . . .</b>   | <b>267,726</b>               | <b>83,825</b>                    | <b>183,901</b>                    | <b>52.8</b> | <b>10,294</b>                    | <b>9,394</b> | <b>26,309</b> | <b>22,995</b> | <b>7,013</b>  | <b>7,820</b>  |
| Diseases of oral cavity, salivary glands, and jaws (520-529) . . . . .  | 96,656                       | 4,998                            | 91,658                            | 48.7        | 1,161                            | 531          | 1,447         | 1,228         | 309           | 322           |
| Ulcers digestive system (stomach, duodenum, peptic, gastrojejunal) (531-534) . . . . .  | 22,491                       | 11,899                           | 10,592                            | 53.0        | 1,316                            | 1,301        | 3,818         | 3,459         | 1,012         | 993           |
| All other diseases of esophagus, stomach and duodenum (except ulcers) (530, 535-537) . . . . .  | 19,418                       | 7,216                            | 12,202                            | 52.9        | 833                              | 798          | 2,331         | 2,022         | 567           | 665           |
| Hernia of abdominal cavity (550-553) . . . . .  | 37,692                       | 19,816                           | 17,876                            | 55.6        | 1,924                            | 1,582        | 5,495         | 6,129         | 2,136         | 2,550         |
| Other diseases of intestine and peritoneum (540-543, 560-569) . . . . .   | 39,534                       | 17,565                           | 21,969                            | 52.6        | 2,938                            | 1,885        | 4,807         | 4,133         | 1,518         | 2,284         |
| Cirrhosis of liver (571) . . . . .  | 28,246                       | 10,977                           | 17,269                            | 51.6        | 594                              | 1,564        | 4,604         | 3,356         | 682           | 177           |
| Other diseases of liver, gall bladder and pancreas (570, 572-577) . . . . .   | 23,689                       | 11,354                           | 12,335                            | 50.8        | 1,528                            | 1,733        | 3,807         | 2,668         | 789           | 829           |
| <b>X. Diseases of the genitourinary system . . . . .</b>  | <b>119,907</b>               | <b>42,121</b>                    | <b>77,786</b>                     | <b>57.2</b> | <b>4,702</b>                     | <b>3,084</b> | <b>9,292</b>  | <b>11,686</b> | <b>5,313</b>  | <b>8,044</b>  |
| Nephritis and nephrosis (580-584) . . . . .   | 9,785                        | 5,143                            | 4,642                             | 51.7        | 492                              | 725          | 1,807         | 1,511         | 335           | 273           |
| Other diseases of urinary system (590-599) . . . . .  | 62,267                       | 16,930                           | 45,337                            | 56.2        | 2,029                            | 1,456        | 4,125         | 4,317         | 1,878         | 3,125         |
| Diseases of the prostate (600-602) . . . . .  | 32,302                       | 12,816                           | 19,486                            | 65.5        | 282                              | 229          | 1,529         | 4,203         | 2,531         | 4,042         |
| Other diseases of male genital organs (603-607) . . . . .   | 12,429                       | 5,615                            | 6,814                             | 48.9        | 1,543                            | 479          | 1,338         | 1,307         | 458           | 490           |
| Diseases of breast, gynecological conditions (610-616, 620-629) . . . . .   | 3,124                        | 1,617                            | 1,507                             | 48.9        | 356                              | 195          | 493           | 348           | 111           | 114           |

|  | 44      | 34     | 10     | ( <sup>6</sup> ) | 28     | 4     | 2      | .....  | ..... | ..... |
|--|---------|--------|--------|------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| XI. Deliveries and Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (630-678) ..  |         |        |        |                  |        |       |        |        |       |       |
| XII. Diseases of skin and subcutaneous tissue .....  | 60,416  | 23,102 | 37,314 | 48.8             | 5,516  | 2,698 | 6,336  | 5,118  | 1,661 | 1,773 |
| Infections of skin and subcutaneous tissue (680-686, 694-698) .....  | 22,490  | 10,065 | 12,425 | 47.4             | 2,668  | 1,232 | 2,780  | 2,111  | 659   | 615   |
| All other diseases of skin and subcutaneous tissue (690-693, 700-709) .....  | 37,926  | 13,037 | 24,889 | 49.9             | 2,848  | 1,466 | 3,556  | 3,007  | 1,002 | 1,158 |
| XIII. Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue .....   | 98,816  | 40,852 | 57,964 | 50.3             | 6,904  | 4,988 | 12,911 | 10,762 | 2,633 | 2,654 |
| Arthritis and rheumatism, except rheumatic fever (710-718) .....   | 47,523  | 16,104 | 31,419 | 55.8             | 943    | 1,294 | 5,145  | 5,496  | 1,516 | 1,710 |
| Displacement of intervertebral disc (725) .....  | 5,315   | 3,801  | 1,514  | 46.2             | 667    | 813   | 1,402  | 803    | 76    | 40    |
| Osteomyelitis and other diseases of bone and joint (720-724, 726-729) .....  | 27,413  | 13,309 | 14,104 | 45.6             | 3,634  | 2,061 | 3,983  | 2,570  | 557   | 504   |
| Other diseases of musculoskeletal system (730-738) .....   | 18,565  | 7,638  | 10,927 | 48.7             | 1,660  | 820   | 2,381  | 1,893  | 484   | 400   |
| XIV. Congenital deformities (741-759) .....  | 9,409   | 3,438  | 5,971  | 47.6             | 812    | 439   | 1,037  | 808    | 178   | 164   |
| XVI. a. Symptoms and ill-defined conditions .....  | 123,971 | 41,544 | 82,427 | 52.1             | 6,477  | 4,878 | 12,133 | 10,194 | 3,159 | 4,703 |
| Senility without mention of psychosis (794) .....  | 1,136   | 242    | 894    | 77.0             | .....  | 2     | 3      | 10     | 23    | 204   |
| Symptoms and all other ill-defined conditions (780-792, 795-796) .....   | 122,835 | 41,302 | 81,533 | 52.0             | 6,477  | 4,876 | 12,130 | 10,184 | 3,136 | 4,499 |
| XVI. b. Observation and examination cases, follow-up and special admissions .....  | 65,282  | 21,207 | 44,075 | 54.2             | 2,861  | 1,917 | 5,528  | 5,962  | 2,265 | 2,674 |
| Tuberculosis (Y03.01, Y03.2, Y10.61-Y10.63) .....  | 5,400   | 985    | 4,415  | 55.5             | 41     | 108   | 350    | 270    | 125   | 91    |
| Mental (793.0, Y00.1, Y03.4) (316, 318, APA Code) .....  | 1,063   | 729    | 334    | 38.7             | 366    | 102   | 147    | 83     | 16    | 15    |
| Malignancy (793.1, Y03.3) .....  | 13,398  | 5,888  | 7,510  | 62.1             | 147    | 207   | 1,192  | 2,040  | 987   | 1,315 |
| All other admissions (793.8, 793.9, Y00.0, Y00.01, Y00.09, Y00.2-Y01, Y03.02, Y03.91-Y03.94, Y04-Y06, Y10.0-Y10.6, Y10.60, Y10.64-Y10.69, Y10.9, Y11-Y12, Y20-Y29) ..... | 45,130  | 13,323 | 31,807 | 51.9             | 2,134  | 1,462 | 3,790  | 3,556  | 1,136 | 1,245 |
| Diagnosis deferred, mental observation (319.0 APA Code) .....  | 291     | 282    | 9      | 35.4             | 173    | 38    | 49     | 13     | 1     | 8     |
| XVII. Accidents, poisonings, and nature of injury .....  | 117,391 | 56,889 | 60,502 | 46.8             | 16,879 | 7,053 | 14,561 | 10,795 | 3,174 | 4,427 |
| Fracture of skull and facial bones (800-804) .....   | 3,829   | 2,398  | 1,431  | 42.1             | 915    | 386   | 600    | 350    | 66    | 81    |
| Fracture of skull and facial bones, late effects (800-804) <sup>7</sup> .....  | 947     | 490    | 457    | 41.2             | 193    | 80    | 125    | 75     | 11    | 6     |
| Fracture of spine and trunk (805-809) .....  | 6,004   | 2,993  | 3,011  | 51.9             | 547    | 288   | 842    | 738    | 222   | 356   |
| Fracture of spine and trunk, late effects (805-809) <sup>7</sup> .....   | 5,219   | 1,469  | 3,750  | 43.8             | 450    | 291   | 407    | 221    | 36    | 64    |
| Fracture of upper limb (810-819) .....   | 5,887   | 3,381  | 2,506  | 48.4             | 906    | 366   | 829    | 760    | 233   | 287   |
| Fracture of upper limb, late effects (810-819) <sup>7</sup> .....  | 1,695   | 913    | 782    | 42.2             | 370    | 109   | 221    | 155    | 37    | 21    |
| Fracture of lower limb (820-829) .....   | 10,661  | 7,621  | 3,040  | 53.7             | 1,379  | 714   | 1,843  | 1,632  | 667   | 1,386 |
| Fracture of lower limb, late effects (820-829) <sup>7</sup> .....  | 3,797   | 2,180  | 1,617  | 47.3             | 643    | 268   | 543    | 394    | 133   | 199   |
| Dislocation without fracture (830-839) .....   | 2,436   | 1,772  | 664    | 39.6             | 874    | 200   | 377    | 226    | 49    | 46    |
| Dislocation without fracture, late effects (830-839) <sup>7</sup> .....  | 655     | 461    | 194    | 38.5             | 234    | 74    | 82     | 51     | 8     | 12    |
| Intracranial injury—without skull fracture (850-854) .....   | 3,424   | 2,256  | 1,168  | 44.8             | 786    | 259   | 570    | 395    | 134   | 112   |
| Intracranial injury—without skull fracture, late effects (850-854) <sup>7</sup> .....  | 2,139   | 901    | 1,238  | 41.0             | 371    | 130   | 241    | 117    | 24    | 18    |
| Internal injury of chest, abdomen and pelvis (860-869) .....   | 1,287   | 618    | 669    | 42.2             | 242    | 99    | 143    | 88     | 23    | 23    |
| Internal injury of chest, abdomen and pelvis, late effects (860-869) <sup>7</sup> .....  | 247     | 106    | 141    | 39.4             | 53     | 17    | 14     | 14     | 6     | 2     |
| Traumatic amputation of arm and hand—complete/partial (887) .....  | 20      | 7      | 13     | ( <sup>6</sup> ) | 4      | 1     | 2      | .....  | ..... | ..... |
| Traumatic amputation of arm and hand—complete/partial, late effects (887) <sup>7</sup> .....   | 37      | 12     | 25     | ( <sup>6</sup> ) | 5      | 1     | 4      | 2      | ..... | ..... |
| Traumatic amputation of foot and leg(s)—complete/partial (896-897) .....   | 71      | 35     | 36     | ( <sup>6</sup> ) | 8      | 4     | 12     | 7      | 1     | 3     |
| Traumatic amputation of foot and leg(s)—complete/partial, late effects (896-897) <sup>7</sup> .....  | 151     | 55     | 96     | ( <sup>6</sup> ) | 28     | 5     | 13     | 2      | 3     | 4     |
| Burns (940-949) .....  | 2,546   | 1,514  | 1,032  | 47.6             | 371    | 198   | 428    | 354    | 96    | 77    |
| Burns, late effects (940-949) <sup>7</sup> .....   | 456     | 243    | 213    | 45.9             | 63     | 38    | 70     | 55     | 10    | 7     |
| Injury to nerves and spinal cord (950-959) .....   | 831     | 394    | 437    | 41.6             | 154    | 62    | 101    | 58     | 12    | 7     |
| Injury to nerves and spinal cord, late effects (950-959) <sup>7</sup> .....  | 1,461   | 604    | 857    | 41.8             | 230    | 85    | 183    | 75     | 21    | 10    |
| Adverse effect of medicinal agents and other complications of surgical and medical care (960-979, 997-999) .....   | 31,460  | 10,436 | 21,024 | 49.4             | 2,406  | 1,168 | 2,835  | 2,366  | 736   | 925   |
| All other accidents, poisonings and violence (840-848, 870-879, 880-886, 890-895, 900-907, 910-918, 920-929, 930-939, 980-996) .....                                     | 29,497  | 14,783 | 14,714 | 44.2             | 5,095  | 2,059 | 3,757  | 2,504  | 623   | 745   |
| All other accidents, poisonings and violence, late effects (870-879, 880-886, 890-895, 900-907, 910-918, 920-929) <sup>7</sup> .....                                     | 2,634   | 1,247  | 1,387  | 40.8             | 552    | 151   | 319    | 156    | 33    | 36    |

<sup>1</sup> Patient Treatment File. This table, as well as all others in this hospital discharge series, excludes approximately 145,000 one-day hemodialysis discharges.

<sup>2</sup> The diagnostic categories and selected diagnoses included in this table are based on the "International Classification of Diseases Adapted for Indexing of Hospital Records", USPHS Publication No. 1693. The numbers following the diagnoses are the identifying code numbers of this diagnostic classification. Category XV, "Certain Causes of Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality," in which no cases occurred, is not included in this table.

<sup>3</sup> This figure is based on completed records. In addition, there were 37,625 incomplete discharge records in the file at the time the table was prepared.

<sup>4</sup> Principal diagnosis is that diagnosis designated by the treating physician as responsible for the major portion of the patient's length of stay.

<sup>5</sup> Associated diagnoses are established diagnoses for which treatment was given, other than the principal diagnosis.

<sup>6</sup> Average age not calculated for totals of less than 100 cases.

<sup>7</sup> All late effect codes are differentiated from other codes by being uniformly .9 in the fourth digit position.

*VA Hospitals: Patients Discharged, Compensation and Pension Status, Type of Patient – Fiscal Year 1975<sup>1</sup>*

| Compensation and Pension Status   | Total Discharges <sup>2</sup> | Type of Patient |           |                   |              |                              |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
|   |                               | Tuberculosis    | Psychotic | Other Psychiatric | Neurological | General Medical and Surgical |
| VA Hospitals  | 883,350                       | 5,840           | 73,026    | 145,752           | 53,907       | 604,825                      |
| Received care for a service-connected disability . . . . .  | 108,497                       | 498             | 29,419    | 16,097            | 6,727        | 55,756                       |
| Received care for non-service-connected disability and has a service-connected compensable disability which does not require medical care . . . . . | 117,625                       | 649             | 4,291     | 16,523            | 6,675        | 89,487                       |
| Received care for non-service-connected disability and on VA pension rolls . . . . .  | 191,719                       | 1,363           | 10,809    | 19,959            | 13,112       | 146,476                      |
| Received care for non-service-connected disability-no compensation or pension . . . . .   | 456,227                       | 3,293           | 27,259    | 91,454            | 26,619       | 307,602                      |
| Non-Veterans <sup>3</sup> . . . . .   | 9,282                         | 37              | 1,248     | 1,719             | 774          | 5,504                        |

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<sup>3</sup> This group includes all patients other than veterans, such as active military, humanitarian emergencies, reimbursable cases, allied beneficiaries, donors, etc. If a patient is admitted as a Bureau of Employees Compensation case, he is coded as a non-veteran even though he is eligible as a veteran.



TABLE 23

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VA Hospitals: Patients Discharged, Age, Selected Period of Service, Diagnostic Grouping — Fiscal Year 1975<sup>1</sup>

| Diagnostic Composition of Patients                          | World War II                |                  |         |         |             | Korean Conflict             |                  |        |        |       | Vietnam Era                 |                  |          |        |        |       |       |             |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------|--------|-------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------------|
|   | Total Patients <sup>2</sup> | Age Distribution |         |         |             | Total Patients <sup>2</sup> | Age Distribution |        |        |       | Total Patients <sup>2</sup> | Age Distribution |          |        |        |       |       |             |
|   |                             | Under 45         | 45-54   | 55-64   | 65 and over |                             | Under 35         | 35-44  | 45-54  | 55-64 |                             | 65 and Over      | Under 25 | 25-34  | 35-44  | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65 and Over |
| All patients .....  | 469,076                     | 2,069            | 184,236 | 206,779 | 75,992      | 96,075                      | 432              | 46,481 | 40,072 | 6,474 | 2,616                       | 151,566          | 38,499   | 87,839 | 12,369 | 9,059 | 3,188 | 612         |
| Tuberculosis.....   | 3,674                       | 14               | 1,713   | 1,514   | 433         | 778                         | 2                | 354    | 358    | 51    | 13                          | 438              | 66       | 226    | 83     | 48    | 13    | 2           |
| Pulmonary tuberculosis.....                                 | 2,532                       | 9                | 1,223   | 1,054   | 246         | 547                         | 1                | 256    | 253    | 31    | 6                           | 288              | 37       | 154    | 51     | 38    | 7     | 1           |
| Other tuberculosis.....                                     | 1,142                       | 5                | 490     | 460     | 187         | 231                         | 1                | 98     | 105    | 20    | 7                           | 150              | 29       | 72     | 32     | 10    | 6     | 1           |
| Psychoses.....  | 24,010                      | 218              | 12,903  | 8,734   | 2,155       | 9,896                       | 81               | 5,566  | 3,861  | 304   | 84                          | 26,310           | 7,475    | 17,061 | 1,240  | 415   | 84    | 35          |
| Functional.....   | 18,488                      | 183              | 10,789  | 6,424   | 1,092       | 8,616                       | 76               | 4,949  | 3,331  | 219   | 41                          | 25,150           | 7,198    | 16,427 | 1,112  | 330   | 52    | 31          |
| Organic.....  | 5,522                       | 35               | 2,114   | 2,310   | 1,063       | 1,280                       | 5                | 617    | 530    | 85    | 43                          | 1,160            | 277      | 634    | 128    | 85    | 32    | 4           |
| Other psychiatric .....                                     | 63,533                      | 450              | 34,220  | 23,820  | 5,043       | 22,090                      | 113              | 12,028 | 8,806  | 941   | 202                         | 37,097           | 9,387    | 22,525 | 3,147  | 1,639 | 317   | 82          |
| Neurological .....  | 29,288                      | 92               | 11,007  | 12,971  | 5,218       | 5,615                       | 35               | 2,617  | 2,368  | 424   | 171                         | 7,865            | 1,596    | 4,655  | 797    | 551   | 215   | 51          |
| Vascular lesions affecting central nervous system.....      | 10,230                      | 15               | 2,579   | 4,883   | 2,753       | 823                         | .....            | 221    | 363    | 154   | 85                          | 385              | 21       | 86     | 45     | 124   | 85    | 24          |
| Other neurological.....                                     | 18,575                      | 77               | 8,216   | 7,887   | 2,395       | 4,678                       | 35               | 2,353  | 1,950  | 261   | 79                          | 7,339            | 1,545    | 4,493  | 730    | 418   | 126   | 27          |
| Neurological diseases of the sense organs.....              | 483                         | .....            | 212     | 201     | 70          | 114                         | .....            | 43     | 55     | 9     | 7                           | 141              | 30       | 76     | 22     | 9     | 4     | .....       |
| General medical and surgical .....                          | 348,571                     | 1,295            | 124,393 | 159,740 | 63,143      | 57,696                      | 201              | 25,916 | 24,679 | 4,754 | 2,146                       | 79,856           | 19,975   | 43,372 | 7,102  | 6,406 | 2,559 | 442         |
| Infective and parasitic diseases .....                      | 3,589                       | 32               | 1,413   | 1,527   | 617         | 885                         | 4                | 440    | 365    | 54    | 22                          | 3,584            | 1,306    | 2,010  | 160    | 82    | 20    | 6           |
| Malignant neoplasms .....                                   | 42,111                      | 81               | 11,596  | 20,512  | 9,922       | 3,903                       | 9                | 1,272  | 1,726  | 537   | 359                         | 3,105            | 392      | 1,445  | 402    | 500   | 313   | 53          |
| Benign and unspecified neoplasms.....                       | 5,142                       | 24               | 1,848   | 2,313   | 957         | 865                         | 7                | 380    | 371    | 76    | 31                          | 1,362            | 311      | 743    | 120    | 123   | 55    | 10          |
| Allergic and endocrine system .....                         | 16,587                      | 51               | 6,410   | 7,630   | 2,496       | 3,056                       | 4                | 1,404  | 1,348  | 226   | 74                          | 2,195            | 303      | 1,114  | 343    | 311   | 101   | 23          |
| Heart diseases and symptoms .....                           | 47,453                      | 108              | 16,154  | 22,112  | 9,079       | 5,930                       | 9                | 2,264  | 2,650  | 658   | 349                         | 3,020            | 200      | 784    | 648    | 891   | 442   | 55          |
| Vascular diseases .....                                     | 26,732                      | 92               | 9,780   | 12,437  | 4,423       | 4,590                       | 6                | 2,023  | 2,014  | 390   | 157                         | 3,860            | 542      | 2,055  | 521    | 525   | 188   | 29          |
| Acute respiratory diseases .....                            | 8,663                       | 37               | 2,853   | 3,878   | 1,895       | 1,330                       | 3                | 569    | 570    | 108   | 80                          | 2,066            | 615      | 1,088  | 162    | 136   | 56    | 9           |
| Other respiratory diseases with asthma and symptoms .....   | 31,836                      | 104              | 10,228  | 15,354  | 6,150       | 4,437                       | 9                | 1,876  | 1,885  | 488   | 179                         | 5,002            | 1,177    | 2,672  | 508    | 443   | 173   | 29          |
| Diseases of the digestive system and symptoms ..            | 52,729                      | 219              | 21,344  | 23,364  | 7,802       | 10,735                      | 35               | 5,107  | 4,671  | 686   | 236                         | 13,700           | 3,115    | 7,603  | 1,358  | 1,173 | 381   | 70          |
| Diseases of the genitourinary system and symptoms.....      | 25,436                      | 92               | 7,783   | 11,702  | 5,859       | 3,628                       | 18               | 1,601  | 1,466  | 322   | 221                         | 5,789            | 1,395    | 3,260  | 460    | 424   | 214   | 36          |
| Diseases of skin and cellular tissue.....                   | 11,129                      | 58               | 4,650   | 4,752   | 1,669       | 2,573                       | 13               | 1,305  | 1,052  | 146   | 57                          | 5,828            | 1,650    | 3,488  | 329    | 272   | 73    | 16          |
| Diseases of bones and organs of movement and symptoms ..... | 22,866                      | 104              | 9,779   | 10,193  | 2,790       | 4,968                       | 19               | 2,444  | 2,132  | 300   | 73                          | 7,855            | 1,797    | 4,697  | 674    | 499   | 159   | 29          |
| Accidents, poisonings and violence .....                    | 21,974                      | 173              | 9,621   | 9,154   | 3,026       | 5,607                       | 47               | 2,904  | 2,236  | 310   | 110                         | 14,577           | 5,287    | 7,857  | 787    | 470   | 139   | 37          |
| All other .....   | 32,324                      | 120              | 10,934  | 14,812  | 6,458       | 5,189                       | 18               | 2,327  | 2,193  | 453   | 198                         | 7,913            | 1,885    | 4,556  | 630    | 557   | 245   | 40          |

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<sup>2</sup> This figure is based on completed records. In addition, there were 37,625 incomplete discharge records in

file at the time the table was prepared.

Note: If a veteran served in 2 or more war periods, he was coded to the latest war for a service-connected condition incurred in a prior war period.

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## TABLE 24

VA Hospitals: Patients Discharged, Type of Patient, Age, Length of Stay – Fiscal Year 1975<sup>1</sup>

| Type of Patient and Age Group | Total Patients <sup>2</sup> | Average Days | Median Days <sup>3</sup> | Length of Stay Distribution (days) |        |         |         |         |        |         |        |        |         |         |         |          | Total Days |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|------------|
|                               |                             |              |                          | 1 Day                              | 2-3    | 4-7     | 8-14    | 15-21   | 22-30  | 31-60   | 61-90  | 91-180 | 181-270 | 271-365 | 366-730 | 731 Plus |            |
| All Patients . . . . .        | 883,350                     | 36.5         | 12.8                     | 84,108                             | 91,581 | 136,479 | 188,061 | 110,698 | 86,580 | 107,548 | 34,494 | 26,790 | 6,566   | 2,999   | 3,654   | 3,792    | 32,260,731 |
| Under 20 . . . . .            | 2,982                       | 15.6         | 7.0                      | 578                                | 475    | 579     | 534     | 259     | 151    | 255     | 80     | 59     | 6       | 3       | 3       | 3        | 46,391     |
| 20-24 . . . . .               | 40,025                      | 19.6         | 7.6                      | 6,763                              | 5,993  | 7,935   | 6,993   | 3,214   | 2,549  | 3,597   | 1,398  | 1,154  | 258     | 97      | 63      | 11       | 785,930    |
| 25-29 . . . . .               | 65,807                      | 22.2         | 8.7                      | 10,298                             | 9,176  | 12,251  | 11,905  | 5,811   | 4,691  | 6,238   | 2,400  | 2,092  | 512     | 230     | 159     | 44       | 1,458,231  |
| 30-34 . . . . .               | 34,440                      | 26.3         | 10.4                     | 4,585                              | 4,323  | 6,104   | 6,493   | 3,390   | 2,712  | 3,694   | 1,372  | 1,176  | 276     | 120     | 131     | 64       | 904,942    |
| 35-39 . . . . .               | 33,243                      | 30.4         | 11.3                     | 3,722                              | 4,062  | 5,745   | 6,531   | 3,499   | 2,822  | 3,722   | 1,410  | 1,088  | 291     | 112     | 136     | 103      | 1,009,368  |
| 40-44 . . . . .               | 64,019                      | 31.8         | 11.9                     | 6,588                              | 7,220  | 10,716  | 13,356  | 7,338   | 5,706  | 7,570   | 2,461  | 1,917  | 462     | 203     | 247     | 235      | 2,035,366  |
| 45-49 . . . . .               | 99,741                      | 35.1         | 12.8                     | 9,050                              | 10,333 | 16,052  | 21,148  | 12,372  | 9,761  | 12,248  | 4,045  | 2,950  | 705     | 316     | 368     | 393      | 3,505,066  |
| 50-54 . . . . .               | 147,248                     | 35.6         | 13.1                     | 12,531                             | 14,823 | 22,782  | 32,399  | 18,932  | 15,048 | 18,177  | 5,649  | 4,252  | 1,019   | 467     | 600     | 569      | 5,239,815  |
| 55-59 . . . . .               | 133,425                     | 35.0         | 13.5                     | 10,690                             | 12,699 | 19,565  | 29,958  | 18,285  | 14,259 | 16,874  | 5,017  | 3,806  | 889     | 404     | 484     | 495      | 4,674,419  |
| 60-64 . . . . .               | 89,905                      | 34.9         | 13.9                     | 6,968                              | 8,210  | 12,690  | 20,351  | 12,584  | 9,706  | 11,557  | 3,450  | 2,707  | 671     | 294     | 341     | 376      | 3,133,979  |
| 65-69 . . . . .               | 54,527                      | 38.6         | 14.4                     | 4,256                              | 4,681  | 7,153   | 12,146  | 7,866   | 6,101  | 7,336   | 2,197  | 1,669  | 390     | 188     | 265     | 279      | 2,104,573  |
| 70-74 . . . . .               | 20,670                      | 51.8         | 14.8                     | 1,537                              | 1,793  | 2,663   | 4,478   | 2,985   | 2,259  | 2,750   | 912    | 725    | 184     | 87      | 137     | 160      | 1,069,754  |
| 75-79 . . . . .               | 44,832                      | 63.9         | 15.0                     | 3,105                              | 3,608  | 5,619   | 10,060  | 6,595   | 5,015  | 6,244   | 1,804  | 1,437  | 382     | 207     | 299     | 457      | 2,864,350  |
| 80-84 . . . . .               | 39,923                      | 63.7         | 15.1                     | 2,609                              | 3,234  | 5,033   | 8,986   | 5,784   | 4,419  | 5,475   | 1,714  | 1,310  | 412     | 203     | 313     | 431      | 2,543,527  |
| 85 and over . . . . .         | 12,563                      | 70.4         | 15.7                     | 828                                | 951    | 1,592   | 2,723   | 1,784   | 1,381  | 1,811   | 585    | 448    | 109     | 68      | 108     | 175      | 885,030    |
| Tuberculous . . . . .         | 5,840                       | 61.8         | 27.4                     | 353                                | 285    | 435     | 817     | 695     | 554    | 997     | 515    | 776    | 256     | 85      | 57      | 15       | 360,917    |
| Under 20 . . . . .            | 6                           | 18.3         | 8.0                      | .....                              | .....  | 2       | .....   | 3       | .....  | 1       | .....  | .....  | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....    | 110        |
| 20-24 . . . . .               | 71                          | 25.9         | 14.8                     | 7                                  | 7      | 7       | 15      | 8       | 6      | 14      | 3      | 4      | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....    | 1,840      |
| 25-29 . . . . .               | 138                         | 34.3         | 16.6                     | 13                                 | 12     | 14      | 25      | 22      | 12     | 19      | 6      | 11     | 4       | .....   | .....   | .....    | 4,727      |
| 30-34 . . . . .               | 122                         | 41.9         | 15.8                     | 6                                  | 12     | 11      | 22      | 9       | 9      | 25      | 13     | 11     | 3       | .....   | 1       | .....    | 5,110      |
| 35-39 . . . . .               | 216                         | 54.4         | 27.8                     | 15                                 | 13     | 17      | 26      | 19      | 28     | 35      | 21     | 26     | 15      | .....   | 1       | .....    | 11,750     |
| 40-44 . . . . .               | 501                         | 58.2         | 28.0                     | 39                                 | 33     | 45      | 58      | 44      | 47     | 82      | 47     | 73     | 19      | 8       | 5       | 1        | 29,145     |
| 45-49 . . . . .               | 936                         | 58.8         | 29.6                     | 45                                 | 35     | 65      | 120     | 121     | 97     | 162     | 89     | 141    | 41      | 12      | 7       | 1        | 54,990     |
| 50-54 . . . . .               | 1,290                       | 68.5         | 28.5                     | 81                                 | 63     | 95      | 179     | 140     | 120    | 224     | 107    | 177    | 76      | 14      | 11      | 3        | 88,366     |
| 55-59 . . . . .               | 1,031                       | 61.7         | 30.3                     | 46                                 | 45     | 70      | 139     | 116     | 108    | 191     | 96     | 146    | 42      | 20      | 8       | 4        | 63,586     |
| 60-64 . . . . .               | 597                         | 58.9         | 27.3                     | 37                                 | 28     | 44      | 83      | 71      | 60     | 98      | 50     | 84     | 21      | 15      | 6       | .....    | 35,164     |
| 65-69 . . . . .               | 327                         | 74.5         | 27.0                     | 29                                 | 9      | 23      | 51      | 41      | 19     | 43      | 34     | 41     | 19      | 7       | 10      | 1        | 24,367     |
| 70-74 . . . . .               | 123                         | 40.7         | 18.8                     | 18                                 | 8      | 8       | 14      | 25      | 8      | 19      | 9      | 10     | 2       | 1       | 1       | .....    | 5,011      |
| 75-79 . . . . .               | 220                         | 70.1         | 25.0                     | 7                                  | 7      | 21      | 34      | 34      | 21     | 39      | 14     | 22     | 8       | 5       | 5       | 3        | 15,422     |
| 80-84 . . . . .               | 202                         | 91.0         | 21.4                     | 8                                  | 11     | 10      | 43      | 32      | 12     | 31      | 21     | 24     | 4       | 2       | 2       | 2        | 18,379     |
| 85 and over . . . . .         | 60                          | 49.2         | 28.4                     | 2                                  | 2      | 3       | 8       | 10      | 7      | 14      | 5      | 6      | 2       | 1       | .....   | .....    | 2,950      |
| Psychotic . . . . .           | 73,026                      | 159.0        | 27.6                     | 4,809                              | 4,550  | 6,572   | 9,132   | 6,897   | 7,314  | 13,498  | 6,339  | 6,827  | 2,128   | 1,130   | 1,564   | 2,266    | 11,614,048 |
| Under 20 . . . . .            | 551                         | 29.8         | 18.5                     | 44                                 | 37     | 65      | 93      | 73      | 50     | 112     | 47     | 27     | 2       | 1       | .....   | .....    | 16,399     |
| 20-24 . . . . .               | 8,211                       | 39.3         | 21.4                     | 683                                | 556    | 985     | 1,154   | 790     | 822    | 1,577   | 782    | 644    | 135     | 52      | 27      | 4        | 322,960    |
| 25-29 . . . . .               | 13,004                      | 46.0         | 22.5                     | 1,089                              | 895    | 1,409   | 1,757   | 1,272   | 1,357  | 2,365   | 1,168  | 1,157  | 276     | 130     | 107     | 22       | 597,919    |
| 30-34 . . . . .               | 6,377                       | 59.6         | 23.4                     | 507                                | 396    | 637     | 883     | 664     | 632    | 1,147   | 536    | 599    | 160     | 71      | 97      | 48       | 379,893    |
| 35-39 . . . . .               | 4,907                       | 85.1         | 25.8                     | 327                                | 310    | 476     | 655     | 479     | 492    | 868     | 431    | 479    | 155     | 71      | 86      | 78       | 417,715    |
| 40-44 . . . . .               | 7,231                       | 114.7        | 27.7                     | 479                                | 457    | 652     | 868     | 702     | 726    | 1,394   | 605    | 696    | 217     | 106     | 152     | 177      | 829,230    |
| 45-49 . . . . .               | 8,799                       | 161.8        | 28.8                     | 487                                | 527    | 729     | 1,124   | 828     | 937    | 1,664   | 758    | 810    | 295     | 141     | 195     | 304      | 1,423,489  |
| 50-54 . . . . .               | 9,554                       | 201.4        | 32.8                     | 507                                | 565    | 709     | 1,086   | 847     | 954    | 1,857   | 850    | 964    | 332     | 196     | 274     | 413      | 1,924,151  |
| 55-59 . . . . .               | 6,300                       | 235.4        | 34.3                     | 348                                | 368    | 429     | 663     | 561     | 652    | 1,186   | 531    | 648    | 224     | 155     | 217     | 318      | 1,483,007  |
| 60-64 . . . . .               | 3,204                       | 248.1        | 36.7                     | 163                                | 205    | 205     | 346     | 272     | 300    | 588     | 261    | 324    | 119     | 85      | 124     | 212      | 794,927    |
| 65-69 . . . . .               | 1,628                       | 336.2        | 43.3                     | 71                                 | 75     | 85      | 163     | 167     | 133    | 291     | 147    | 171    | 74      | 33      | 85      | 133      | 547,271    |
| 70-74 . . . . .               | 612                         | 584.5        | 51.4                     | 26                                 | 38     | 30      | 58      | 52      | 48     | 79      | 50     | 68     | 27      | 18      | 36      | 82       | 357,687    |
| 75-79 . . . . .               | 1,210                       | 1,023.9      | 59.2                     | 27                                 | 54     | 72      | 117     | 78      | 100    | 168     | 87     | 120    | 55      | 34      | 69      | 229      | 1,238,885  |
| 80-84 . . . . .               | 1,022                       | 937.5        | 50.2                     | 39                                 | 52     | 60      | 115     | 82      | 71     | 144     | 59     | 86     | 40      | 26      | 67      | 181      | 958,146    |
| 85 and over . . . . .         | 416                         | 774.9        | 47.5                     | 12                                 | 15     | 29      | 50      | 30      | 40     | 58      | 27     | 34     | 17      | 11      | 28      | 65       | 322,369    |

|                                    |         |       |      |        |        |        |         |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |            |
|------------------------------------|---------|-------|------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Other Psychiatric..                | 145,752 | 36.2  | 14.0 | 14,593 | 14,982 | 23,085 | 23,781  | 14,601 | 14,167 | 22,450 | 8,861  | 5,956  | 1,367 | 604   | 718   | 587   | 5,269,606  |
| Under 20 .....                     | 861     | 14.7  | 7.0  | 190    | 132    | 144    | 151     | 74     | 50     | 84     | 20     | 16     | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12,655     |
| 20-24 .....                        | 10,032  | 21.8  | 8.7  | 1,907  | 1,290  | 1,662  | 1,561   | 827    | 782    | 1,148  | 408    | 339    | 66    | 24    | 15    | 3     | 218,597    |
| 25-29 .....                        | 16,592  | 24.4  | 10.5 | 2,986  | 1,812  | 2,595  | 2,545   | 1,513  | 1,365  | 2,145  | 800    | 585    | 154   | 56    | 28    | 8     | 404,733    |
| 30-34 .....                        | 9,287   | 26.0  | 12.0 | 1,284  | 1,093  | 1,467  | 1,407   | 880    | 851    | 1,325  | 541    | 334    | 61    | 22    | 15    | 7     | 241,294    |
| 35-39 .....                        | 9,633   | 26.4  | 12.4 | 1,104  | 1,113  | 1,664  | 1,495   | 894    | 881    | 1,465  | 591    | 319    | 68    | 14    | 17    | 8     | 253,953    |
| 40-44 .....                        | 16,242  | 27.9  | 13.1 | 1,568  | 1,812  | 2,768  | 2,692   | 1,561  | 1,521  | 2,588  | 965    | 560    | 102   | 41    | 45    | 19    | 452,780    |
| 45-49 .....                        | 22,097  | 29.3  | 14.3 | 1,810  | 2,279  | 3,758  | 3,567   | 2,263  | 2,203  | 3,564  | 1,499  | 827    | 166   | 70    | 63    | 28    | 648,374    |
| 50-54 .....                        | 25,628  | 35.0  | 15.3 | 1,796  | 2,502  | 4,118  | 4,305   | 2,582  | 2,655  | 4,292  | 1,754  | 1,099  | 222   | 101   | 145   | 57    | 897,531    |
| 55-59 .....                        | 17,247  | 38.2  | 16.2 | 1,040  | 1,591  | 2,666  | 3,005   | 1,920  | 1,872  | 2,854  | 1,120  | 784    | 170   | 79    | 76    | 70    | 659,065    |
| 60-64 .....                        | 8,687   | 48.1  | 17.2 | 461    | 762    | 1,233  | 1,556   | 1,045  | 947    | 1,429  | 526    | 436    | 115   | 52    | 62    | 63    | 418,086    |
| 65-69 .....                        | 3,844   | 65.6  | 18.8 | 212    | 308    | 469    | 699     | 433    | 422    | 627    | 238    | 220    | 63    | 37    | 52    | 64    | 251,959    |
| 70-74 .....                        | 1,183   | 89.8  | 22.0 | 59     | 86     | 126    | 182     | 138    | 147    | 180    | 76     | 87     | 27    | 15    | 37    | 23    | 106,266    |
| 75-79 .....                        | 1,902   | 140.5 | 27.8 | 78     | 83     | 187    | 271     | 197    | 211    | 337    | 129    | 153    | 67    | 36    | 67    | 86    | 267,230    |
| 80-84 .....                        | 1,785   | 163.5 | 28.8 | 59     | 86     | 154    | 254     | 206    | 177    | 288    | 138    | 138    | 69    | 41    | 71    | 104   | 291,888    |
| 85 and over .....                  | 732     | 198.4 | 28.7 | 39     | 33     | 74     | 91      | 68     | 83     | 124    | 56     | 59     | 17    | 16    | 25    | 47    | 145,195    |
| Neurological .....                 | 53,907  | 44.4  | 15.8 | 3,914  | 4,516  | 6,576  | 11,087  | 7,124  | 5,851  | 7,617  | 2,621  | 2,687  | 817   | 361   | 410   | 326   | 2,393,253  |
| Under 20 .....                     | 165     | 25.8  | 6.8  | 32     | 25     | 37     | 31      | 10     | 4      | 10     | 3      | 7      | 4     | 1     | 1     | ..... | 4,259      |
| 20-24 .....                        | 1,789   | 31.6  | 9.4  | 299    | 228    | 295    | 355     | 153    | 105    | 143    | 57     | 77     | 40    | 18    | 16    | 3     | 56,557     |
| 25-29 .....                        | 3,328   | 30.3  | 10.4 | 393    | 475    | 553    | 694     | 344    | 280    | 260    | 104    | 124    | 48    | 26    | 15    | 12    | 100,960    |
| 30-34 .....                        | 2,115   | 32.3  | 11.6 | 234    | 259    | 330    | 457     | 221    | 183    | 220    | 74     | 73     | 29    | 18    | 11    | 6     | 68,260     |
| 35-39 .....                        | 1,980   | 36.7  | 12.1 | 188    | 252    | 305    | 414     | 257    | 187    | 180    | 61     | 71     | 27    | 11    | 15    | 12    | 72,673     |
| 40-44 .....                        | 3,636   | 37.3  | 13.7 | 312    | 356    | 510    | 783     | 472    | 366    | 446    | 135    | 150    | 43    | 21    | 17    | 25    | 135,680    |
| 45-49 .....                        | 5,964   | 41.6  | 14.6 | 439    | 581    | 762    | 1,283   | 821    | 630    | 734    | 257    | 287    | 58    | 32    | 43    | 37    | 247,884    |
| 50-54 .....                        | 8,807   | 42.0  | 15.8 | 610    | 735    | 1,046  | 1,860   | 1,233  | 987    | 1,225  | 413    | 417    | 126   | 47    | 62    | 46    | 370,103    |
| 55-59 .....                        | 8,301   | 42.7  | 17.8 | 496    | 531    | 916    | 1,749   | 1,161  | 1,014  | 1,334  | 405    | 426    | 133   | 44    | 54    | 38    | 354,414    |
| 60-64 .....                        | 5,751   | 48.6  | 18.7 | 308    | 381    | 619    | 1,151   | 785    | 673    | 975    | 340    | 317    | 95    | 34    | 35    | 38    | 279,729    |
| 65-69 .....                        | 3,717   | 54.0  | 20.0 | 201    | 208    | 364    | 708     | 524    | 456    | 636    | 227    | 238    | 63    | 28    | 33    | 31    | 220,570    |
| 70-74 .....                        | 1,469   | 80.3  | 21.5 | 70     | 84     | 145    | 270     | 179    | 166    | 260    | 99     | 114    | 33    | 13    | 18    | 18    | 117,943    |
| 75-79 .....                        | 3,296   | 50.2  | 20.5 | 158    | 173    | 289    | 665     | 462    | 398    | 606    | 203    | 200    | 53    | 35    | 38    | 16    | 165,400    |
| 80-84 .....                        | 2,777   | 64.9  | 19.9 | 125    | 165    | 314    | 510     | 395    | 301    | 467    | 183    | 152    | 57    | 27    | 44    | 37    | 180,262    |
| 85 and over .....                  | 812     | 47.5  | 18.0 | 49     | 63     | 91     | 157     | 107    | 101    | 121    | 60     | 34     | 8     | 6     | 8     | 7     | 38,559     |
| General medical and surgical ..... | 604,825 | 20.9  | 11.6 | 60,439 | 67,248 | 99,811 | 143,244 | 81,381 | 58,694 | 62,986 | 16,158 | 10,544 | 1,998 | 819   | 905   | 598   | 12,622,907 |
| Under 20 .....                     | 1,399   | 9.3   | 5.3  | 312    | 281    | 331    | 259     | 99     | 47     | 48     | 10     | 9      | ..... | 1     | 2     | ..... | 12,968     |
| 20-24 .....                        | 19,922  | 9.3   | 5.8  | 3,867  | 3,912  | 4,986  | 3,908   | 1,436  | 834    | 715    | 148    | 90     | 17    | 3     | 5     | 1     | 185,976    |
| 25-29 .....                        | 32,745  | 10.7  | 6.4  | 5,817  | 5,982  | 7,680  | 6,884   | 2,660  | 1,677  | 1,449  | 322    | 215    | 30    | 18    | 9     | 2     | 349,892    |
| 30-34 .....                        | 16,539  | 12.7  | 7.4  | 2,554  | 2,563  | 3,659  | 3,724   | 1,616  | 1,037  | 977    | 208    | 159    | 23    | 9     | 7     | 3     | 210,385    |
| 35-39 .....                        | 16,507  | 15.3  | 8.9  | 2,088  | 2,374  | 3,283  | 3,941   | 1,850  | 1,234  | 1,174  | 306    | 193    | 26    | 16    | 17    | 5     | 253,277    |
| 40-44 .....                        | 36,409  | 16.2  | 10.1 | 4,190  | 4,562  | 6,741  | 8,955   | 4,559  | 3,046  | 3,060  | 709    | 438    | 81    | 27    | 28    | 13    | 588,531    |
| 45-49 .....                        | 61,945  | 18.2  | 11.3 | 6,269  | 6,911  | 10,738 | 15,054  | 8,339  | 5,894  | 6,124  | 1,442  | 885    | 145   | 61    | 60    | 23    | 1,130,319  |
| 50-54 .....                        | 101,969 | 19.2  | 11.8 | 9,537  | 10,958 | 16,814 | 24,969  | 14,130 | 10,332 | 10,579 | 2,525  | 1,595  | 263   | 109   | 108   | 50    | 1,959,664  |
| 55-59 .....                        | 100,546 | 21.0  | 12.6 | 8,760  | 10,164 | 15,484 | 24,402  | 14,527 | 10,613 | 11,309 | 2,865  | 1,802  | 320   | 106   | 129   | 65    | 2,114,347  |
| 60-64 .....                        | 71,666  | 22.4  | 13.0 | 5,999  | 6,834  | 10,589 | 17,215  | 10,411 | 7,726  | 8,467  | 2,273  | 1,546  | 321   | 108   | 114   | 63    | 1,606,073  |
| 65-69 .....                        | 45,011  | 24.0  | 13.6 | 3,743  | 4,081  | 6,212  | 10,525  | 6,701  | 5,071  | 5,739  | 1,551  | 999    | 171   | 83    | 85    | 50    | 1,080,406  |
| 70-74 .....                        | 17,283  | 27.9  | 14.0 | 1,364  | 1,577  | 2,354  | 3,954   | 2,591  | 1,890  | 2,212  | 678    | 446    | 95    | 40    | 45    | 37    | 482,847    |
| 75-79 .....                        | 38,204  | 30.8  | 14.2 | 2,835  | 3,291  | 5,050  | 8,973   | 5,824  | 4,285  | 5,094  | 1,371  | 942    | 199   | 97    | 120   | 123   | 1,177,413  |
| 80-84 .....                        | 34,137  | 32.1  | 14.3 | 2,378  | 2,920  | 4,495  | 8,064   | 5,069  | 3,858  | 4,545  | 1,313  | 910    | 242   | 107   | 129   | 107   | 1,094,852  |
| 85 and over .....                  | 10,543  | 35.7  | 14.7 | 726    | 838    | 1,395  | 2,417   | 1,569  | 1,150  | 1,494  | 437    | 315    | 65    | 34    | 47    | 56    | 375,957    |

<sup>1</sup>Patient treatment file. This table, as well as all others in this hospital discharge series, excludes approximately 145,000 one-day hemodialysis discharges.

<sup>2</sup>This figure is based on completed records. In addition, there were 37,625 incomplete records in file at the time the table was prepared.

<sup>3</sup>One-half of the discharges in the given category have lengths of stay greater than the median; the other half, less than the median.

## Cost of Operation of Medical Inpatient Facilities – Fiscal Year 1975

(Dollars in Thousands)

| Activity                                      | Total       | VA Hospital Care    |                      |                         | VA Nursing Care | VA Domiciliaries |
|---|-------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|   |             | Medical Bed Section | Surgical Bed Section | Psychiatric Bed Section |                 |                  |
| <b>Total costs</b> .....                      | \$2,370,602 | \$1,111,676         | \$585,252            | \$515,352               | \$105,266       | \$53,056         |
| <b>Professional and ancillary:</b>            |             |                     |                      |                         |                 |                  |
| Medical services <sup>1</sup> .....           | 551,553     | 268,485             | 155,987              | 106,696                 | 11,600          | 8,785            |
| Nursing service .....                         | 681,297     | 333,325             | 173,875              | 138,671                 | 33,456          | 1,970            |
| Chaplain service .....                        | 12,386      | 5,194               | 2,282                | 3,299                   | 767             | 844              |
| Dietetics service .....                       | 230,955     | 96,861              | 42,611               | 58,987                  | 16,015          | 16,481           |
| Dental service .....                          | 26,240      | 11,345              | 5,323                | 7,529                   | 805             | 1,238            |
| Audiology & Speech Pathology .....            | 2,957       | 1,894               | 504                  | 286                     | 180             | 93               |
| <b>Direct care, total</b> .....               | 1,505,388   | 717,104             | 380,582              | 315,468                 | 62,823          | 29,411           |
| <b>Administrative support</b> .....           | 296,168     | 138,755             | 75,149               | 64,489                  | 11,125          | 6,560            |
| <b>Engineering support</b> .....              | 283,796     | 116,728             | 59,038               | 75,912                  | 19,106          | 13,012           |
| <b>Building Management</b> <sup>2</sup> ..... | 141,190     | 62,080              | 31,639               | 36,016                  | 8,944           | 2,511            |
| <b>Research support</b> .....                 | 41,260      | 24,378              | 11,515               | 5,178                   | 120             | 69               |
| <b>Asset acquisitions</b> .....               | 102,800     | 52,631              | 27,329               | 18,289                  | 3,148           | 1,403            |
| <b>Support, total</b> .....                   | 865,214     | 394,572             | 204,670              | 199,884                 | 42,443          | 23,645           |

<sup>1</sup>Professional medical services include laboratory, pharmacy, blind rehabilitation, clinical nuclear medicine, rehabilitation medicine, social service, clinical

psychology, radiology, medical illustration and library.

<sup>2</sup>Includes operation of laundry.

*VA Hospitals: Patients Discharged, Compensation and Pension Status,  
Type of Patient, Age - Fiscal Year 1975<sup>1</sup>*

| Type of Patient and Age Group      | Total All Patients <sup>2</sup> | Service-Connected Veterans |             |               |                          | Non-Service-Connected |         |         | Non-Veterans <sup>4</sup> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------------------------|
|                                    |                                 | Total                      | 10% or More | Less Than 10% | NSC with SC <sup>3</sup> | Total                 | Pension | Other   |                           |
| All patients .....                 | 883,350                         | 226,122                    | 104,898     | 3,599         | 117,625                  | 647,946               | 191,719 | 456,227 | 9,282                     |
| Under 25 .....                     | 43,007                          | 10,328                     | 7,418       | 454           | 2,456                    | 28,762                | 602     | 28,160  | 3,917                     |
| 25-34 .....                        | 100,247                         | 33,066                     | 22,246      | 598           | 10,222                   | 65,489                | 2,954   | 62,535  | 1,692                     |
| 35-44 .....                        | 97,262                          | 23,960                     | 13,881      | 363           | 9,716                    | 72,146                | 9,043   | 63,103  | 1,156                     |
| 45-54 .....                        | 246,989                         | 65,160                     | 29,177      | 981           | 35,002                   | 180,724               | 43,674  | 137,050 | 1,105                     |
| 55-64 .....                        | 223,330                         | 63,457                     | 23,036      | 849           | 39,572                   | 158,890               | 52,966  | 105,924 | 983                       |
| 65 and over .....                  | 172,515                         | 30,151                     | 9,140       | 354           | 20,657                   | 141,935               | 82,480  | 59,455  | 429                       |
| Tuberculosis .....                 | 5,840                           | 1,147                      | 478         | 20            | 649                      | 4,656                 | 1,363   | 3,293   | 37                        |
| Under 25 .....                     | 77                              | 18                         | 11          | 2             | 5                        | 51                    | 1       | 50      | 8                         |
| 25-34 .....                        | 260                             | 59                         | 30          | .....         | 29                       | 199                   | 5       | 194     | 2                         |
| 35-44 .....                        | 717                             | 108                        | 46          | 4             | 58                       | 599                   | 81      | 518     | 10                        |
| 45-54 .....                        | 2,226                           | 432                        | 182         | 8             | 242                      | 1,789                 | 440     | 1,349   | 5                         |
| 55-64 .....                        | 1,628                           | 356                        | 135         | 4             | 217                      | 1,264                 | 419     | 845     | 8                         |
| 65 and over .....                  | 932                             | 174                        | 74          | 2             | 98                       | 754                   | 417     | 337     | 4                         |
| Psychoses .....                    | 73,026                          | 33,710                     | 28,813      | 606           | 4,291                    | 38,068                | 10,809  | 27,259  | 1,248                     |
| Under 25 .....                     | 8,762                           | 4,127                      | 3,729       | 193           | 205                      | 3,737                 | 125     | 3,612   | 898                       |
| 25-34 .....                        | 19,381                          | 10,596                     | 9,627       | 150           | 819                      | 8,527                 | 823     | 7,704   | 258                       |
| 35-44 .....                        | 12,138                          | 5,201                      | 4,579       | 77            | 545                      | 6,882                 | 1,688   | 5,194   | 55                        |
| 45-54 .....                        | 18,353                          | 8,013                      | 6,583       | 124           | 1,306                    | 10,320                | 4,143   | 6,177   | 20                        |
| 55-64 .....                        | 9,504                           | 4,420                      | 3,371       | 51            | 998                      | 5,071                 | 2,110   | 2,961   | 13                        |
| 65 and over .....                  | 4,888                           | 1,353                      | 924         | 11            | 418                      | 3,531                 | 1,920   | 1,611   | 4                         |
| Other Psychiatric .....            | 145,752                         | 32,620                     | 15,435      | 662           | 16,523                   | 111,413               | 19,959  | 91,454  | 1,719                     |
| Under 25 .....                     | 10,893                          | 1,673                      | 962         | 105           | 606                      | 8,034                 | 106     | 7,928   | 1,186                     |
| 25-34 .....                        | 25,879                          | 5,576                      | 2,899       | 116           | 2,561                    | 20,045                | 473     | 19,572  | 258                       |
| 35-44 .....                        | 25,875                          | 4,645                      | 2,158       | 80            | 2,407                    | 21,120                | 1,739   | 19,381  | 110                       |
| 45-54 .....                        | 47,725                          | 11,441                     | 5,326       | 208           | 5,907                    | 36,180                | 7,268   | 28,912  | 104                       |
| 55-64 .....                        | 25,934                          | 7,493                      | 3,394       | 116           | 3,983                    | 18,401                | 5,909   | 12,492  | 40                        |
| 65 and over .....                  | 9,446                           | 1,792                      | 696         | 37            | 1,059                    | 7,633                 | 4,464   | 3,169   | 21                        |
| Neurological .....                 | 53,907                          | 13,402                     | 6,571       | 156           | 6,675                    | 39,731                | 13,112  | 26,619  | 774                       |
| Under 25 .....                     | 1,954                           | 502                        | 372         | 6             | 124                      | 1,184                 | 74      | 1,110   | 268                       |
| 25-34 .....                        | 5,443                           | 2,030                      | 1,473       | 26            | 531                      | 3,285                 | 341     | 2,944   | 128                       |
| 35-44 .....                        | 5,616                           | 1,559                      | 1,032       | 20            | 507                      | 3,955                 | 683     | 3,272   | 102                       |
| 45-54 .....                        | 14,771                          | 3,766                      | 1,787       | 51            | 1,928                    | 10,867                | 3,145   | 7,722   | 138                       |
| 55-64 .....                        | 14,052                          | 3,644                      | 1,353       | 34            | 2,257                    | 10,312                | 3,348   | 6,964   | 96                        |
| 65 and over .....                  | 12,071                          | 1,901                      | 554         | 19            | 1,328                    | 10,128                | 5,521   | 4,607   | 42                        |
| General medical and surgical ..... | 604,825                         | 145,243                    | 53,601      | 2,155         | 89,487                   | 454,078               | 146,476 | 307,602 | 5,504                     |
| Under 25 .....                     | 21,321                          | 4,008                      | 2,344       | 148           | 1,516                    | 15,756                | 296     | 15,460  | 1,557                     |
| 25-34 .....                        | 49,284                          | 14,805                     | 8,217       | 306           | 6,282                    | 33,433                | 1,312   | 32,121  | 1,046                     |
| 35-44 .....                        | 52,916                          | 12,447                     | 6,066       | 182           | 6,199                    | 39,590                | 4,852   | 34,738  | 879                       |
| 45-54 .....                        | 163,914                         | 41,508                     | 15,299      | 590           | 25,619                   | 121,568               | 28,678  | 92,890  | 838                       |
| 55-64 .....                        | 172,212                         | 47,544                     | 14,783      | 644           | 32,117                   | 123,842               | 41,180  | 82,662  | 826                       |
| 65 and over .....                  | 145,178                         | 24,931                     | 6,892       | 285           | 17,754                   | 119,889               | 70,158  | 49,731  | 358                       |

<sup>1</sup> Patient treatment file. This table, as well as all others in this hospital discharge series, excludes approximately 145,000 one-day hemodialysis discharges.

<sup>2</sup> This figure is based on completed records. In addition, there were 37,625 incomplete records in file at the time the table was prepared.

<sup>3</sup> Veterans with compensable service-connected disabilities but treated for non-service-connected disabilities only.

<sup>4</sup> This group includes all patients other than veterans, such as active military, humanitarian emergencies, reimbursable cases, allied beneficiaries, donors, etc. If a patient is admitted as a Bureau of Employees Compensation case, he is coded as non-veteran even though he is eligible as a veteran.

## INPATIENT CARE

TABLE 27

*VA Hospitals: Patients Discharged, Compensation and Pension Status, Type of Hospital, Type of Patient, Sex – Fiscal Year 1975<sup>1</sup>*

| Compensation and Pension Status     | All Patients       |                  |                |                           |                   |         | Female |                  |                |                           |                   |       | Male    |                  |                |                           |                   |         |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------|--------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------|---------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------|
|                                     | Total <sup>2</sup> | Tuber-<br>culous | Psy-<br>choses | Other<br>Psychi-<br>atric | Neuro-<br>logical | GM&S    | Total  | Tuber-<br>culous | Psy-<br>choses | Other<br>Psychi-<br>atric | Neuro-<br>logical | GM&S  | Total   | Tuber-<br>culous | Psy-<br>choses | Other<br>Psychi-<br>atric | Neuro-<br>logical | GM&S    |
| VA hospitals – total .....          | 883,350            | 5,840            | 73,026         | 145,752                   | 53,907            | 604,825 | 12,526 | 23               | 1,511          | 1,608                     | 766               | 8,618 | 870,824 | 5,817            | 71,515         | 144,144                   | 53,141            | 596,207 |
| Service-connected .....             | 108,497            | 498              | 29,419         | 16,097                    | 6,727             | 55,756  | 1,581  | 2                | 472            | 234                       | 103               | 770   | 106,916 | 496              | 28,947         | 15,863                    | 6,624             | 54,986  |
| 10% or more .....                   | 104,898            | 478              | 28,813         | 15,435                    | 6,571             | 53,601  | 1,531  | 2                | 458            | 219                       | 102               | 750   | 103,367 | 476              | 28,355         | 15,216                    | 6,469             | 52,851  |
| Less than 10% .....                 | 3,599              | 20               | 606            | 662                       | 156               | 2,155   | 50     | .....            | 14             | 15                        | 1                 | 20    | 3,549   | 20               | 592            | 647                       | 155               | 2,135   |
| Non-service-connected with SC ..... | 117,625            | 649              | 4,291          | 16,523                    | 6,675             | 89,487  | 1,413  | 1                | 64             | 148                       | 79                | 1,121 | 116,212 | 648              | 4,227          | 16,375                    | 6,596             | 88,366  |
| NSC with pension .....              | 191,719            | 1,363            | 10,809         | 19,959                    | 13,112            | 146,476 | 2,160  | 4                | 318            | 224                       | 135               | 1,479 | 189,559 | 1,359            | 10,491         | 19,735                    | 12,977            | 144,997 |
| NSC no claim pending .....          | 456,227            | 3,293            | 27,259         | 91,454                    | 26,619            | 307,602 | 6,302  | 11               | 630            | 948                       | 322               | 4,391 | 449,925 | 3,282            | 26,629         | 90,506                    | 26,297            | 303,211 |
| Non-veterans <sup>3</sup> .....     | 9,282              | 37               | 1,248          | 1,719                     | 774               | 5,504   | 1,070  | 5                | 27             | 54                        | 127               | 857   | 8,212   | 32               | 1,221          | 1,665                     | 647               | 4,647   |
| Psychiatric hospitals – total ..... | 65,149             | 84               | 25,439         | 31,117                    | 1,140             | 7,369   | 1,007  | 1                | 547            | 316                       | 15                | 128   | 64,142  | 83               | 24,892         | 30,801                    | 1,125             | 7,241   |
| Service-connected .....             | 17,130             | 11               | 11,724         | 4,034                     | 238               | 1,123   | 238    | .....            | 169            | 53                        | 2                 | 14    | 16,892  | 11               | 11,555         | 3,981                     | 236               | 1,109   |
| 10% or more .....                   | 16,522             | 11               | 11,365         | 3,830                     | 234               | 1,082   | 219    | .....            | 157            | 49                        | 2                 | 11    | 16,303  | 11               | 11,208         | 3,781                     | 232               | 1,071   |
| Less than 10% .....                 | 608                | .....            | 359            | 204                       | 4                 | 41      | 19     | .....            | 12             | 4                         | .....             | 3     | 589     | .....            | 347            | 200                       | 4                 | 38      |
| Non-service-connected with SC ..... | 6,772              | 11               | 1,211          | 4,102                     | 151               | 1,297   | 70     | .....            | 20             | 24                        | 3                 | 23    | 6,702   | 11               | 1,191          | 4,078                     | 148               | 1,274   |
| NSC with pension .....              | 10,979             | 20               | 4,796          | 3,973                     | 276               | 1,914   | 229    | .....            | 150            | 49                        | 2                 | 28    | 10,750  | 20               | 4,646          | 3,924                     | 274               | 1,886   |
| NSC no claim pending .....          | 29,814             | 41               | 7,564          | 18,757                    | 470               | 2,982   | 433    | .....            | 201            | 179                       | 8                 | 45    | 29,381  | 41               | 7,363          | 18,578                    | 462               | 2,937   |
| Non-veterans <sup>3</sup> .....     | 454                | 1                | 144            | 251                       | 5                 | 53      | 37     | 1                | 7              | 11                        | .....             | 18    | 417     | .....            | 137            | 240                       | 5                 | 35      |
| General hospitals – total .....     | 818,201            | 5,756            | 47,587         | 114,635                   | 52,767            | 597,456 | 11,519 | 22               | 964            | 1,292                     | 751               | 8,490 | 806,682 | 5,734            | 46,623         | 113,343                   | 52,016            | 588,966 |
| Service-connected .....             | 91,367             | 487              | 17,695         | 12,063                    | 6,489             | 54,633  | 1,343  | 2                | 303            | 181                       | 101               | 756   | 90,024  | 485              | 17,392         | 11,882                    | 6,388             | 53,877  |
| 10% or more .....                   | 88,376             | 467              | 17,448         | 11,605                    | 6,337             | 52,519  | 1,312  | 2                | 301            | 170                       | 100               | 739   | 87,064  | 465              | 17,147         | 11,435                    | 6,237             | 51,780  |
| Less than 10% .....                 | 2,991              | 20               | 247            | 458                       | 152               | 2,114   | 31     | .....            | 2              | 11                        | 1                 | 17    | 2,960   | 20               | 245            | 447                       | 151               | 2,097   |
| Non-service-connected with SC ..... | 110,853            | 638              | 3,080          | 12,421                    | 6,524             | 88,190  | 1,343  | 1                | 44             | 124                       | 76                | 1,098 | 109,510 | 637              | 3,036          | 12,297                    | 6,448             | 87,092  |
| NSC with pension .....              | 180,740            | 1,343            | 6,013          | 15,986                    | 12,836            | 144,562 | 1,931  | 4                | 168            | 175                       | 133               | 1,451 | 178,809 | 1,339            | 5,845          | 15,811                    | 12,703            | 143,111 |
| NSC no claim pending .....          | 426,413            | 3,252            | 19,695         | 72,697                    | 26,149            | 304,620 | 5,869  | 11               | 429            | 769                       | 314               | 4,346 | 420,544 | 3,241            | 19,266         | 71,928                    | 25,835            | 300,274 |
| Non-veterans <sup>3</sup> .....     | 8,828              | 36               | 1,104          | 1,468                     | 769               | 5,451   | 1,033  | 4                | 20             | 43                        | 127               | 839   | 7,795   | 32               | 1,084          | 1,425                     | 642               | 4,612   |

<sup>1</sup> Patient treatment file. This table, as well as all others in this hospital discharge series, excludes approximately 145,000 one-day hemodialysis discharges.

<sup>2</sup> This figure is based on completed records. In addition, there were 37,625 incomplete records in the file at the time the table was prepared.

<sup>3</sup> This group includes all patients other than veterans, such as active military, humanitarian emergencies, reimbursable cases, allied beneficiaries, donors, etc. If a patient is admitted as a Bureau of Employees Compensation case, he is coded as a non-veteran even though he is eligible as a veteran.

Operations Performed in VA Hospitals – Fiscal Year 1975<sup>1</sup>

| Operations and ICDA Codes   | All Hospitals | GM&S Hospitals |                                   |                                       | Psychiatric Hospitals <sup>2</sup> |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|   |               | Total          | Affiliated Hospitals <sup>3</sup> | Non-Affiliated Hospitals <sup>4</sup> |                                    |
| Surgical Operations (01-98) <sup>2</sup> .....                                    | 250,186       | 247,236        | 207,376                           | 39,860                                | 2,950                              |
| Neurosurgery (01-05) .....  | 7,908         | 7,892          | 7,303                             | 589                                   | 16                                 |
| Incision and excision of skull and intracranial structure <sup>5</sup> (01) ..... | 1,991         | 1,986          | 1,955                             | 31                                    | 5                                  |
| Other operations on brain and cerebral meninges (02) .....                        | 918           | 918            | 906                               | 12                                    | .....                              |
| Operations on spinal cord structures (03) .....                                   | 1,477         | 1,477          | 1,412                             | 65                                    | .....                              |
| Operations on peripheral nerves (04) .....  | 2,558         | 2,554          | 2,304                             | 250                                   | 4                                  |
| Operations on sympathetic nerves or ganglia (05) .....                            | 964           | 957            | 726                               | 231                                   | 7                                  |
| Ophthalmology (06-14) .....   | 16,487        | 16,381         | 14,527                            | 1,854                                 | 106                                |
| Operations on lacrimal apparatus (06) .....                                       | 185           | 184            | 158                               | 26                                    | 1                                  |
| Operations on eyelids (07) .....  | 3,487         | 3,446          | 3,024                             | 422                                   | 41                                 |
| Operations on conjunctiva (08) .....  | 895           | 887            | 754                               | 133                                   | 8                                  |
| Operations on orbit (09) .....  | 371           | 368            | 346                               | 22                                    | 3                                  |
| Operations on eyeball and muscles (10) .....                                      | 702           | 701            | 625                               | 76                                    | 1                                  |
| Operations on cornea and sclera (11) .....  | 515           | 514            | 472                               | 42                                    | 1                                  |
| Operations on iris and ciliary body (12) .....                                    | 671           | 670            | 596                               | 74                                    | 1                                  |
| Operations on choroid, anterior chamber and retina (13) .....                     | 1,076         | 1,076          | 1,037                             | 39                                    | .....                              |
| Operations on lens and vitreous (14) .....  | 8,585         | 8,535          | 7,515                             | 1,020                                 | 50                                 |
| Otorhinolaryngology (16-21) .....   | 17,406        | 17,299         | 15,500                            | 1,799                                 | 107                                |
| Operations on external ear (16) .....   | 1,523         | 1,498          | 1,051                             | 447                                   | 25                                 |
| Operations on middle ear (17) .....   | 3,169         | 3,168          | 3,032                             | 136                                   | 1                                  |
| Operations on inner ear (18) .....  | 55            | 55             | 54                                | 1                                     | .....                              |
| Operations on nose and accessory sinuses (19) .....                               | 7,298         | 7,247          | 6,481                             | 766                                   | 51                                 |
| Operations on larynx and trachea (20) .....                                       | 4,153         | 4,134          | 3,819                             | 315                                   | 19                                 |
| Operations on pharynx, tonsils and adenoids (21) .....                            | 1,208         | 1,197          | 1,063                             | 134                                   | 11                                 |
| Operations on Thyroid, Parathyroid, Thymus and Adrenals (22-23) .....             | 817           | 814            | 720                               | 94                                    | 3                                  |
| Operations on thyroid and parathyroid (22) .....                                  | 744           | 741            | 648                               | 93                                    | 3                                  |
| Operations on thymus and adrenals (23) .....                                      | 73            | 73             | 72                                | 1                                     | .....                              |
| Vascular and Cardiac Surgery (24-30) .....  | 24,326        | 24,253         | 21,934                            | 2,319                                 | 73                                 |
| Operations on peripheral blood vessels (24) .....                                 | 8,902         | 8,854          | 7,929                             | 925                                   | 48                                 |
| Operations on lymphatic system (25) .....   | 2,248         | 2,231          | 1,967                             | 264                                   | 17                                 |
| Operations on blood vessels of head, neck and base of brain (26) .....            | 1,816         | 1,816          | 1,718                             | 98                                    | .....                              |
| Operations on intra-abdominal blood vessels (27) .....                            | 3,531         | 3,527          | 3,151                             | 376                                   | 4                                  |
| Operations on intrathoracic vessels (28) .....                                    | 325           | 325            | 304                               | 21                                    | .....                              |
| Operations on heart and pericardium (29) .....                                    | 2,475         | 2,475          | 2,308                             | 167                                   | .....                              |
| Other heart procedures (30) .....   | 5,029         | 5,025          | 4,557                             | 468                                   | 4                                  |
| Thoracic Surgery (32-35) .....  | 6,344         | 6,286          | 5,345                             | 941                                   | 58                                 |
| Operations on chest wall, pleura and mediastinum (32) .....                       | 2,518         | 2,495          | 2,129                             | 366                                   | 23                                 |
| Operations on bronchus (33) .....   | 63            | 61             | 48                                | 13                                    | 2                                  |
| Operations on lung (34) .....   | 2,215         | 2,196          | 1,934                             | 262                                   | 19                                 |
| Operations on esophagus (35) .....  | 1,548         | 1,534          | 1,234                             | 300                                   | 14                                 |
| Abdominal Surgery (38-48) .....   | 53,749        | 53,086         | 43,757                            | 9,329                                 | 663                                |
| Repair of hernia (38) .....   | 17,554        | 17,297         | 13,786                            | 3,511                                 | 257                                |
| Incision and excision of abdominal wall region (39) .....                         | 7,461         | 7,383          | 6,301                             | 1,082                                 | 78                                 |
| Other operations on region of abdomen and peritoneum (40) .....                   | 1,957         | 1,947          | 1,619                             | 328                                   | 10                                 |
| Operations on appendix (41) .....   | 2,546         | 2,515          | 1,986                             | 529                                   | 31                                 |
| Operations on liver (42) .....  | 149           | 148            | 130                               | 18                                    | 1                                  |
| Operations on biliary tract (43) .....  | 5,362         | 5,281          | 4,359                             | 922                                   | 71                                 |
| Operations on pancreas (44) .....   | 453           | 452            | 408                               | 44                                    | 1                                  |
| Operations on spleen (45) .....   | 933           | 930            | 852                               | 78                                    | 3                                  |
| Operations on stomach (46) .....  | 9,052         | 8,939          | 7,460                             | 1,479                                 | 113                                |
| Incision, excision, resection and enterostomy of intestines (47) .....            | 5,892         | 5,831          | 4,868                             | 963                                   | 61                                 |
| Anastomosis, repair and other operations on the intestines (48) .....             | 2,400         | 2,363          | 1,988                             | 375                                   | 37                                 |
| Proctological Surgery (50-52) .....   | 8,900         | 8,743          | 6,323                             | 2,420                                 | 157                                |
| Operations on rectum (50) .....   | 1,877         | 1,846          | 1,496                             | 350                                   | 31                                 |
| Operations on anus (51) .....   | 6,048         | 5,940          | 4,104                             | 1,836                                 | 108                                |
| Operations on pilonidal sinus or cyst (52) .....                                  | 975           | 957            | 723                               | 234                                   | 18                                 |
| Urological Surgery (54-61) .....  | 37,339        | 36,868         | 30,664                            | 6,204                                 | 471                                |
| Operations on kidney (54) .....   | 2,393         | 2,386          | 2,188                             | 198                                   | 7                                  |
| Operations on ureter (55) .....   | 1,783         | 1,759          | 1,509                             | 250                                   | 24                                 |
| Operations on urinary bladder (56) .....  | 5,999         | 5,934          | 4,981                             | 953                                   | 65                                 |
| Operations on urethra (57) .....  | 4,769         | 4,691          | 3,691                             | 1,000                                 | 78                                 |
| Operations on prostate and seminal vesicles (58) .....                            | 12,185        | 12,019         | 10,081                            | 1,938                                 | 166                                |
| Operations on scrotum and contents and spermatic cord (59) .....                  | 4,011         | 3,963          | 3,119                             | 844                                   | 48                                 |
| Operations on epididymis and vas deferens (60) .....                              | 3,131         | 3,093          | 2,535                             | 558                                   | 38                                 |
| Operations on penis (61) .....  | 3,068         | 3,023          | 2,560                             | 463                                   | 45                                 |

Operations Performed in VA Hospitals — Fiscal Year 1975<sup>1</sup>

| Operations and ICDA Codes  | All Hospitals | GM&S Hospitals |                                   |                                       | Psychiatric Hospitals <sup>5</sup> |
|--|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|  |               | Total          | Affiliated Hospitals <sup>3</sup> | Non-Affiliated Hospitals <sup>4</sup> |                                    |
| Breast Surgery (65) .....  | 952           | 943            | 719                               | 224                                   | 9                                  |
| Gynecological Surgery (67-72) .....  | 760           | 747            | 567                               | 180                                   | 13                                 |
| Operations on ovary (67) .....   | 147           | 143            | 111                               | 32                                    | 4                                  |
| Operations on fallopian tubes (68) .....                                     | 11            | 10             | 8                                 | 2                                     | 1                                  |
| Hysterectomy (69) .....  | 163           | 160            | 118                               | 42                                    | 3                                  |
| Other operations on uterus and supporting structures (70) .....              | 309           | 306            | 232                               | 74                                    | 3                                  |
| Operations on vagina (71) .....  | 103           | 101            | 80                                | 21                                    | 2                                  |
| Operations on vulva and perineum (72) .....                                  | 27            | 27             | 18                                | 9                                     | .....                              |
| Obstetrical Procedures (74-78) .....   | 8             | 8              | 6                                 | 2                                     | .....                              |
| Antepartum obstetrical operations (74) .....                                 | 1             | 1              | 1                                 | .....                                 | .....                              |
| Operations inducing or assisting delivery (75) .....                         | 1             | 1              | 1                                 | .....                                 | .....                              |
| Operations inducing or assisting delivery (continued) (76) .....             | .....         | .....          | .....                             | .....                                 | .....                              |
| Cesarean section (77) .....  | .....         | .....          | .....                             | .....                                 | .....                              |
| Operations after delivery or abortion (78) .....                             | 6             | 6              | 4                                 | 2                                     | .....                              |
| Orthopedic Surgery (80-90) .....   | 36,907        | 36,499         | 31,034                            | 5,465                                 | 408                                |
| Incision and excision of bones (80) .....                                    | 5,856         | 5,818          | 4,963                             | 855                                   | 38                                 |
| Repair and plastic operations on bone (81) .....                             | 2,753         | 2,726          | 2,221                             | 505                                   | 27                                 |
| Reduction of fracture and fracture-dislocation of hip (82) .....             | 2,232         | 2,162          | 1,802                             | 360                                   | 70                                 |
| Reduction of fracture and fracture-dislocation of ankle and wrist (83) ..... | 966           | 945            | 802                               | 143                                   | 21                                 |
| Reduction of other fracture and fracture-dislocation (84) .....              | 1,810         | 1,770          | 1,431                             | 339                                   | 40                                 |
| Amputation and disarticulation of extremities (85) .....                     | 5,521         | 5,426          | 4,478                             | 948                                   | 95                                 |
| Incision and excision of joint structures (86) .....                         | 6,457         | 6,425          | 5,634                             | 791                                   | 32                                 |
| Other operations on joint structures (87) .....                              | 6,524         | 6,498          | 5,796                             | 702                                   | 26                                 |
| Operations on muscles, tendons, fascia and bursa except of hand (88) .....   | 3,062         | 3,015          | 2,434                             | 581                                   | 47                                 |
| Operations on muscles, tendon and fascia of hand (89) .....                  | 1,719         | 1,708          | 1,467                             | 241                                   | 11                                 |
| Reattachment of extremities (90) .....                                       | 7             | 6              | 6                                 | .....                                 | 1                                  |
| Plastic Surgery (92-94) .....  | 33,915        | 33,074         | 25,069                            | 8,005                                 | 841                                |
| Operations on skin and subcutaneous tissue (92) .....                        | 25,623        | 24,816         | 17,762                            | 7,054                                 | 807                                |
| Reparative and reconstructive surgery (93) .....                             | 7,394         | 7,361          | 6,446                             | 915                                   | 33                                 |
| Reparative and reconstructive surgery (continued) (94) .....                 | 898           | 897            | 861                               | 36                                    | 1                                  |
| Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (95-98) .....                                 | 4,368         | 4,343          | 3,908                             | 435                                   | 25                                 |
| Operations on salivary glands and ducts (95) .....                           | 658           | 653            | 565                               | 88                                    | 5                                  |
| Operations on buccal cavity, tongue, and palate (96) .....                   | 1,220         | 1,210          | 1,055                             | 155                                   | 10                                 |
| Operations on jaws (bone and joint) (97) .....                               | 1,403         | 1,399          | 1,300                             | 99                                    | 4                                  |
| Reduction of fracture and fracture-dislocation of jaw bone (98) .....        | 1,087         | 1,081          | 988                               | 93                                    | 6                                  |

<sup>1</sup> Patient Treatment File. The procedures included in this table are grouped on the "International Classification of Diseases Adapted for Indexing of Hospital Records", USPHS Publication No. 1693. The numbers following the operations are the identifying code numbers of this operation classification.

<sup>2</sup> For purposes of this table dental, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures are excluded.

<sup>3</sup> 98 VA General Medical and Surgical Hospitals affiliated through Dean Committee relationship with 85 medical schools.

<sup>4</sup> 41 VA General Medical and Surgical Hospitals non-affiliated.

<sup>5</sup> 24 Psychiatric Hospitals.



TABLE 29

## INPATIENT CARE

VA Hospitals: Patients Discharged, Type of Patient, Percent Hospitalized in Reported State of Residence Fiscal Year 1975<sup>1</sup>

| Reported State of Residence    | All Patients               |         |                              | Type of Patient |                                    |       |                                    |        |                                    |         |                                    |        |                                    |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|
|                                | Hospitalized in Same State |         | General Medical and Surgical |                 | Tuberculous                        |       | Psychotic                          |        | Other Psychiatric                  |         | Neurological                       |        |                                    |
|                                | Total <sup>2</sup>         | Number  | Percent                      | Total           | Percent Hospitalized in Same State | Total | Percent Hospitalized in Same State | Total  | Percent Hospitalized in Same State | Total   | Percent Hospitalized in Same State | Total  | Percent Hospitalized in Same State |
| Total .....                    | 883,350                    | 772,999 | 87.5                         | 604,825         | 88.3                               | 5,840 | 87.8                               | 73,026 | 85.7                               | 145,752 | 85.3                               | 53,907 | 86.6                               |
| United States .....            | 874,587                    | 764,535 | 87.4                         | 598,593         | 88.2                               | 5,785 | 87.7                               | 71,398 | 85.5                               | 145,328 | 85.2                               | 53,483 | 86.6                               |
| Alabama .....                  | 18,726                     | 16,846  | 90.0                         | 11,475          | 90.9                               | 164   | 92.1                               | 1,766  | 85.8                               | 4,137   | 89.3                               | 1,184  | 88.7                               |
| Alaska .....                   | 261                        | .....   | 0.0                          | 151             | 0.0                                | ..... | 0.0                                | 38     | 0.0                                | 46      | 0.0                                | 26     | 0.0                                |
| Arizona .....                  | 14,690                     | 13,850  | 94.3                         | 10,960          | 96.5                               | 90    | 97.8                               | 954    | 80.3                               | 1,844   | 89.2                               | 842    | 92.5                               |
| Arkansas .....                 | 20,063                     | 16,582  | 82.6                         | 14,579          | 81.3                               | 122   | 83.6                               | 892    | 88.0                               | 3,308   | 88.2                               | 1,162  | 79.3                               |
| California .....               | 76,380                     | 74,516  | 97.6                         | 52,336          | 97.7                               | 361   | 97.2                               | 7,018  | 96.9                               | 11,938  | 97.2                               | 4,727  | 98.1                               |
| Colorado .....                 | 9,619                      | 8,777   | 91.2                         | 6,414           | 93.0                               | 37    | 83.8                               | 709    | 88.2                               | 1,948   | 87.2                               | 511    | 89.8                               |
| Connecticut .....              | 8,582                      | 7,842   | 91.4                         | 5,915           | 97.0                               | 46    | 100.0                              | 805    | 68.6                               | 1,108   | 75.6                               | 708    | 94.1                               |
| Delaware .....                 | 2,247                      | 1,985   | 88.3                         | 1,615           | 96.1                               | 14    | 78.6                               | 142    | 32.4                               | 310     | 70.0                               | 166    | 95.8                               |
| District of Columbia .....     | 4,999                      | 4,414   | 88.3                         | 3,329           | 90.8                               | 61    | 100.0                              | 398    | 72.1                               | 829     | 85.2                               | 382    | 88.0                               |
| Florida .....                  | 44,905                     | 42,627  | 94.9                         | 33,647          | 96.5                               | 336   | 94.0                               | 2,789  | 84.8                               | 5,446   | 90.9                               | 2,687  | 94.3                               |
| Georgia .....                  | 21,693                     | 17,668  | 81.4                         | 15,128          | 83.1                               | 188   | 80.3                               | 1,222  | 71.3                               | 3,792   | 78.1                               | 1,363  | 82.0                               |
| Hawaii .....                   | 29                         | .....   | 0.0                          | 12              | 0.0                                | ..... | 0.0                                | 8      | 0.0                                | 6       | 0.0                                | 3      | 0.0                                |
| Idaho .....                    | 4,362                      | 2,422   | 55.5                         | 3,300           | 59.3                               | 8     | 37.5                               | 159    | 17.0                               | 593     | 46.2                               | 302    | 53.3                               |
| Illinois .....                 | 48,244                     | 41,362  | 85.7                         | 31,488          | 84.3                               | 442   | 88.9                               | 4,293  | 88.9                               | 9,090   | 89.5                               | 2,931  | 84.5                               |
| Indiana .....                  | 16,263                     | 11,731  | 72.1                         | 9,867           | 69.6                               | 254   | 87.4                               | 1,577  | 77.3                               | 3,615   | 77.3                               | 950    | 66.5                               |
| Iowa .....                     | 14,110                     | 11,432  | 81.0                         | 10,757          | 81.1                               | 45    | 84.4                               | 903    | 82.5                               | 1,566   | 78.4                               | 839    | 82.7                               |
| Kansas .....                   | 12,361                     | 10,191  | 82.4                         | 7,961           | 80.4                               | 39    | 66.7                               | 855    | 82.9                               | 2,754   | 90.0                               | 752    | 76.3                               |
| Kentucky .....                 | 16,739                     | 12,069  | 72.1                         | 11,830          | 71.6                               | 107   | 76.6                               | 1,096  | 77.7                               | 2,527   | 71.5                               | 1,179  | 73.1                               |
| Louisiana .....                | 19,841                     | 18,155  | 91.5                         | 15,066          | 95.3                               | 195   | 97.9                               | 1,107  | 61.3                               | 2,321   | 81.2                               | 1,162  | 90.9                               |
| Maine .....                    | 5,284                      | 4,898   | 92.7                         | 2,655           | 90.4                               | 14    | 100.0                              | 491    | 95.9                               | 1,866   | 96.7                               | 258    | 80.2                               |
| Maryland .....                 | 13,365                     | 9,251   | 69.2                         | 8,803           | 68.2                               | 101   | 71.3                               | 978    | 74.2                               | 2,544   | 72.5                               | 939    | 64.6                               |
| Massachusetts .....            | 18,820                     | 16,555  | 88.0                         | 11,029          | 84.1                               | 95    | 81.1                               | 2,296  | 95.3                               | 4,166   | 94.3                               | 1,234  | 88.0                               |
| Michigan .....                 | 21,935                     | 20,688  | 94.3                         | 13,429          | 94.8                               | 168   | 97.6                               | 3,047  | 93.6                               | 3,972   | 93.8                               | 1,319  | 91.7                               |
| Minnesota .....                | 16,654                     | 14,364  | 86.2                         | 11,820          | 85.4                               | 31    | 90.3                               | 1,337  | 90.1                               | 2,364   | 87.5                               | 1,102  | 87.7                               |
| Mississippi .....              | 14,367                     | 11,105  | 77.3                         | 10,710          | 79.0                               | 105   | 77.1                               | 885    | 75.6                               | 1,824   | 72.2                               | 843    | 67.9                               |
| Missouri .....                 | 28,169                     | 23,132  | 82.1                         | 20,549          | 85.7                               | 146   | 80.8                               | 1,446  | 73.9                               | 4,328   | 66.0                               | 1,700  | 86.5                               |
| Montana .....                  | 5,911                      | 4,217   | 71.3                         | 4,181           | 77.4                               | 24    | 91.7                               | 243    | 21.0                               | 1,140   | 57.7                               | 323    | 77.1                               |
| Nebraska .....                 | 10,122                     | 8,589   | 84.9                         | 7,099           | 89.3                               | 31    | 90.6                               | 565    | 66.7                               | 1,882   | 77.0                               | 555    | 85.6                               |
| Nevada .....                   | 3,986                      | 2,386   | 59.9                         | 3,112           | 61.2                               | 12    | 50.0                               | 160    | 38.8                               | 428     | 52.8                               | 274    | 67.9                               |
| New Hampshire .....            | 4,239                      | 2,237   | 52.8                         | 3,048           | 57.0                               | 9     | 44.4                               | 187    | 9.6                                | 775     | 48.3                               | 220    | 47.7                               |
| New Jersey .....               | 13,040                     | 9,756   | 74.8                         | 7,573           | 71.6                               | 157   | 87.3                               | 2,256  | 82.0                               | 2,331   | 79.7                               | 723    | 67.2                               |
| New Mexico .....               | 6,992                      | 6,157   | 88.1                         | 5,081           | 91.2                               | 23    | 91.3                               | 492    | 75.4                               | 965     | 77.1                               | 431    | 89.3                               |
| New York .....                 | 59,581                     | 58,658  | 98.5                         | 41,093          | 99.0                               | 346   | 97.4                               | 6,374  | 95.8                               | 8,627   | 98.3                               | 3,141  | 97.6                               |
| North Carolina .....           | 24,813                     | 22,815  | 91.9                         | 17,427          | 93.0                               | 185   | 87.0                               | 1,546  | 90.1                               | 4,019   | 90.0                               | 1,636  | 87.7                               |
| North Dakota .....             | 2,384                      | 1,585   | 66.5                         | 1,532           | 77.6                               | 7     | 42.9                               | 153    | 15.0                               | 543     | 47.0                               | 149    | 77.2                               |
| Ohio .....                     | 22,862                     | 19,260  | 84.2                         | 13,607          | 81.5                               | 157   | 85.4                               | 2,976  | 90.9                               | 4,778   | 88.6                               | 1,344  | 82.0                               |
| Oklahoma .....                 | 14,708                     | 12,690  | 86.3                         | 10,646          | 91.4                               | 156   | 93.6                               | 811    | 55.9                               | 2,260   | 72.0                               | 835    | 87.7                               |
| Oregon .....                   | 13,141                     | 10,300  | 78.4                         | 9,707           | 81.3                               | 59    | 40.7                               | 681    | 83.3                               | 1,783   | 60.5                               | 911    | 81.1                               |
| Pennsylvania .....             | 29,528                     | 27,321  | 92.5                         | 18,340          | 92.0                               | 245   | 91.8                               | 3,881  | 94.5                               | 5,216   | 93.8                               | 1,846  | 90.3                               |
| Rhode Island .....             | 4,144                      | 3,537   | 85.4                         | 3,131           | 92.6                               | 31    | 96.8                               | 292    | 31.2                               | 417     | 68.6                               | 273    | 84.2                               |
| South Carolina .....           | 17,508                     | 11,861  | 67.7                         | 12,179          | 75.3                               | 164   | 60.4                               | 999    | 58.7                               | 3,128   | 40.3                               | 1,038  | 71.8                               |
| South Dakota .....             | 6,577                      | 5,706   | 86.8                         | 4,063           | 84.1                               | 25    | 76.0                               | 387    | 89.4                               | 1,697   | 94.2                               | 405    | 80.2                               |
| Tennessee .....                | 23,765                     | 22,670  | 95.4                         | 16,195          | 95.6                               | 137   | 86.9                               | 1,606  | 93.3                               | 4,306   | 95.5                               | 1,521  | 95.7                               |
| Texas .....                    | 60,091                     | 55,195  | 91.9                         | 43,123          | 92.5                               | 462   | 92.4                               | 4,655  | 91.6                               | 8,241   | 88.4                               | 3,610  | 92.2                               |
| Utah .....                     | 5,923                      | 5,799   | 97.9                         | 3,790           | 97.9                               | 10    | 90.0                               | 379    | 98.4                               | 1,440   | 97.8                               | 304    | 97.7                               |
| Vermont .....                  | 2,148                      | 1,922   | 89.5                         | 1,559           | 94.2                               | 6     | 100.0                              | 91     | 46.2                               | 364     | 78.8                               | 128    | 93.0                               |
| Virginia .....                 | 21,589                     | 17,819  | 82.5                         | 13,950          | 81.8                               | 164   | 82.9                               | 1,669  | 85.1                               | 4,396   | 84.5                               | 1,410  | 80.4                               |
| Washington .....               | 14,582                     | 13,683  | 93.8                         | 9,630           | 92.9                               | 45    | 100.0                              | 1,248  | 95.6                               | 2,734   | 96.0                               | 925    | 94.4                               |
| West Virginia .....            | 13,677                     | 10,713  | 78.3                         | 9,495           | 84.8                               | 96    | 63.5                               | 812    | 33.4                               | 2,442   | 68.7                               | 832    | 78.0                               |
| Wisconsin .....                | 17,604                     | 15,020  | 85.3                         | 12,305          | 84.5                               | 60    | 96.7                               | 1,578  | 86.0                               | 2,431   | 88.1                               | 1,230  | 86.9                               |
| Wyoming .....                  | 2,964                      | 2,177   | 73.4                         | 1,922           | 70.2                               | 5     | 40.0                               | 146    | 71.2                               | 743     | 83.2                               | 148    | 69.6                               |
| Outside United States .....    | 8,763                      | 8,464   | 96.6                         | 6,232           | 97.5                               | 55    | 96.4                               | 1,628  | 96.0                               | 424     | 86.6                               | 424    | 95.8                               |
| Canal Zone .....               | .....                      | .....   | .....                        | .....           | .....                              | ..... | .....                              | .....  | .....                              | .....   | .....                              | .....  | .....                              |
| Guam .....                     | 1                          | .....   | 0.0                          | .....           | 0.0                                | ..... | 0.0                                | 1      | 0.0                                | .....   | 0.0                                | .....  | 0.0                                |
| Philippines, Republic of ..... | 2                          | .....   | 0.0                          | .....           | 0.0                                | ..... | 0.0                                | 1      | 0.0                                | .....   | 0.0                                | 1      | 0.0                                |
| Puerto Rico .....              | 8,553                      | 8,464   | 99.0                         | 6,092           | 99.7                               | 53    | 100.0                              | 1,608  | 97.2                               | 390     | 94.1                               | 410    | 99.0                               |
| Others .....                   | 207                        | .....   | 0.0                          | 140             | 0.0                                | 2     | 0.0                                | 18     | 0.0                                | 34      | 0.0                                | 13     | 0.0                                |

<sup>1</sup> Patient Treatment File. This table, as well as all others in this hospital discharge series, excludes approximately 145,000 one-day hemodialysis discharges.<sup>2</sup> This figure is based on completed records. In addition, there were 37,625 incomplete discharge records in file at the time the table was prepared.

VA Hospitals: Patients Discharged, Diagnostic Grouping, Average and Median Length of Stay, Length of Stay Distribution — Fiscal Year 1975<sup>1</sup>

| Principal Diagnoses <sup>2</sup>   | Total Patients <sup>3</sup> | Average Length of Stay | Median Length of Stay <sup>4</sup> | Length of Stay Distribution (days) |        |         |         |         |        |         |        |        |         |         |         |          | Total Days |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|------------|
|  |                             |                        |                                    | 1 day                              | 2-3    | 4-7     | 8-14    | 15-21   | 22-30  | 31-60   | 61-90  | 91-180 | 181-270 | 271-365 | 366-730 | 731 plus |            |
| All diseases and conditions  | 883,350                     | 36.5                   | 12.8                               | 84,108                             | 91,581 | 136,479 | 188,061 | 110,698 | 86,580 | 107,548 | 34,494 | 26,790 | 6,566   | 2,999   | 3,654   | 3,792    | 32,260,731 |
| I. Infective and parasitic diseases  | 14,907                      | 35.6                   | 12.5                               | 1,682                              | 1,651  | 2,308   | 2,830   | 1,626   | 1,166  | 1,646   | 667    | 892    | 272     | 83      | 59      | 25       | 531,326    |
| Pulmonary tuberculosis (011)   | 3,959                       | 74.0                   | 39.7                               | 121                                | 143    | 257     | 441     | 442     | 359    | 754     | 419    | 681    | 217     | 67      | 47      | 11       | 292,907    |
| Tuberculosis, late effects (019)   | 118                         | 20.3                   | 12.8                               | 9                                  | 15     | 14      | 31      | 15      | 16     | 8       | 6      | 4      | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....    | 2,391      |
| Tuberculosis, Other (010, 012-018)   | 804                         | 36.6                   | 18.4                               | 33                                 | 50     | 76      | 189     | 111     | 104    | 131     | 47     | 37     | 16      | 6       | 1       | 3        | 29,448     |
| Cardiovascular syphilis (093)  | 59                          | 19.6                   | 16.5                               | 3                                  | 3      | 9       | 11      | 16      | 6      | 10      | .....  | 1      | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....    | 1,156      |
| Syphilis of central nervous system (094)   | 100                         | 353.9                  | 15.0                               | 14                                 | 10     | 12      | 14      | 12      | 6      | 11      | 7      | 7      | 2       | 1       | 1       | 3        | 35,392     |
| Other forms of late syphilis, latent or unspecified (095-097)  | 119                         | 13.0                   | 8.9                                | 28                                 | 16     | 11      | 32      | 11      | 9      | 10      | 1      | 1      | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....    | 1,546      |
| All other venereal diseases (090-092, 098-099)   | 1,079                       | 7.4                    | 5.0                                | 182                                | 287    | 282     | 199     | 68      | 37     | 19      | 3      | .....  | 2       | .....   | .....   | .....    | 8,023      |
| Infectious hepatitis (070)   | 996                         | 13.9                   | 11.2                               | 39                                 | 91     | 224     | 322     | 140     | 91     | 74      | 12     | 3      | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....    | 13,807     |
| Malaria (084)  | 31                          | 9.3                    | 6.7                                | 2                                  | 2      | 17      | 6       | 1       | 2      | 1       | .....  | .....  | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....    | 289        |
| All other infective and parasitic diseases (000-009, 020-027, 030-039, 040-046, 050-057, 060-068, 071-079, 080-083, 085-089, 100-104, 110-117, 120-129, 130-136) | 7,642                       | 19.2                   | 8.6                                | 1,251                              | 1,034  | 1,406   | 1,585   | 810     | 536    | 628     | 172    | 158    | 35      | 9       | 10      | 8        | 146,367    |
| II. Neoplasms  | 74,385                      | 28.1                   | 15.0                               | 8,646                              | 7,505  | 8,871   | 12,208  | 8,688   | 8,013  | 12,691  | 4,454  | 2,591  | 394     | 132     | 127     | 65       | 2,089,208  |
| Malignancy of buccal cavity and pharynx (140-149)  | 5,297                       | 41.3                   | 24.3                               | 328                                | 334    | 484     | 780     | 586     | 553    | 1,073   | 640    | 406    | 68      | 22      | 15      | 8        | 218,549    |
| Malignancy of digestive organs and peritoneum (150-159)  | 9,064                       | 36.1                   | 22.5                               | 624                                | 546    | 980     | 1,180   | 1,122   | 1,252  | 2,167   | 717    | 386    | 53      | 13      | 15      | 9        | 327,607    |
| Malignancy of respiratory system (160, 162-163)  | 16,269                      | 31.5                   | 19.8                               | 1,385                              | 1,131  | 1,720   | 2,559   | 1,970   | 2,082  | 3,501   | 1,155  | 624    | 81      | 23      | 25      | 13       | 512,105    |
| Malignancy of larynx (161)   | 2,006                       | 37.7                   | 25.1                               | 115                                | 170    | 188     | 250     | 208     | 212    | 469     | 212    | 152    | 21      | 5       | 4       | .....    | 75,597     |
| Malignancy of lymphatic and hematopoietic tissue (200-209)   | 7,964                       | 21.6                   | 11.3                               | 1,263                              | 924    | 1,137   | 1,402   | 889     | 741    | 1,062   | 298    | 201    | 28      | 7       | 6       | 6        | 171,611    |
| Malignancy of genitourinary organs (180-189)   | 12,023                      | 27.7                   | 16.2                               | 810                                | 1,094  | 1,402   | 2,402   | 1,750   | 1,413  | 2,021   | 636    | 365    | 63      | 26      | 32      | 9        | 333,039    |
| Malignancies of all other systems (170-174, 190-199)   | 12,095                      | 26.0                   | 12.6                               | 1,956                              | 1,517  | 1,364   | 1,868   | 1,299   | 1,123  | 1,804   | 664    | 377    | 60      | 30      | 20      | 13       | 315,009    |
| Neoplasms, benign (210-228)  | 7,742                       | 11.2                   | 5.7                                | 1,817                              | 1,484  | 1,313   | 1,376   | 666     | 490    | 439     | 78     | 63     | 12      | .....   | 4       | .....    | 86,881     |
| Neoplasms, of unspecified nature (230-239)   | 1,925                       | 25.4                   | 8.5                                | 348                                | 305    | 283     | 391     | 198     | 147    | 155     | 54     | 17     | 8       | 6       | 6       | 7        | 48,810     |
| III. Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases  | 26,370                      | 25.1                   | 14.2                               | 1,667                              | 2,077  | 3,636   | 6,511   | 4,131   | 3,047  | 3,365   | 876    | 759    | 150     | 60      | 65      | 26       | 662,412    |
| Diabetes mellitus (250)  | 18,385                      | 26.3                   | 14.7                               | 1,086                              | 1,339  | 2,425   | 4,574   | 2,975   | 2,219  | 2,363   | 599    | 566    | 117     | 48      | 52      | 22       | 484,326    |
| Diseases of thyroid and other endocrine glands (240-246, 251-258)  | 2,830                       | 20.9                   | 13.9                               | 192                                | 243    | 403     | 688     | 461     | 309    | 385     | 90     | 50     | 5       | 1       | 1       | 2        | 59,075     |
| Avitaminosis and other nutritional deficiency (260-269)  | 871                         | 32.4                   | 21.2                               | 39                                 | 52     | 89      | 147     | 122     | 126    | 188     | 60     | 37     | 5       | 2       | 4       | .....    | 28,221     |
| Obesity not specified as of endocrine origin (277)   | 1,449                       | 29.1                   | 14.3                               | 80                                 | 119    | 209     | 352     | 202     | 154    | 180     | 64     | 61     | 15      | 6       | 5       | 2        | 42,105     |
| Other metabolic diseases (270-276, 278-279)  | 2,835                       | 17.2                   | 10.9                               | 270                                | 324    | 510     | 750     | 371     | 239    | 249     | 63     | 45     | 8       | 3       | 3       | .....    | 48,685     |
| IV. Diseases of blood and blood-forming organs   | 4,280                       | 19.9                   | 13.2                               | 433                                | 504    | 549     | 888     | 677     | 501    | 550     | 115    | 50     | 8       | 1       | 3       | 1        | 85,026     |
| Anemia, iron deficiency (280)  | 1,145                       | 22.4                   | 17.9                               | 52                                 | 75     | 100     | 243     | 242     | 190    | 184     | 40     | 17     | .....   | .....   | 2       | .....    | 25,685     |
| Pernicious Anemia (281.0)  | 174                         | 24.9                   | 20.9                               | 12                                 | 8      | 25      | 31      | 36      | 36     | 8       | 2      | .....  | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....    | 4,335      |
| Anemia, other (281.1-285)  | 1,999                       | 20.0                   | 10.8                               | 268                                | 307    | 274     | 379     | 266     | 188    | 237     | 49     | 22     | 6       | 1       | 1       | 1        | 39,928     |
| All other diseases of blood and blood-forming organs (286-289)   | 962                         | 15.7                   | 11.1                               | 97                                 | 110    | 167     | 241     | 138     | 87     | 94      | 18     | 9      | 1       | .....   | .....   | .....    | 15,078     |
| V. Mental disorders  | 218,039                     | 77.3                   | 17.7                               | 19,219                             | 19,414 | 29,524  | 32,786  | 21,446  | 21,442 | 35,898  | 15,188 | 12,773 | 3,492   | 1,729   | 2,282   | 2,846    | 16,851,574 |
| Psychoses not attributed to physical conditions (295-299)  | 62,526                      | 156.3                  | 28.4                               | 4,153                              | 3,694  | 5,427   | 7,556   | 5,878   | 6,430  | 12,000  | 5,715  | 6,047  | 1,819   | 914     | 1,202   | 1,691    | 9,771,513  |
| Alcoholic psychosis (291)  | 5,778                       | 89.0                   | 14.1                               | 499                                | 655    | 848     | 1,024   | 616     | 448    | 695     | 263    | 297    | 101     | 65      | 122     | 145      | 514,290    |
| Psychosis with organic brain syndrome, except syphilitic (290, 292.2-294)  | 4,620                       | 237.6                  | 41.8                               | 152                                | 198    | 292     | 551     | 400     | 429    | 793     | 365    | 475    | 204     | 144     | 234     | 393      | 1,097,686  |
| Psychoses associated with syphilis (292.0, 292.1)  | 92                          | 2,355.1                | 311.8                              | 3                                  | 2      | 4       | 1       | 3       | 5      | 9       | 6      | 6      | 4       | 7       | 6       | 36       | 216,670    |
| Alcoholism (303)   | 80,186                      | 26.7                   | 13.7                               | 6,127                              | 9,082  | 14,106  | 13,346  | 7,851   | 7,800  | 13,133  | 5,358  | 2,631  | 411     | 144     | 131     | 66       | 2,137,334  |
| Mental disorders, not specified as psychotic, associated with physical conditions (309.0, 309.1-309.9)   | 10,642                      | 137.7                  | 27.6                               | 458                                | 668    | 1,106   | 1,346   | 1,047   | 1,128  | 1,747   | 808    | 913    | 370     | 225     | 379     | 447      | 1,465,406  |
| Psychoneurotic, personality and behavioral disorders (excluding alcoholism) (300-302, 304-307, 307.3, 307.4)   | 54,064                      | 29.3                   | 13.0                               | 7,822                              | 5,114  | 7,730   | 8,938   | 5,636   | 5,190  | 7,503   | 2,668  | 2,395  | 578     | 228     | 204     | 58       | 1,581,954  |

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|--|---------|-------|------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Mental retardation (310-315) .....   | 131     | 509.3 | 29.1 | 5     | 1      | 11     | 24     | 15     | 12     | 18     | 15    | 9     | 5     | 2     | 4     | 10    | 66,721    |
| VI. Diseases of nervous system and sense organs ..   | 41,486  | 30.8  | 11.1 | 3,241 | 4,525  | 8,368  | 10,429 | 4,708  | 3,318  | 3,761  | 1,166 | 1,156 | 322   | 154   | 161   | 177   | 1,276,134 |
| Inflammatory diseases of central nervous system (320-324) .....  | 496     | 43.5  | 20.8 | 35    | 32     | 44     | 77     | 72     | 51     | 97     | 36    | 35    | 9     | 3     | 3     | 1     | 21,549    |
| Epilepsy (345) .....   | 3,310   | 21.5  | 11.0 | 299   | 412    | 588    | 831    | 453    | 292    | 292    | 65    | 54    | 13    | 2     | 2     | 7     | 71,115    |
| Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (348.0) .....  | 442     | 51.7  | 15.4 | 29    | 35     | 65     | 88     | 67     | 50     | 56     | 18    | 15    | 5     | 2     | 7     | 5     | 22,849    |
| Paraplegia, cerebral or spinal (344.2, 349.3) .....  | 1,468   | 56.9  | 23.4 | 91    | 114    | 119    | 222    | 168    | 138    | 276    | 106   | 146   | 42    | 18    | 18    | 10    | 83,549    |
| Quadriplegia, cerebral or spinal (344.3, 349.4) .....  | 888     | 112.9 | 26.1 | 50    | 72     | 88     | 108    | 93     | 74     | 123    | 69    | 87    | 47    | 29    | 30    | 18    | 100,233   |
| Other diseases of central nervous system, including hereditary and familial disease of nervous system (330-333, 340-344.1, 344.9, 346-347, 348.1-349.2, 349.5-349.9) ..... | 8,924   | 68.0  | 19.8 | 452   | 569    | 941    | 1,702  | 1,172  | 1,054  | 1,485  | 551   | 541   | 162   | 82    | 88    | 125   | 606,434   |
| Diseases of nerves and peripheral ganglia (350-358) ..   | 4,856   | 19.5  | 12.3 | 360   | 547    | 827    | 1,127  | 710    | 533    | 522    | 117   | 79    | 23    | 4     | 6     | 1     | 94,465    |
| Inflammatory diseases of the eye and other diseases and conditions of the eye, except blindness (360-369, 370-378) .....   | 16,244  | 12.7  | 8.8  | 1,439 | 1,794  | 4,318  | 5,256  | 1,612  | 856    | 692    | 139   | 108   | 13    | 6     | 3     | 8     | 206,885   |
| Blindness (379) .....  | 518     | 52.4  | 20.9 | 29    | 22     | 50     | 102    | 67     | 48     | 75     | 36    | 70    | 8     | 7     | 3     | 1     | 27,154    |
| Disease of ear and mastoid process (380-389) .....   | 4,341   | 9.7   | 6.4  | 467   | 928    | 1,328  | 916    | 294    | 222    | 143    | 29    | 21    | ..... | 1     | 1     | 1     | 41,901    |
| VII. Diseases of the circulatory system .....  | 132,245 | 26.6  | 13.5 | 8,685 | 11,075 | 20,226 | 33,066 | 20,936 | 14,734 | 14,907 | 3,754 | 3,082 | 747   | 337   | 423   | 273   | 3,519,018 |
| Chronic rheumatic heart disease (393-398) .....  | 4,003   | 17.2  | 12.1 | 219   | 464    | 729    | 998    | 607    | 426    | 421    | 89    | 39    | 7     | 2     | 2     | ..... | 68,793    |
| Hypertensive heart disease, exclusive of ischemic heart disease (400.1, 402, 404) .....  | 2,215   | 19.1  | 11.8 | 162   | 204    | 414    | 608    | 314    | 229    | 200    | 40    | 28    | 7     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 42,287    |
| Hypertensive disease without heart involvement (400.0, 400.2, 400.3, 400.9, 401, 403) .....  | 12,737  | 15.0  | 9.9  | 1,927 | 1,380  | 2,226  | 3,206  | 1,719  | 1,114  | 865    | 155   | 115   | 17    | 8     | 21    | 4     | 190,991   |
| Acute myocardial infarction (410) .....  | 7,302   | 25.9  | 16.2 | 657   | 333    | 631    | 1,734  | 1,774  | 1,156  | 809    | 114   | 52    | 11    | 8     | 15    | 8     | 188,775   |
| Chronic ischemic heart disease (412) .....   | 41,915  | 22.7  | 12.7 | 1,786 | 3,829  | 7,633  | 11,501 | 6,766  | 4,539  | 4,048  | 884   | 557   | 130   | 65    | 90    | 87    | 951,862   |
| Other ischemic heart disease, with or without hypertensive disease (411, 413, 414) .....   | 3,183   | 13.4  | 10.0 | 206   | 428    | 686    | 965    | 470    | 254    | 137    | 22    | 10    | 3     | 1     | ..... | 1     | 42,704    |
| Other forms of heart disease (391, 392.0, 420-429) ..  | 14,490  | 21.4  | 11.7 | 1,059 | 1,471  | 2,647  | 3,934  | 2,135  | 1,357  | 1,338  | 269   | 186   | 35    | 11    | 27    | 21    | 310,038   |
| Cerebral hemorrhage (431) .....  | 655     | 41.2  | 14.0 | 105   | 70     | 58     | 110    | 76     | 55     | 96     | 37    | 30    | 8     | 2     | 5     | 3     | 26,964    |
| Cerebral thrombosis (433) .....  | 3,372   | 72.8  | 28.9 | 89    | 108    | 203    | 534    | 415    | 437    | 682    | 306   | 358   | 99    | 42    | 60    | 39    | 245,406   |
| Cerebral embolism (434) .....  | 125     | 36.4  | 18.2 | 7     | 7      | 15     | 22     | 25     | 18     | 15     | 4     | 8     | 2     | ..... | 2     | ..... | 4,428     |
| Generalized ischemic cerebrovascular disease (437) ..  | 2,121   | 52.7  | 19.1 | 61    | 106    | 238    | 459    | 336    | 265    | 345    | 116   | 93    | 38    | 21    | 23    | 20    | 111,807   |
| All other cerebrovascular disease (430, 432, 435, 436, 438) .....  | 9,969   | 46.6  | 20.6 | 456   | 492    | 1,011  | 1,972  | 1,321  | 1,201  | 1,803  | 638   | 689   | 187   | 74    | 81    | 44    | 464,367   |
| Arteriosclerosis (440) .....   | 5,251   | 46.3  | 20.7 | 162   | 305    | 504    | 975    | 835    | 723    | 970    | 311   | 282   | 70    | 49    | 41    | 24    | 243,080   |
| All other diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries (441-448) .....   | 8,321   | 34.8  | 19.9 | 441   | 600    | 778    | 1,413  | 1,327  | 1,147  | 1,540  | 457   | 429   | 105   | 42    | 35    | 7     | 289,439   |
| Varicose veins lower extremities (454) .....   | 3,213   | 22.1  | 13.9 | 370   | 239    | 388    | 723    | 467    | 381    | 462    | 98    | 72    | 7     | 1     | 4     | 1     | 70,978    |
| Hemorrhoids (455) .....  | 5,159   | 12.1  | 10.1 | 559   | 518    | 1,006  | 1,636  | 765    | 391    | 241    | 30    | 9     | ..... | 2     | 2     | ..... | 62,443    |
| All other diseases of veins and lymphatics, and other diseases of circulatory system (390, 392.9, 450-453, 456-458) .....  | 8,214   | 24.9  | 14.4 | 419   | 541    | 1,059  | 2,276  | 1,584  | 1,041  | 935    | 184   | 125   | 21    | 7     | 12    | 10    | 204,656   |
| VIII. Diseases of the respiratory system .....   | 58,626  | 25.1  | 11.9 | 2,724 | 6,083  | 11,797 | 15,544 | 8,062  | 5,755  | 5,720  | 1,393 | 872   | 247   | 102   | 155   | 172   | 1,468,991 |
| Acute respiratory infections including influenza (460-466, 470-474) .....  | 4,702   | 12.3  | 7.7  | 284   | 820    | 1,345  | 1,211  | 496    | 276    | 202    | 38    | 18    | 4     | 2     | 3     | 3     | 57,797    |
| Pneumonia (480-486) .....  | 11,449  | 44.3  | 14.2 | 403   | 642    | 1,805  | 3,249  | 1,761  | 1,364  | 1,399  | 335   | 231   | 67    | 37    | 57    | 109   | 506,964   |
| Bronchitis, unqualified and chronic (490-491) .....  | 7,286   | 21.3  | 12.3 | 281   | 614    | 1,421  | 2,164  | 1,090  | 743    | 645    | 147   | 110   | 29    | 14    | 16    | 12    | 155,204   |
| Emphysema (492) .....  | 12,391  | 27.0  | 13.9 | 490   | 862    | 1,966  | 3,419  | 1,987  | 1,396  | 1,403  | 431   | 251   | 89    | 20    | 47    | 30    | 334,121   |
| Asthma (493) .....   | 2,791   | 14.4  | 9.9  | 243   | 333    | 607    | 780    | 333    | 237    | 199    | 29    | 23    | 2     | 2     | 3     | ..... | 40,185    |
| All other diseases of upper respiratory tract and respiratory system (500-506, 510-519) .....  | 20,007  | 18.7  | 10.2 | 1,023 | 2,812  | 4,653  | 4,721  | 2,395  | 1,749  | 1,872  | 413   | 239   | 56    | 27    | 29    | 18    | 374,720   |
| IX. Diseases of the digestive system .....   | 83,825  | 18.8  | 12.7 | 5,476 | 6,547  | 13,737 | 23,978 | 13,179 | 9,073  | 8,732  | 1,856 | 969   | 140   | 54    | 55    | 29    | 1,572,157 |
| Diseases of oral cavity, salivary glands, and jaws (520-529) .....   | 4,998   | 8.6   | 5.0  | 1,382 | 842    | 1,166  | 911    | 335    | 177    | 145    | 18    | 13    | 3     | 3     | ..... | 3     | 42,881    |
| Ulcers digestive system (stomach, duodenum, peptic, gastrojejunal) (531-534) .....   | 11,899  | 19.7  | 14.4 | 650   | 796    | 1,523  | 3,262  | 2,166  | 1,725  | 1,361  | 274   | 113   | 13    | 6     | 7     | 3     | 233,959   |
| All other diseases esophagus, stomach and duodenum (except ulcers) (530, 535-537) .....  | 7,216   | 15.9  | 11.2 | 692   | 857    | 1,175  | 1,914  | 1,017  | 711    | 635    | 127   | 66    | 14    | 4     | 3     | 1     | 115,001   |
| Hernia of abdominal cavity (550-553) .....   | 19,816  | 14.9  | 12.1 | 570   | 801    | 3,807  | 7,969  | 3,433  | 1,804  | 1,170  | 162   | 73    | 6     | 5     | 12    | 4     | 294,663   |
| Other diseases of intestine and peritoneum (540-543, 560-569) .....  | 17,565  | 18.7  | 11.2 | 1,418 | 1,878  | 3,340  | 4,624  | 2,505  | 1,579  | 1,627  | 335   | 187   | 35    | 11    | 16    | 10    | 327,872   |
| Cirrhosis of liver (571) .....   | 10,977  | 28.4  | 19.0 | 415   | 709    | 1,196  | 2,166  | 1,747  | 1,602  | 2,092  | 595   | 373   | 50    | 17    | 10    | 5     | 311,730   |
| Other diseases of liver, gall bladder and pancreas (570, 572-577) .....  | 11,354  | 21.7  | 15.0 | 349   | 664    | 1,530  | 3,132  | 1,976  | 1,475  | 1,702  | 345   | 144   | 19    | 8     | 7     | 3     | 246,051   |

## INPATIENT CARE

TABLE 30 —Continued

VA Hospitals: Patients Discharged, Diagnostic Grouping, Average and Median Length of Stay, Length of Stay Distribution — Fiscal Year 1975<sup>1</sup>

| Principal Diagnoses <sup>2</sup>   | Total Patients <sup>3</sup> | Average Length of Stay | Median Length of Stay <sup>4</sup> | Length of Stay Distribution (days) |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |        |         |         |         |          | Total Days |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|------------|
|  |                             |                        |                                    | 1 day                              | 2-3   | 4-7   | 8-14   | 15-21 | 22-30 | 31-60 | 61-90 | 91-180 | 181-270 | 271-365 | 366-730 | 731 plus |            |
| X. Diseases of the genitourinary system .....  | 42,121                      | 16.5                   | 10.6                               | 3,901                              | 6,446 | 6,932 | 10,294 | 5,803 | 3,760 | 3,713 | 688   | 412    | 76      | 36      | 42      | 18       | 692,851    |
| Nephritis and nephrosis (580-584) .....  | 5,143                       | 18.1                   | 8.0                                | 867                                | 1,007 | 701   | 833    | 518   | 418   | 501   | 152   | 109    | 20      | 9       | 6       | 2        | 92,934     |
| Other diseases of urinary system (590-599) .....   | 16,930                      | 16.9                   | 10.2                               | 1,561                              | 2,730 | 2,890 | 4,024  | 2,205 | 1,501 | 1,479 | 286   | 168    | 42      | 16      | 18      | 10       | 285,981    |
| Diseases of the prostate (600-602) .....   | 12,816                      | 18.8                   | 13.8                               | 821                                | 1,139 | 1,471 | 3,591  | 2,376 | 1,535 | 1,507 | 221   | 116    | 11      | 9       | 4       | 5        | 240,461    |
| Other diseases of male genital organs (603-607) .....  | 5,615                       | 10.2                   | 6.9                                | 492                                | 1,243 | 1,470 | 1,424  | 532   | 231   | 179   | 24    | 12     | 2       | 2       | 3       | 1        | 57,184     |
| Diseases of breast, gynecological conditions (610-616, 620-629) .....  | 1,617                       | 10.1                   | 7.2                                | 160                                | 327   | 400   | 422    | 172   | 75    | 47    | 5     | 7      | 1       | .....   | 1       | .....    | 16,291     |
| XI. Deliveries and Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (630-678) .....   | 34                          | 6.3                    | 4.0                                | 9                                  | 8     | 8     | 6      | 2     | ..... | 1     | ..... | .....  | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....    | 214        |
| XII. Diseases of skin and subcutaneous tissue .....  | 23,102                      | 17.2                   | 7.3                                | 5,286                              | 3,342 | 3,506 | 4,169  | 2,136 | 1,562 | 1,920 | 520   | 463    | 100     | 46      | 25      | 17       | 397,909    |
| Infections of skin and subcutaneous tissue (680-686, 694-698) .....  | 10,065                      | 17.1                   | 10.5                               | 1,047                              | 1,180 | 1,979 | 2,391  | 1,230 | 893   | 952   | 204   | 144    | 20      | 13      | 7       | 5        | 171,811    |
| All other diseases of skin and subcutaneous tissue (690-693, 700-709) .....  | 13,037                      | 17.3                   | 4.3                                | 4,239                              | 2,162 | 1,527 | 1,778  | 906   | 669   | 968   | 316   | 319    | 80      | 33      | 25      | 12       | 225,999    |
| XIII. Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue .....   | 40,852                      | 21.0                   | 13.5                               | 3,825                              | 3,622 | 5,604 | 9,365  | 6,108 | 5,048 | 5,117 | 1,163 | 756    | 120     | 54      | 51      | 19       | 850,987    |
| Arthritis and rheumatism, except rheumatic fever (710-718) .....   | 16,104                      | 24.8                   | 16.1                               | 1,138                              | 1,098 | 1,849 | 3,590  | 2,534 | 2,333 | 2,461 | 590   | 369    | 69      | 33      | 29      | 11       | 399,116    |
| Displacement of intervertebral disc (725) .....  | 3,801                       | 21.3                   | 17.7                               | 211                                | 167   | 295   | 907    | 832   | 671   | 589   | 84    | 37     | 5       | 1       | 2       | .....    | 81,010     |
| Osteomyelitis and other diseases of bone and joint (720-724, 726-729) .....  | 13,309                      | 18.6                   | 12.2                               | 1,561                              | 1,276 | 1,966 | 3,114  | 1,848 | 1,463 | 1,449 | 343   | 233    | 31      | 15      | 9       | 1        | 247,991    |
| Other diseases of musculoskeletal system (730-738) .....   | 7,638                       | 17.1                   | 9.3                                | 915                                | 1,081 | 1,494 | 1,754  | 894   | 581   | 618   | 146   | 117    | 15      | 5       | 11      | 7        | 130,870    |
| XIV. Congenital deformities (741-759) .....  | 3,438                       | 16.6                   | 10.5                               | 436                                | 466   | 540   | 775    | 398   | 337   | 347   | 86    | 42     | 6       | 4       | 1       | .....    | 56,886     |
| XVI. a. Symptoms and ill-defined conditions .....  | 41,544                      | 15.3                   | 9.3                                | 4,295                              | 5,908 | 8,452 | 11,036 | 5,170 | 3,212 | 2,562 | 465   | 287    | 59      | 34      | 36      | 28       | 633,546    |
| Senility without mention of psychosis (794) .....  | 242                         | 48.5                   | 22.9                               | 12                                 | 12    | 20    | 41     | 32    | 39    | 50    | 13    | 13     | 4       | 1       | 3       | 2        | 11,746     |
| Symptoms and all other ill-defined conditions (780-792, 795-796) .....   | 41,302                      | 15.1                   | 9.3                                | 4,283                              | 5,896 | 8,432 | 10,995 | 5,138 | 3,173 | 2,512 | 452   | 274    | 55      | 33      | 33      | 26       | 621,800    |
| XVI. b. Observation and examination cases, followup and special admissions .....   | 21,207                      | 14.3                   | 5.5                                | 4,643                              | 4,651 | 3,423 | 3,482  | 1,752 | 1,174 | 1,286 | 365   | 290    | 63      | 35      | 28      | 15       | 302,273    |
| Tuberculosis (Y03.01, Y03.2, Y10.61-Y10.63) .....  | 985                         | 39.1                   | 14.0                               | 191                                | 77    | 89    | 157    | 128   | 77    | 110   | 48    | 59     | 26      | 13      | 9       | 1        | 38,498     |
| Mental (Y93.0, Y00.1, Y03.4) (316, 318, APA Code) .....  | 729                         | 25.0                   | 6.0                                | 181                                | 117   | 132   | 127    | 52    | 37    | 49    | 12    | 8      | 3       | 5       | .....   | 6        | 18,191     |
| Malignancy (Y93.1, Y03.3) .....  | 5,888                       | 10.3                   | 3.8                                | 1,504                              | 1,589 | 849   | 833    | 407   | 257   | 291   | 86    | 59     | 11      | 1       | 1       | .....    | 60,894     |
| All other admissions (Y93.8, Y93.9, Y00.0, Y00.01, Y00.09, Y00.2-Y01, Y03.02, Y03.91-Y03.94, Y04-Y06, Y10.0-Y10.6, Y10.60, Y10.64-Y10.69, Y10.9, Y11-Y12, Y20-Y29) ..... | 13,323                      | 13.8                   | 6.1                                | 2,615                              | 2,811 | 2,320 | 2,344  | 1,160 | 799   | 828   | 218   | 163    | 23      | 16      | 18      | 8        | 183,345    |
| Diagnosis deferred, mental observation (319.0 APA Code) .....  | 282                         | 4.8                    | ( <sup>5</sup> )                   | 152                                | 57    | 33    | 21     | 5     | 4     | 8     | 1     | 1      | .....   | .....   | .....   | .....    | 1,345      |
| XVII. Accidents, poisonings, and nature of injury .....  | 56,889                      | 22.2                   | 9.1                                | 9,940                              | 7,757 | 8,998 | 10,694 | 5,876 | 4,438 | 5,332 | 1,738 | 1,396  | 370     | 138     | 131     | 81       | 1,262,219  |
| Fracture of skull and facial bones (800-804) .....   | 2,398                       | 15.6                   | 8.8                                | 228                                | 328   | 573   | 617    | 281   | 152   | 147   | 36    | 23     | 7       | 3       | .....   | 3        | 37,444     |
| Fracture of skull and facial bones, late effects (800-804) <sup>6</sup> .....  | 490                         | 20.2                   | 9.4                                | 49                                 | 61    | 113   | 108    | 55    | 35    | 41    | 8     | 13     | 4       | 2       | 1       | .....    | 9,893      |
| Fracture of spine and trunk (805-809) .....  | 2,993                       | 28.7                   | 13.0                               | 203                                | 331   | 478   | 669    | 378   | 302   | 343   | 125   | 104    | 19      | 22      | 11      | 8        | 85,828     |
| Fracture of spine and trunk, late effects (805-809) <sup>6</sup> .....   | 1,469                       | 62.5                   | 16.5                               | 90                                 | 157   | 198   | 255    | 160   | 125   | 163   | 83    | 100    | 69      | 32      | 27      | 10       | 91,847     |
| Fracture of upper limb (810-819) .....   | 3,381                       | 14.8                   | 5.0                                | 1,048                              | 522   | 480   | 457    | 229   | 196   | 291   | 91    | 49     | 8       | 22      | 7       | 1        | 49,985     |
| Fracture of upper limb, late effects (810-819) <sup>6</sup> .....  | 913                         | 15.3                   | 8.8                                | 149                                | 87    | 196   | 213    | 107   | 64    | 65    | 12    | 16     | 2       | 1       | 1       | .....    | 13,971     |
| Fracture of lower limb (820-829) .....   | 7,621                       | 37.2                   | 18.5                               | 829                                | 616   | 686   | 1,212  | 929   | 910   | 1,317 | 504   | 446    | 103     | 28      | 24      | 17       | 283,362    |
| Fracture of lower limb, late effects (820-829) <sup>6</sup> .....  | 2,180                       | 29.6                   | 15.4                               | 199                                | 204   | 286   | 386    | 279   | 235   | 332   | 118   | 104    | 25      | 6       | 5       | 1        | 64,465     |
| Dislocation without fracture (830-839) .....   | 1,772                       | 14.5                   | 9.5                                | 274                                | 163   | 352   | 467    | 223   | 136   | 104   | 33    | 13     | 3       | 2       | 1       | 1        | 25,721     |

|   |        |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |       |       |       |       |       |       |         |
|---|--------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| Dislocation without fracture, late effects (830-839) <sup>6</sup> .....   | 461    | 17.6 | 11.3 | 30    | 35    | 97    | 146   | 66    | 44    | 23  | 11    | 4     | 2     | 3     | ..... | ..... | 8,103   |
| Intracranial injury — without skull fracture (850-854) .....  | 2,256  | 23.7 | 7.0  | 507   | 387   | 313   | 332   | 200   | 139   | 187 | 83    | 70    | 18    | 4     | 9     | 7     | 53,475  |
| Intracranial injury — without skull fracture, late effects (850-854) <sup>6</sup> .....   | 901    | 66.1 | 14.9 | 75    | 98    | 99    | 180   | 106   | 91    | 103 | 38    | 48    | 23    | 10    | 17    | 13    | 58,679  |
| Internal injury of chest, abdomen and pelvis (860-869) .....  | 618    | 17.5 | 11.0 | 48    | 46    | 147   | 159   | 83    | 48    | 58  | 18    | 10    | ..... | ..... | 1     | ..... | 10,830  |
| Internal injury of chest, abdomen and pelvis, late effects (860-869) <sup>6</sup> .....   | 106    | 17.3 | 13.1 | 6     | 15    | 13    | 26    | 18    | 13    | 10  | 3     | 2     | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,826   |
| Traumatic amputation of arm and hand — complete/partial (887) .....   | 7      | 43.0 | 5.0  | 3     | ..... | 2     | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1   | ..... | ..... | 1     | ..... | ..... | ..... | 301     |
| Traumatic amputation of arm and hand — complete/partial, late effects (887) <sup>6</sup> .....  | 12     | 20.4 | 15.0 | 3     | ..... | 1     | 2     | 1     | 2     | 2   | 1     | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 245     |
| Traumatic amputation of foot and leg(s) — complete/partial (896-897) .....  | 35     | 75.8 | 55.3 | 4     | 3     | 1     | 1     | ..... | 2     | 8   | 7     | 6     | 1     | 1     | 1     | ..... | 2,653   |
| Traumatic amputation of foot and leg(s) — complete/partial, late effects (896-897) <sup>6</sup> .....                                 | 55     | 37.7 | 21.2 | 4     | 4     | 7     | 9     | 4     | 8     | 9   | 4     | 5     | ..... | 1     | ..... | ..... | 2,071   |
| Burns (940-949) .....   | 1,514  | 36.6 | 17.9 | 142   | 122   | 162   | 257   | 177   | 172   | 314 | 105   | 51    | 6     | 3     | 1     | 2     | 55,432  |
| Burns, late effects (940-949) <sup>6</sup> .....  | 243    | 25.3 | 15.4 | 19    | 25    | 26    | 50    | 29    | 28    | 42  | 14    | 8     | 1     | ..... | 1     | ..... | 6,137   |
| Injury to nerves and spinal cord (950-959) .....  | 394    | 38.4 | 14.6 | 32    | 42    | 62    | 65    | 43    | 31    | 58  | 27    | 20    | 7     | 1     | 3     | 3     | 15,132  |
| Injury to nerves and spinal cord, late effects (950-959) <sup>6</sup> .....   | 604    | 34.2 | 13.1 | 50    | 69    | 90    | 128   | 78    | 57    | 57  | 23    | 32    | 13    | 2     | 3     | 2     | 20,635  |
| Adverse effect of medicinal agents and other complications of surgical and medical care (960-979, 997-999) .....                      | 10,436 | 16.9 | 9.2  | 1,283 | 1,672 | 1,867 | 2,278 | 1,194 | 828   | 868 | 223   | 163   | 41    | 8     | 5     | 6     | 176,018 |
| All other accidents, poisonings and violence (840-848, 870-879, 880-886, 890-895, 900-907, 910-918, 920-929, 930-939, 980-996) .....  | 14,783 | 11.5 | 4.5  | 4,491 | 2,589 | 2,463 | 2,422 | 1,109 | 734   | 692 | 149   | 93    | 15    | 6     | 13    | 7     | 170,529 |
| All other accidents, poisonings and violence, late effects, (870-879, 880-886, 890-895, 900-907, 910-918, 920-929) <sup>6</sup> ..... | 1,247  | 14.1 | 7.8  | 174   | 181   | 286   | 255   | 127   | 86    | 97  | 22    | 16    | 2     | 1     | ..... | ..... | 17,637  |

<sup>1</sup> Patient treatment file. This table, as well as all others in this hospital discharge series, excludes approximately 145,000 one-day hemodialysis discharges.

<sup>2</sup> The diagnostic categories and selected diagnoses included in this table are based on the "International Classification of Diseases Adapted for Indexing of Hospital Records", U.S.P.H.S. Publication No. 1693. The numbers following the diagnosis are the identifying code numbers of this diagnostic classification. Category XV, "Certain causes of Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality", in which no cases occurred, is not included in this table.

<sup>3</sup> This figure is based on completed records. In addition, there were 37,625 incomplete discharge records in the file at the time the table was prepared.

<sup>4</sup> One-half of the discharges in the given category have length of stay greater than the median; the other half, less than the median.

<sup>5</sup> No median computed since more than one-half of the cases had one day of stay.

<sup>6</sup> All late effect codes are differentiated from other codes by being uniformly .9 in the fourth digit position.

*VA Domiciliaries, VA Nursing and Community Nursing Care: Turnover During Fiscal Year 1975*

| Item  | VA Facilities |               |         | Community Nursing |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------|-------------------|
|   | Total         | Domiciliaries | Nursing |                   |
| Average daily member and Nursing Care census fiscal year 1974 ..... | 16,141        | 9,723         | 6,418   | 4,885             |
| Members and Nursing Care Patients remaining June 30, 1974 .....     | 16,030        | 9,471         | 6,559   | 6,101             |
| Total gains during fiscal year 1975 .....                           | 19,359        | 13,285        | 6,074   | 18,500            |
| Admissions after rehospitalization, etc. ....                       | 1,920         | 1,383         | 537     | 1,221             |
| Other admissions .....  | 9,678         | 6,448         | 3,230   | 14,836            |
| Transfers in from similar facility .....                            | 148           | 90            | 58      | 519               |
| From absent sick in hospital .....                                  | 7,613         | 5,364         | 2,249   | 1,925             |
| Total losses during fiscal year 1975 .....                          | 19,553        | 13,716        | 5,837   | 17,883            |
| Deaths .....  | 725           | 142           | 583     | 2,456             |
| Discharges .....  | 6,919         | 5,259         | 1,660   | 9,089             |
| Transfers out to similar facility .....                             | 124           | 59            | 65      | 552               |
| To absent sick in hospital .....                                    | 11,785        | 8,256         | 3,529   | 5,786             |
| Members and Nursing Care Patients remaining June 30, 1975 .....     | 15,836        | 9,040         | 6,796   | 6,718             |
| Average daily member and Nursing Care census fiscal year 1975 ..... | 15,920        | 9,181         | 6,739   | 6,239             |
| Discharges while in absent sick in hospital status .....            | 3,454         | 2,665         | 789     | 2,571             |
| Deaths while in absent sick in hospital status .....                | 621           | 196           | 425     | 764               |
| On rolls in absent status June 30, 1975 .....                       | 1,465         | 1,186         | 279     | 151               |
| Absent (in hospital status) .....                                   | 504           | 345           | 159     | 149               |
| Absent (Other) .....  | 961           | 841           | 120     | 2                 |
| Members and Nursing Care Patients treated .....                     | 29,020        | 18,488        | 10,532  | 21,749            |

TABLE 32

## EXTENDED CARE

## VA And State Domiciliaries Average Daily Census, Average Operating Beds – Fiscal Year 1975

| VA and State Domiciliaries                            | Domiciliary                              |                                     | VA and State Domiciliaries      | Domiciliary                              |                                     |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|   | Average Daily Member Census <sup>1</sup> | Average Operating Beds <sup>2</sup> |                                 | Average Daily Member Census <sup>1</sup> | Average Operating Beds <sup>2</sup> |
| Total – VA and State Domiciliaries .....              | 15,030                                   | 10,310                              | Indiana: Lafayette .....        | 86                                       | .....                               |
| Total – VA Domiciliaries .....                        | 9,181                                    | 10,310                              | Iowa: Marshalltown .....        | 145                                      | .....                               |
| Arizona:  |  |                                     | Kansas: Fort Dodge .....        | 67                                       | .....                               |
| Prescott .....  | 208                                      | 232                                 | Louisiana: Jackson .....        | 116                                      | .....                               |
| Tucson .....  | 47                                       | 72                                  | Massachusetts:                  |  |                                     |
| California: Los Angeles .....                         | 438                                      | 550                                 | Chelsea .....                   | 246                                      | .....                               |
| Florida: Bay Pines .....                              | 305                                      | 322                                 | Holyoke .....                   | 68                                       | .....                               |
| Georgia: Dublin .....                                 | 401                                      | 407                                 | Michigan: Grand Rapids .....    | 208                                      | .....                               |
| Kansas: Leavenworth .....                             | 719                                      | 925                                 | Minnesota: Minneapolis .....    | 362                                      | .....                               |
| Mississippi: Biloxi .....                             | 537                                      | 681                                 | Missouri: St. James .....       | 65                                       | .....                               |
| New York: Bath .....                                  | 633                                      | 660                                 | Montana: Columbia Falls .....   | 76                                       | .....                               |
| Ohio: Dayton .....                                    | 789                                      | 889                                 | Nebraska: Grand Island .....    | 106                                      | .....                               |
| Oregon: White City .....                              | 1,146                                    | 1,165                               | New Hampshire: Tilton .....     | 15                                       | .....                               |
| South Dakota: Hot Springs .....                       | 449                                      | 511                                 | New Jersey:                     |  |                                     |
| Tennessee: Mountain Home .....                        | 898                                      | 970                                 | Menlo Park .....                | 107                                      | .....                               |
| Texas:  |  |                                     | Vineland .....                  | 62                                       | .....                               |
| Bonham .....  | 228                                      | 230                                 | New York: Oxford .....          | 27                                       | .....                               |
| Temple .....  | 403                                      | 463                                 | North Dakota: Lisbon .....      | 101                                      | .....                               |
| Virginia: Hampton .....                               | 663                                      | 750                                 | Ohio: Sandusky .....            | 652                                      | .....                               |
| Washington: Vancouver .....                           | 49                                       | 80                                  | Oklahoma:                       |  |                                     |
| West Virginia: Martinsburg .....                      | 533                                      | 550                                 | Ardmore .....                   | 106                                      | .....                               |
| Wisconsin: Wood .....                                 | 734                                      | 853                                 | Clinton .....                   | 40                                       | .....                               |
| Total – State homes (domiciliaries) .....             | 5,849                                    |                                     | Norman .....                    | 224                                      | .....                               |
| California: Napa County .....                         | 532                                      |                                     | Sulphur .....                   | 31                                       | .....                               |
| Colorado: Homelake .....                              | 78                                       |                                     | Pennsylvania: Erie .....        | 99                                       | .....                               |
| Connecticut: Rocky Hill .....                         | 569                                      |                                     | Rhode Island: Bristol .....     | 111                                      | .....                               |
| District of Columbia (Ocoquan, Va.): Washington ..... | 258                                      |                                     | South Dakota: Hot Springs ..... | 88                                       | .....                               |
| Georgia: Milledgeville .....                          | 592                                      |                                     | Vermont: Bennington .....       | 21                                       | .....                               |
| Idaho: Boise .....                                    | 114                                      |                                     | Washington:                     |  |                                     |
| Illinois: Quincy .....                                | 142                                      |                                     | Orting .....                    | 85                                       | .....                               |
|   |  |                                     | Retsil .....                    | 131                                      | .....                               |
|   |  |                                     | Wisconsin: King .....           | 61                                       | .....                               |
|   |  |                                     | Wyoming: Buffalo .....          | 55                                       | .....                               |

<sup>1</sup> Based on total member days during year divided by number of days in year.<sup>2</sup> Based on the number of operating beds at the end of each month for 13 consecutive months (June 1974-June 1975).

TABLE 33

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## State Homes Nursing Care: Average Daily Census—Fiscal Year 1975

| Location                             | Fiscal Year 1975             | Location                        | Fiscal Year 1975             |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                      | Average Daily Nursing Census |                                 | Average Daily Nursing Census |
| Total State homes nursing care ..... | 4,123                        | New Hampshire: Tilton .....     | 46                           |
| California: Napa Country .....       | 371                          | New Jersey:                     |                              |
| Colorado: Homelake .....             | 8                            | Menlo Park .....                | 160                          |
| Georgia:                             |                              | Vineland .....                  | 188                          |
| Augusta .....                        | 170                          | New York: Oxford .....          | 14                           |
| Milledgeville .....                  | 121                          | Oklahoma:                       |                              |
| Illinois: Quincy .....               | 306                          | Ardmore .....                   | 77                           |
| Indiana: Lafayette .....             | 134                          | Clinton .....                   | 119                          |
| Iowa: Marshalltown .....             | 69                           | Norman .....                    | 49                           |
| Kansas: Fort Dodge .....             | 54                           | Sulphur .....                   | 131                          |
| Massachusetts:                       |                              | Pennsylvania: Erie .....        | 59                           |
| Chelsea .....                        | 54                           | Rhode Island: Bristol .....     | 162                          |
| Holyoke .....                        | 176                          | South Carolina: Columbia .....  | 108                          |
| Michigan: Grand Rapids .....         | 414                          | South Dakota: Hot Springs ..... | 25                           |
| Minnesota: Minneapolis .....         | 68                           | Vermont: Bennington .....       | 75                           |
| Missouri: St. James .....            | 86                           | Washington:                     |                              |
| Montana: Columbia Falls .....        | 34                           | Orting .....                    | 72                           |
| Nebraska: Grand Island .....         | 333                          | Retsil .....                    | 62                           |
|                                      |                              | Wisconsin: King .....           | 379                          |

VA Nursing Homes: Average Operating Beds, Average Daily Census — Fiscal Year 1975

| Location                             | Fiscal Year 1975       |                              | Location                            | Fiscal Year 1975       |                              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                      | Average Operating Beds | Average Daily Nursing Census |                                     | Average Operating Beds | Average Daily Nursing Census |
| Total . . . . .                      | 7,032                  | 6,739                        | New Hampshire: Manchester . . . . . | 38                     | 38                           |
| Alabama: Tuskegee . . . . .          | 112                    | 102                          | New Jersey: . . . . .               |                        |                              |
| Arizona: Tucson . . . . .            | 41                     | 38                           | East Orange . . . . .               | 40                     | 40                           |
| Arkansas: Little Rock . . . . .      | 150                    | 147                          | Lyons . . . . .                     | 84                     | 78                           |
| California: . . . . .                |                        |                              | New Mexico: Albuquerque . . . . .   | 47                     | 44                           |
| Palo Alto . . . . .                  | 108                    | 100                          | New York: . . . . .                 |                        |                              |
| San Diego . . . . .                  | 49                     | 42                           | Albany . . . . .                    | 100                    | 97                           |
| Sepulveda . . . . .                  | 80                     | 76                           | Bath . . . . .                      | 180                    | 176                          |
| Colorado: . . . . .                  |                        |                              | Brooklyn . . . . .                  | 96                     | 87                           |
| Fort Lyon . . . . .                  | 37                     | 34                           | Buffalo . . . . .                   | 36                     | 35                           |
| Grand Junction . . . . .             | 42                     | 41                           | Canandaigua . . . . .               | 100                    | 100                          |
| Connecticut: West Haven . . . . .    | 90                     | 89                           | Castle Point . . . . .              | 96                     | 88                           |
| Florida: . . . . .                   |                        |                              | Montrose . . . . .                  | 122                    | 105                          |
| Bay Pines . . . . .                  | 120                    | 115                          | Syracuse . . . . .                  | 40                     | 37                           |
| Lake City 1 . . . . .                | 40                     | 37                           | North Carolina: . . . . .           |                        |                              |
| Miami . . . . .                      | 90                     | 86                           | Fayetteville . . . . .              | 39                     | 38                           |
| Georgia: . . . . .                   |                        |                              | Oteen (Asheville) . . . . .         | 78                     | 78                           |
| Augusta . . . . .                    | 40                     | 38                           | Salisbury . . . . .                 | 93                     | 91                           |
| Dublin . . . . .                     | 86                     | 84                           | North Dakota: Fargo . . . . .       | 50                     | 49                           |
| Illinois: . . . . .                  |                        |                              | Ohio: . . . . .                     |                        |                              |
| Danville . . . . .                   | 120                    | 110                          | Chillicothe . . . . .               | 99                     | 96                           |
| Downey . . . . .                     | 190                    | 180                          | Cincinnati . . . . .                | 206                    | 194                          |
| Indiana: . . . . .                   |                        |                              | Cleveland . . . . .                 | 100                    | 98                           |
| Fort Wayne . . . . .                 | 40                     | 38                           | Dayton . . . . .                    | 276                    | 273                          |
| Indianapolis . . . . .               | 58                     | 57                           | Oregon: Roseburg . . . . .          | 75                     | 72                           |
| Marion . . . . .                     | 69                     | 67                           | Pennsylvania: . . . . .             |                        |                              |
| Iowa: Knoxville . . . . .            | 200                    | 192                          | Altoona . . . . .                   | 20                     | 20                           |
| Kansas: . . . . .                    |                        |                              | Butler . . . . .                    | 104                    | 100                          |
| Topeka . . . . .                     | 79                     | 76                           | Coatesville . . . . .               | 50                     | 49                           |
| Leavenworth . . . . .                | 45                     | 43                           | Erie . . . . .                      | 40                     | 39                           |
| Kentucky: Lexington . . . . .        | 100                    | 98                           | Lebanon . . . . .                   | 120                    | 119                          |
| Louisiana: Alexandria . . . . .      | 95                     | 90                           | Pittsburgh (GEN.) . . . . .         | 208                    | 200                          |
| Maine: Togus . . . . .               | 60                     | 59                           | South Carolina: Columbia . . . . .  | 72                     | 72                           |
| Maryland: . . . . .                  |                        |                              | South Dakota: Sioux Falls . . . . . | 75                     | 73                           |
| Fort Howard . . . . .                | 47                     | 45                           | Tennessee: . . . . .                |                        |                              |
| Perry Point . . . . .                | 64                     | 59                           | Mountain Home . . . . .             | 58                     | 56                           |
| Massachusetts: . . . . .             |                        |                              | Murfreesboro . . . . .              | 48                     | 47                           |
| Bedford . . . . .                    | 162                    | 156                          | Texas: . . . . .                    |                        |                              |
| Brockton . . . . .                   | 100                    | 98                           | Big Spring . . . . .                | 28                     | 24                           |
| Northampton . . . . .                | 50                     | 48                           | Bonham . . . . .                    | 100                    | 97                           |
| Michigan: . . . . .                  |                        |                              | Houston . . . . .                   | 78                     | 73                           |
| Allen Park . . . . .                 | 72                     | 67                           | Kerrville . . . . .                 | 36                     | 34                           |
| Battle Creek . . . . .               | 180                    | 176                          | Waco . . . . .                      | 84                     | 82                           |
| Iron Mountain <sup>1</sup> . . . . . | 10                     | 8                            | Utah: Salt Lake City . . . . .      | 46                     | 42                           |
| Minnesota: St. Cloud . . . . .       | 44                     | 43                           | Vermont: White River Jct. . . . .   | 28                     | 27                           |
| Mississippi: Biloxi . . . . .        | 101                    | 97                           | Virginia: . . . . .                 |                        |                              |
| Missouri: . . . . .                  |                        |                              | Hampton . . . . .                   | 41                     | 39                           |
| Columbia . . . . .                   | 54                     | 50                           | Salem . . . . .                     | 100                    | 98                           |
| Poplar Bluff . . . . .               | 49                     | 46                           | Washington: American Lake . . . . . | 76                     | 73                           |
| St. Louis . . . . .                  | 78                     | 65                           | West Virginia: Beckley . . . . .    | 42                     | 39                           |
| Montana: Miles City . . . . .        | 20                     | 19                           | Wisconsin: . . . . .                |                        |                              |
| Nebraska: Grand Island . . . . .     | 42                     | 41                           | Tomah . . . . .                     | 100                    | 98                           |
| Nevada: Reno . . . . .               | 22                     | 22                           | Wood . . . . .                      | 200                    | 197                          |
|                                      |                        |                              | Wyoming: Cheyenne . . . . .         | 47                     | 46                           |

<sup>1</sup> Program activated at station during fiscal year 1975.



TABLE 35

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Community Nursing Homes: Patients Admitted, Average Daily Nursing Census, Remaining During – Fiscal Year 1975

| Hospital                         | Patients<br>Admitted<br>4 | Average Daily<br>Nursing<br>Census <sup>1</sup> | Remaining<br>in Nursing<br>Home June<br>30, 1975 | Hospital                               | Patients<br>Admitted<br>4 | Average Daily<br>Nursing<br>Census <sup>1</sup> | Remaining<br>in Nursing<br>Home June<br>30, 1975 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------|---|--|
| Total                            | <sup>5</sup> 16,056       | 6,239   | <sup>3</sup> 6,718                               | Michigan:                              |                           |   |  |
| Alabama:                         |                           |   |  | Allen Park <sup>2</sup>                | 79                        | 26  | 49   |
| Birmingham                       | 133                       | 39  | 41   | Ann Arbor                              | 52                        | 18  | 19   |
| Montgomery                       | 17                        | 8   | 8  | Battle Creek <sup>2</sup>              | 12                        | 4   | 13   |
| Tuscaloosa                       | 52                        | 32  | 38   | Iron Mountain <sup>2</sup>             | 10                        | 6   | 6  |
| Tuskegee <sup>2</sup>            | 16                        | 7   | 9  | Saginaw                                | 18                        | 7   | 8  |
| Alaska: Juneau (RO)              | 49                        | 9   | 6  | Minnesota:                             |                           |   |  |
| Arizona:                         |                           |   |  | Minneapolis                            | 344                       | 106   | 113  |
| Phoenix                          | 253                       | 89  | 109  | St. Cloud <sup>2</sup>                 | 52                        | 39  | 38   |
| Prescott                         | 16                        | 10  | 3  | Mississippi:                           |                           |   |  |
| Tucson <sup>2</sup>              | 121                       | 43  | 57   | Biloxi <sup>2</sup>                    | 78                        | 30  | 33   |
| Arkansas:                        |                           |   |  | Jackson                                | 75                        | 25  | 25   |
| Fayetteville                     | 50                        | 16  | 14   | Missouri:                              |                           |   |  |
| Little Rock <sup>2</sup>         | 290                       | 85  | 98   | Columbia <sup>2</sup>                  | 68                        | 20  | 27   |
| California:                      |                           |   |  | Kansas City                            | 125                       | 44  | 37   |
| Fresno                           | 70                        | 15  | 16   | Poplar Bluff <sup>2</sup>              | 79                        | 21  | 27   |
| Livermore <sup>2</sup>           | 68                        | 28  | 29   | St. Louis <sup>2</sup>                 | 118                       | 63  | 70   |
| Long Beach                       | 640                       | 188   | 156  | Montana:                               |                           |   |  |
| Los Angeles (Wadsworth)          | 285                       | 115   | 116  | Fort Harrison                          | 44                        | 20  | 24   |
| Los Angeles (Brentwood)          | 97                        | 68  | 71   | Miles City <sup>2</sup>                | 31                        | 12  | 7  |
| Martinez                         | 52                        | 13  | 16   | Nebraska:                              |                           |   |  |
| Palo Alto <sup>2</sup>           | 138                       | 45  | 54   | Grand Island <sup>2</sup>              | 3                         | 1   | 1  |
| San Diego <sup>2</sup>           | 166                       | 53  | 67   | Lincoln                                | 18                        | 12  | 13   |
| San Francisco                    | 147                       | 41  | 35   | Omaha                                  | 147                       | 27  | 31   |
| Sepulveda <sup>2</sup>           | 194                       | 108   | 96   | Nevada: Reno <sup>2</sup>              | 22                        | 6   | 2  |
| Colorado:                        |                           |   |  | New Hampshire: Manchester <sup>2</sup> | 164                       | 42  | 44   |
| Denver                           | 101                       | 41  | 42   | New Jersey:                            |                           |   |  |
| Fort Lyon <sup>2</sup>           | 32                        | 25  | 25   | East Orange <sup>2</sup>               | 135                       | 65  | 87   |
| Grand Junction <sup>2</sup>      | 36                        | 13  | 12   | Lyons <sup>2</sup>                     | 29                        | 10  | 20   |
| Connecticut:                     |                           |   |  | New Mexico: Albuquerque <sup>2</sup>   | 108                       | 46  | 47   |
| Newington                        | 102                       | 30  | 31   | New York:                              |                           |   |  |
| West Haven <sup>2</sup>          | 67                        | 17  | 22   | Albany                                 | 56                        | 24  | 24   |
| Delaware: Wilmington             | 190                       | 69  | 74   | Batavia                                | 2                         | 1   | 1  |
| District of Columbia: Washington | 189                       | 86  | 95   | Bath <sup>2</sup>                      | 1                         | 1   |  |
| Florida:                         |                           |   |  | Bronx                                  | 9                         | 2   | 3  |
| Bay Pines <sup>2</sup>           | 407                       | 164   | 144  | Brooklyn <sup>2</sup>                  | 10                        | 4   | 7  |
| Gainesville                      | 189                       | 63  | 76   | Buffalo <sup>2</sup>                   | 43                        | 17  | 24   |
| Lake City <sup>2</sup>           | 47                        | 14  | 19   | Canandaigua <sup>2</sup>               |                           |   |  |
| Miami <sup>2</sup>               | 279                       | 79  | 99   | Castle Point <sup>2</sup>              | 12                        | 3   | 6  |
| Tampa                            | 308                       | 90  | 124  | Montrose <sup>2</sup>                  | 1                         | 2   | 2  |
| Georgia:                         |                           |   |  | New York                               | 3                         | 2   | 2  |
| Atlanta                          | 206                       | 50  | 61   | Northport                              |                           | 4   | 4  |
| Augusta <sup>2</sup>             | 147                       | 85  | 104  | Syracuse <sup>2</sup>                  | 2                         | 6   | 6  |
| Dublin <sup>2</sup>              | 16                        | 6   | 6  | North Carolina:                        |                           |   |  |
| Hawaii: Honolulu (RO)            | 15                        | 4   | 7  | Durham                                 | 103                       | 29  | 39   |
| Idaho: Boise                     | 69                        | 21  | 18   | Fayetteville <sup>2</sup>              | 81                        | 33  | 32   |
| Illinois:                        |                           |   |  | Asheville <sup>2</sup>                 | 110                       | 41  | 50   |
| Chicago (West Side)              | 260                       | 77  | 80   | Salisbury <sup>2</sup>                 | 42                        | 25  | 25   |
| Chicago (Lake Side)              | 244                       | 69  | 81   | North Dakota: Fargo <sup>2</sup>       | 48                        | 20  | 20   |
| Danville <sup>2</sup>            | 49                        | 19  | 18   | Ohio:                                  |                           |   |  |
| Downey <sup>2</sup>              | 77                        | 64  | 60   | Chillicothe <sup>2</sup>               | 182                       | 132   | 131  |
| Hines                            | 383                       | 143   | 174  | Cincinnati <sup>2</sup>                | 181                       | 64  | 72   |
| Marion                           | 163                       | 56  | 48   | Cleveland <sup>2</sup>                 | 180                       | 79  | 76   |
| Indiana:                         |                           |   |  | Dayton <sup>2</sup>                    | 129                       | 54  | 58   |
| Fort Wayne <sup>2</sup>          | 55                        | 14  | 11   | Oklahoma:                              |                           |   |  |
| Indianapolis <sup>2</sup>        | 90                        | 31  | 33   | Muskogee                               | 152                       | 41  | 31   |
| Marion <sup>2</sup>              | 44                        | 23  | 33   | Oklahoma City                          | 230                       | 49  | 43   |
| Iowa:                            |                           |   |  | Oregon:                                |                           |   |  |
| Des Moines                       | 130                       | 37  | 40   | Portland                               | 204                       | 60  | 68   |
| Iowa City                        | 186                       | 54  | 56   | Roseburg <sup>2</sup>                  | 46                        | 19  | 31   |
| Knoxville <sup>2</sup>           | 5                         | 4   | 4  | Pennsylvania:                          |                           |   |  |
| Kansas:                          |                           |   |  | Altoona <sup>2</sup>                   | 40                        | 14  | 15   |
| Leavenworth <sup>2</sup>         | 89                        | 29  | 28   | Butler <sup>2</sup>                    | 29                        | 9   | 19   |
| Topeka <sup>2</sup>              | 71                        | 48  | 41   | Coatesville <sup>2</sup>               | 51                        | 119   | 121  |
| Wichita                          | 26                        | 10  | 14   | Erie <sup>2</sup>                      | 37                        | 12  | 15   |
| Kentucky:                        |                           |   |  | Lebanon <sup>2</sup>                   | 40                        | 30  | 31   |
| Lexington <sup>2</sup>           | 147                       | 45  | 75   | Philadelphia                           | 299                       | 110   | 107  |
| Louisville                       | 138                       | 39  | 31   | Pittsburgh (General) <sup>2</sup>      | 105                       | 33  | 47   |
| Louisiana:                       |                           |   |  | Pittsburgh (Psychiatric)               | 15                        | 26  | 22   |
| Alexandria <sup>2</sup>          | 54                        | 15  | 15   | Wilkes-Barre                           | 71                        | 29  | 37   |
| New Orleans                      | 179                       | 47  | 45   | Puerto Rico: San Juan                  | 127                       | 41  | 41   |
| Shreveport                       | 149                       | 40  | 45   | Rhode Island: Providence               | 114                       | 37  | 35   |
| Maine: Togus <sup>2</sup>        | 79                        | 30  | 34   | South Carolina:                        |                           |   |  |
| Maryland:                        |                           |   |  | Charleston                             | 45                        | 18  | 15   |
| Baltimore                        | 103                       | 33  | 24   | Columbia <sup>2</sup>                  | 116                       | 54  | 70   |
| Fort Howard <sup>2</sup>         | 33                        | 24  | 12   | South Dakota:                          |                           |   |  |
| Perry Point <sup>2</sup>         | 14                        | 21  | 21   | Fort Meade                             | 18                        | 9   | 11   |
| Massachusetts:                   |                           |   |  | Hot Springs                            | 15                        | 5   | 5  |
| Bedford <sup>2</sup>             | 77                        | 65  | 63   | Sioux Falls <sup>2</sup>               | 62                        | 13  | 19   |
| Boston                           | 132                       | 57  | 49   | Tennessee:                             |                           |   |  |
| Brockton <sup>2</sup>            | 42                        | 25  | 25   | Memphis                                | 109                       | 36  | 32   |
| Northampton <sup>2</sup>         | 55                        | 57  | 68   | Mountain Home <sup>2</sup>             | 152                       | 89  | 90   |
| West Roxbury                     | 11                        | 4   | 6  | Murfreesboro <sup>2</sup>              |                           | 2   | 1  |
|                                  |                           |   |  | Nashville                              | 150                       | 51  | 57   |

See footnotes at end of table.

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TABLE 35 — Continued

*Community Nursing Homes: Patients Admitted, Average Daily Nursing Census, Remaining During - Fiscal Year 1975*

| Hospital                                | Patients Admitted <sup>4</sup> | Average Daily Nursing Census <sup>1</sup> | Remaining in Nursing Home June 30, 1975 | Hospital                         | Patients Admitted <sup>4</sup> | Average Daily Nursing Census <sup>1</sup> | Remaining in Nursing Home June 30, 1975 |
|---|--------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Texas:</b>                           |                                |   |   | <b>Washington:</b>               |                                |   |   |
| Amarillo .....                          | 46                             | 14  | 20                                      | American Lake <sup>2</sup> ..... | 16                             | 13  | 15                                      |
| Big Spring .....                        | 64                             | 27  | 33                                      | Seattle .....                    | 280                            | 79  | 74                                      |
| Bonham <sup>2</sup> .....               | 44                             | 16  | 17                                      | Spokane .....                    | 90                             | 25  | 30                                      |
| Dallas .....                            | 237                            | 84  | 95                                      | Vancouver .....                  | 114                            | 39  | 45                                      |
| Houston <sup>2</sup> .....              | 316                            | 98  | 107                                     | Walla Walla .....                | 26                             | 10  | 15                                      |
| Kerrville <sup>2</sup> .....            | 80                             | 30  | 35                                      | <b>West Virginia:</b>            |                                |   |   |
| Marlin .....                            | 29                             | 13  | 13                                      | Beckley <sup>2</sup> .....       | 37                             | 8   | 16                                      |
| San Antonio <sup>2</sup> .....          | 223                            | 65  | 63                                      | Clarksburg .....                 | 102                            | 29  | 42                                      |
| Temple .....                            | 142                            | 65  | 64                                      | Huntington .....                 | 148                            | 50  | 52                                      |
| Waco <sup>2</sup> .....                 | 80                             | 53  | 50                                      | Martinsburg .....                | 172                            | 62  | 91                                      |
| Utah: Salt Lake City <sup>2</sup> ..... | 27                             | 10  | 12                                      | <b>Wisconsin:</b>                |                                |   |   |
| <b>Vermont:</b>                         |                                |   |   | Madison .....                    | 69                             | 20  | 18                                      |
| White River Junction <sup>2</sup> ..... | 3                              | 2   | 3                                       | Tomah <sup>2</sup> .....         | 4                              | 6   | 6                                       |
| <b>Virginia:</b>                        |                                |   |   | Wood <sup>2</sup> .....          | 297                            | 94  | 96                                      |
| Hampton <sup>2</sup> .....              | 99                             | 25  | 52                                      | <b>Wyoming:</b>                  |                                |   |   |
| Richmond .....                          | 59                             | 28  | 27                                      | Cheyenne <sup>2</sup> .....      | 21                             | 6   | 10                                      |
| Salem <sup>2</sup> .....                | 154                            | 81  | 73                                      | Sheridan .....                   | 25                             | 38  | 32                                      |

<sup>1</sup> Based on Total patients days of care during fiscal year divided by number of days in year.<sup>2</sup> Indicated hospitals having a VA nursing bed unit in operation.<sup>3</sup> Excludes 151 patients in absent sick in hospital status.<sup>4</sup> Note: Admissions are placed by VA Hospitals (and RO Honolulu, RO Juneau) having jurisdictional authority.<sup>5</sup> Overall total excludes transfers; included in the individual station data

NOTE: F.Y. 1974 data of 12333 was incorrect; Change to 13598

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TABLE 36

*State Nursing Homes, State Home Domiciliaries, State Hospitals: Patient Turnover — During Fiscal Year 1975*

| Item   | State Nursing | State Domiciliary | State Hospital |
|--|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Patients remaining June 30, 1974 .....                           | 4,111         | 5,765             | 1,034          |
| Total gains during fiscal year 1975 .....                        | 6,857         | 16,951            | 6,381          |
| Direct admissions .....  | 2,006         | 5,114             | 3,769          |
| Admissions from State Home Domiciliary, Nursing, Hospitals ..... | 1,744         | 1,533             | 2,177          |
| From leave of absence .....                                      | 3,107         | 10,304            | 435            |
| Total losses during fiscal year 1975 .....                       | 6,871         | 17,060            | 6,379          |
| Deaths .....   | 909           | 257               | 519            |
| Other discharges .....   | 1,211         | 4,514             | 2,981          |
| Discharges to State Home Domiciliary, Nursing, Hospitals .....   | 1,615         | 1,635             | 2,431          |
| To leave of absence .....  | 3,136         | 10,654            | 448            |
| Patients remaining, June 30, 1975 .....                          | 4,097         | 5,656             | 1,036          |
| Average daily patient census, fiscal year .....                  | 4,123         | 5,849             | 1,013          |
| Patients treated .....   | 7,832         | 12,062            | 6,967          |

TABLE 37

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*Outpatient Medical Care: Purpose of Visit, Staff, Fee – Fiscal Year 1975*

| Purpose of Visit  | Total      | Staff      | Fee       |
|---|------------|------------|-----------|
| Total .....   | 14,629,517 | 12,595,514 | 2,034,003 |
| Compensation or Pension .....                                   | 353,590    | 323,085    | 30,505    |
| Determine need for hospital or domiciliary care .....           | 1,951,618  | 1,948,907  | 2,711     |
| Outpatient Treatment (Service connected) .....                  | 4,895,716  | 3,364,841  | 1,530,875 |
| Insurance .....   |            |            |           |
| Aid and attendance .....  | 541,158    | 124,319    | 416,839   |
| Prebed care .....   | 62,647     | 62,647     |           |
| Outpatient treatment (Non-service connected) <sup>2</sup> ..... | 4,346,127  | 4,300,032  | 46,095    |
| Non-bed care <sup>3</sup> .....                                 | 57,308     | 57,308     |           |
| Other <sup>1</sup> .....  | 2,421,353  | 2,414,375  | 6,978     |

<sup>1</sup> Includes medical care for veterans receiving vocational rehabilitation training; beneficiaries of certain foreign countries and other Federal agencies; employees engaged in certain types of medical care; and first aid to employees, when treated by a physician.

<sup>2</sup> Data were previously designated Post Hospital Care.

<sup>3</sup> Data were previously designated trial visit.

TABLE 38

EXTENDED CARE

*Outpatient Dental Care: (Class I-VI) Applications, Staff, Fee – Fiscal Years 1969-1975*

| Applications                            | Fiscal Year |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|---|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|   | 1969        | 1970    | 1971    | 1972    | 1973    | 1974    | 1975    |
| Pending, beginning of fiscal year ..... | 21,355      | 49,466  | 68,027  | 64,573  | 64,530  | 39,684  | 41,611  |
| Received during year .....              | 180,015     | 248,485 | 301,501 | 309,606 | 257,388 | 219,564 | 239,182 |
| Total workload .....                    | 201,370     | 297,951 | 369,528 | 374,179 | 321,918 | 259,248 | 280,793 |
| Dispositions during year .....          | 151,904     | 229,924 | 304,955 | 309,649 | 282,234 | 217,637 | 45,910  |
| Pending, end of year .....              | 49,466      | 68,027  | 64,573  | 64,530  | 39,684  | 41,611  |         |

TABLE 39

EXTENDED CARE

*Outpatient Dental Care: Examinations and Treatment Cases Completed, Staff, Fee Fiscal Years 1969 – 1975*

| Fiscal Year | Examination Cases Completed |                                   |  | Treatment Cases Completed |                                   |  |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
|             | Total                       | By VA Staff Dentists <sup>1</sup> | By Fee Basis Dentists (Net Authorizations) | Total                     | By VA Staff Dentists <sup>2</sup> | By Fee Basis Dentists (Net Authorizations) |
| 1975 .....  |                             | 85,802                            | <sup>3</sup> .....                         | 214,561                   | 83,670                            | 130,891                                    |
| 1974 .....  |                             | 79,674                            | <sup>3</sup> .....                         | 235,965                   | 79,498                            | 156,467                                    |
| 1973 .....  | 227,777                     | 114,199                           | 113,578                                    | 248,388                   | 82,916                            | 165,472                                    |
| 1972 .....  | 256,738                     | 142,919                           | 113,819                                    | 248,692                   | 82,873                            | 165,819                                    |
| 1971 .....  | 239,354                     | 147,794                           | 91,560                                     | 228,388                   | 82,724                            | 145,664                                    |
| 1970 .....  | 180,890                     | 131,542                           | 49,348                                     | 135,790                   | 81,110                            | 54,680                                     |
| 1969 .....  | 121,508                     | 102,593                           | 18,915                                     | 92,712                    | 71,162                            | 21,550                                     |

<sup>1</sup> Includes prebed care, Post-Hospital care, etc. cases.

<sup>3</sup> Reporting of data discontinued; made integral part of treatment cases completed.

<sup>2</sup> Includes patients whose dental treatment was completed in posthospital (PHC) status.

## Prescriptions Filled for VA Patients by VA and Community Pharmacies – Fiscal Year 1975

| Patient Category  | Prescriptions Filled |
|---|----------------------|
| Total .....   | 35,760,058           |
| Hospital Inpatients-Total .....   | 13,377,767           |
| Outpatients-Total .....   | 22,382,291           |
| Other Federal .....   | 145,343              |
| Aid and attendance and housebound .....                                   | 1,802,079            |
| Employees .....   | 181,619              |
| All other outpatients (Service-connected, etc.) .....                     | 20,253,248           |
| Staff prescriptions .....   | 18,344,002           |
| Fee-basis prescriptions .....   | 4,038,289            |
| Fee-basis prescriptions filled by community pharmacies <sup>1</sup> ..... | <sup>1</sup> 942,557 |

<sup>1</sup> Not included in total.

## CONSTRUCTION

## Replacement and Relocation Hospital Construction Projects Fiscal Year 1975 – Completions and Year End Status

| Location   | Total number of beds and Hospital Type <sup>1</sup> | Estimated Construction Cost <sup>2</sup> | Value of Work in Place | Percent Complete <sup>3</sup> | Date Construction Completed (C) <sup>4</sup> or Contract Awarded (A) |
|--|---|--|------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Total, 15 Projects .....   | 7,862   | 789,021,942                              | 58,685,658             | 7                             |  |
| A. Project completed <sup>4</sup> in fiscal year 1975              |   |  |                        |                               |  |
| Total, 2 Projects .....  | (1,280)   | 15,874,178                               | 15,874,178             | 100                           |  |
| California: San Francisco (Boiler Plant) .....                     | (460)   | 1,373,400                                | ( <sup>5</sup> )       | 100                           | December, 1974 (C)   |
| Los Angeles (PH-1) .....   | (820)   | 14,500,778                               | ( <sup>5</sup> )       | 100                           | March, 1975 (C)  |
| B. Projects under construction <sup>6</sup> 6-30-75                |   |  |                        |                               |  |
| Total, 4 Projects .....  | 2,482   | 165,586,635                              | 42,811,480             | 26                            |  |
| California: Loma Linda PH-1 .....                                  | 500   | 15,708,629                               | 11,795,721             | 74                            | May, 1974 (A)  |
| PH-2 .....   | (500)   | 42,473,061                               | 0                      | 0                             | May, 1975 (A)  |
| Los Angeles PH-2 .....   | 820   | 62,305,500                               | 14,024,812             | 22                            | October, 1974 (A)  |
| San Francisco .....  | 460   | 14,700,300                               | 12,862,512             | 89                            | July, 1972 (A)   |
| New York: Bronx PH 1 .....   | 702   | 4,912,600                                | 4,128,435              | 84                            | June, 1974 (A)   |
| PH 2 .....   | (702)   | 10,748,145                               | 0                      | 0                             | October, 1974 (A)  |
| PH 3 .....   | (702)   | 3,736,000                                | 0                      | 0                             | June, 1975 (A)   |
| PH 4 .....   | (702)   | 205,800                                  | 0                      | 0                             | June, 1975 (A)   |
| PH 5 .....   | (702)   | 2,691,000                                | 0                      | 0                             | June, 1975 (A)   |
| PH 6 .....   | (702)   | 6,888,000                                | 0                      | 0                             | June, 1975 (A)   |
| PH 7 .....   | (702)   | 1,217,600                                | 0                      | 0                             | June, 1975 (A)   |
| C. Projects authorized <sup>7</sup> not under construction 6-30-75 |   |  |                        |                               |  |
| Total, 9 Projects .....  | 5,380   | 607,561,129                              |                        |                               |  |
| Arkansas: Little Rock .....  | 720 General   |  |                        |                               |  |
| Florida: Bay Pines .....   | 720 General   |  |                        |                               |  |
| Georgia: Augusta (Reloc.) .....                                    | 440 General   |  |                        |                               |  |
| Maryland: Baltimore .....  | 450 General   |  |                        |                               |  |
| (New York: Bronx (Phs. 8-11)) .....                                | (702) General                                       |  |                        |                               |  |
| Virginia: Richmond .....   | 820 General   |  |                        |                               |  |
| Washington: Seattle .....  | 250 General   |  |                        |                               |  |
| West VA.: Martinsburg .....  | 840 General   |  |                        |                               |  |
| Philadelphia/S. New Jersey .....                                   | 500 General   |  |                        |                               |  |
| Portland/Vancouver .....   | 640 General   |  |                        |                               |  |

<sup>1</sup> Includes receiving, recovery and Nursing Home Care Beds.<sup>2</sup> Construction anticipated, issued, awarded, including contingencies.<sup>3</sup> Based on general construction only.<sup>4</sup> Major general construction contract completed. Minor Construction and landscaping may remain to be accomplished.<sup>5</sup> Same as value of construction issued or awarded when project is financially complete<sup>6</sup> Under construction when major general construction contract has been awarded.<sup>7</sup> Authorized when funds are appropriated for construction, technical services, or site acquisition

Modernization Construction Projects, <sup>1</sup> Fiscal Year 1975 — Completions and Year End Status

| Location  | Description  | Estimated Construction Costs | Value of Work in Place | Percent Complete | Date Construction Completed (C) or Contract Awarded (A) <sup>3</sup> |
|---|--|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--|
| Total .....                                     | 14 Projects .....  | 130,778,442                  | 20,122,132             | 15               |  |
| A. Projects completed, Total .....              | 0 Projects .....   | 0                            | 0                      |                  |  |
| B. Projects under Construction, Total .....     | 4 Projects .....   | 35,086,822                   | 20,122,132             | 57               |  |
| Arizona : Phoenix .....                         | 328 Bed Addition .....                                       | 18,437,678                   | 16,899,081             | 92               | February 1972 (A)  |
| Virginia : Hampton C .....                      | New 4 Story Clinic Addition to Bldg. # 10 .....              | 3,312,177                    | 3,223,051              | 97               | October 1972 (A)   |
| Massachusetts : West Roxbury PH-1 .....         | Spinal Cord Rehabilitation Center & Modernize Bldg. #1 ..... | 10,648,967                   | 2                      |                  | June 1975 (A)  |
| New York : St. Albans (Brooklyn) .....          | Bldgs. 85, 86, 92, 93, & Electrical PH-1. .....              | 2,688,000                    | 2                      | 0                | June 1975 (A)  |
| C. Projects Not Under Construction, Total ..... | 10 Projects .....  | 95,691,600                   |                        |                  |  |
| Colorado : Denver .....                         | Clinical Support Wing and Air Conditioning .....             | 14,930,900                   |                        |                  |  |
| Idaho : Boise .....                             | New Clinical Support Facilities .....                        | 5,209,700                    |                        |                  |  |
| Arizona : Phoenix .....                         | Modernization & Expansion PH-II. ....                        | 7,374,000                    |                        |                  |  |
| Kansas : Wichita .....                          | Modernization - Additions and Alterations .....              | 3,870,000                    |                        |                  |  |
| Massachusetts : West Roxbury PH-II .....        | Spinal Cord Rehabilitation Center & Modernize Bldg. #1 ..... | 6,258,800                    |                        |                  |  |
| South Carolina : Columbia PH-I. ....            | New Bed Bldgs .....  | 39,743,300                   |                        |                  |  |
| : Columbia PH-II .....                          | Modernization of various Bldgs. ....                         | 5,407,000                    |                        |                  |  |
| : Columbia .....                                | Boiler Plant Expansion .....                                 | 505,000                      |                        |                  |  |
| Wisconsin : Madison .....                       | New Wing Addition .....                                      | 10,992,900                   |                        |                  |  |
| New York : St. Albans .....                     | O.P. Medical Administration Canteen and Pharmacy .....       | 1,400,000                    |                        |                  |  |

<sup>1</sup> Projects included in table if approved for development by Administrator's Office or if there has been an appropriation of funds available for financing all or part of the project.

<sup>2</sup> Same as value of construction issued or awarded when project is financially complete.

<sup>3</sup> For Purchase and Hire Projects, the date the station reports construction started.

Nursing Home Care Units Construction Projects, <sup>1</sup> Fiscal Year 1975 – Completions and Year End Status

| Location   | Projects           | Number of<br>Nursing Home<br>Care Beds | Estimated<br>Construction<br>Cost | Value of<br>Work in<br>Place | Percent<br>Complete | Date Construction<br>Completed (C) or<br>Contract Awarded (A) <sup>3</sup> |
|--|--------------------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| <b>Total</b> .....                                     | <b>27 Projects</b> | <b>2255</b>                            | <b>42,300,771</b>                 | <b>11,663,454</b>            | <b>28</b>           |  |
| <b>A. Projects completed, Total</b> .....              | <b>7 Projects</b>  | <b>555</b>                             | <b>5,115,345</b>                  | <b>5,115,645</b>             | <b>100</b>          |  |
| California : Long Beach .....                          |                    | 180 <sup>4</sup>                       | 2,980,800                         | ( <sup>2</sup> )             | 100                 | December 1974 (C)  |
| Michigan : Iron Mountain .....                         |                    | 40                                     | 277,299                           | ( <sup>2</sup> )             | 100                 | March 1975 (C)   |
| Missouri : St. Louis (JBD) .....                       |                    | 94                                     | 395,572                           | ( <sup>2</sup> )             | 100                 | March 1975 (C)   |
| New Jersey : Lyons .....                               |                    | 90                                     | 649,999                           | ( <sup>2</sup> )             | 100                 | July 1974 (C)  |
| New York : Canandaigua .....                           |                    | 53                                     | 352,286                           | ( <sup>2</sup> )             | 100                 | January 1975 (C)   |
| Ohio : Cleveland (Brecksville) .....                   |                    | 48                                     | 287,097                           | ( <sup>2</sup> )             | 100                 | July 1974 (C)  |
| Pennsylvania : Coatsville .....                        |                    | 50                                     | 172,292                           | ( <sup>2</sup> )             | 100                 | November 1974 (C)  |
| <b>B. Projects under Construction, Total</b> .....     | <b>10 Projects</b> | <b>998</b>                             | <b>13,134,414</b>                 | <b>6,547,809</b>             | <b>50</b>           |  |
| <b>Project 1,000,000 and over</b> .....                | <b>5 Projects</b>  | <b>607</b>                             | <b>11,039,503</b>                 | <b>5,072,479</b>             | <b>46</b>           |  |
| Alabama : Tuscaloosa .....                             |                    | 120                                    | 2,812,241                         | 1,654,918                    | 63                  | March 1974 (A)   |
| California : Sepulveda .....                           |                    | 120 <sup>4</sup>                       | 3,100,559                         | 2,392,252                    | 77                  | June 1974 (A)  |
| Colorado : Grand Junction .....                        |                    | 42                                     | 1,049,360                         | 196,403                      | 19                  | March 1975 (A)   |
| Michigan : Battle Creek .....                          |                    | 205                                    | 1,278,343                         | 828,906                      | 65                  | April 1974 (A)   |
| New Hampshire : Manchester .....                       |                    | 120                                    | 2,999,000                         | 0                            | 0                   | May 1975 (A)   |
| <b>Projects under 1,000,000</b> .....                  | <b>5 Projects</b>  | <b>391</b>                             | <b>2,094,911</b>                  | <b>1,475,330</b>             | <b>70</b>           |  |
| <b>C. Projects not under construction, Total</b> ..... | <b>10 Projects</b> | <b>702</b>                             | <b>24,051,012</b>                 |                              |                     |  |
| <b>Projects 1,000,000 and over</b> .....               | <b>4 Projects</b>  | <b>420</b>                             | <b>20,333,312</b>                 |                              |                     |  |
| Arizona : Phoenix .....                                |                    | 120                                    | 4,753,000                         |                              |                     |  |
| Delaware : Wilmington .....                            |                    | 60                                     | 1,778,300                         |                              |                     |  |
| D. of Columbia : Washington .....                      |                    | 120                                    | 10,485,000                        |                              |                     |  |
| Mississippi : Jackson .....                            |                    | 120                                    | 3,317,012                         |                              |                     |  |
| <b>Projects under 1,000,000</b> .....                  | <b>6 Projects</b>  | <b>282</b>                             | <b>3,717,700</b>                  |                              |                     |  |

<sup>1</sup> Projects included in table if approved for development by Administrator's Office or if there has been an appropriation of funds available for financing all or part of the project.

<sup>2</sup> Same as value of construction issued or awarded when project is financially complete.

<sup>3</sup> For Purchase & Hire Projects, the date the station reports construction started.

<sup>4</sup> Includes Rehab. Beds.

TABLE 44

## CONSTRUCTION

*Research & Education Facilities Construction Projects,<sup>1</sup> Fiscal Year 1975 — Completions and Year End Status*

| Location  | Type                                     | Estimated Construction Cost | Value of Work in Place | Percent Complete | Date Construction Completed (C) or Contract Awarded (A) |
|---|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---|
| Total .....                                     | 22 Projects .....                        | 48,407,904                  | 8,451,071              | 17               |   |
| A. Projects Completed, Total .....              | 6 Projects .....                         | 5,843,761                   | 5,843,761              | 100              |   |
| California : San Diego .....                    | 6 Flr. Res. Activ. Case Wrk & Equipment  | 202,971                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | August 1974 (C)   |
| : San Diego .....                               | 6 Flr. Res. Activ. Case Wrk, Center Core | 14,858                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | February 1975 (C)                                       |
| Kansas : Wichita .....                          | Install C.C.T.V. System Bldgs. 1, 7 1a   | 53,470                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | January 1975 (C)  |
| Minnesota : Minneapolis .....                   | Education Bldg #54 .....                 | 420,962                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | February 1975 (C)                                       |
| Nebraska : Omaha .....                          | Research Addition .....                  | 2,965,400                   | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | April 1975 (C)  |
| Ohio : Cleveland (WPD) .....                    | Research Addition .....                  | 2,186,100                   | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | April 1975 (C)  |
| B. Projects Under Construction, Total .....     | 5 Projects .....                         | 5,234,143                   | 2,607,310              | 50               |   |
| Projects 1,000,000 and over, Total .....        | 1 Project .....                          | 3,817,763                   | 2,140,893              | 56               |   |
| Pennsylvania: Philadelphia .....                | Research Additions .....                 | 3,817,763                   | 2,140,892              | 56               | August 1972 (A)   |
| Projects under 1,000,000, total .....           | 4 Projects .....                         | 1,416,380                   | 466,417                | 33               |   |
| C. Projects not under construction, Total ..... | 11 Projects .....                        | 37,330,000                  |                        |                  |   |
| Projects 1,000,000 and over, Total .....        | 7 Projects .....                         | 35,848,500                  |                        |                  |   |
| California : Long Beach .....                   | Addition Research & Education .....      | 7,076,300                   |                        |                  |   |
| Florida : Miami .....                           | Addition and Psychiatric Addition .....  | 7,247,200                   |                        |                  |   |
| Illinois : Chicago (Research) .....             | Addition .....                           | 3,722,000                   |                        |                  |   |
| Louisiana : Shreveport .....                    | Alterns. for Research & Education .....  | 1,122,600                   |                        |                  |   |
| Mississippi : Jackson .....                     | Addition Research & Education .....      | 6,079,900                   |                        |                  |   |
| Texas : Dallas .....                            | Addition Research & Education .....      | 4,988,200                   |                        |                  |   |
| : Houston .....                                 | Addition Research & Education .....      | 5,612,300                   |                        |                  |   |
| Projects under 1,000,000 .....                  | 4 Projects .....                         | 1,481,500                   |                        |                  |   |

<sup>1</sup> Projects included in table if approved for development by Administrator's Office or if there has been an appropriation of funds available for financing all or part of the project.

<sup>2</sup> Same as value of construction issued or awarded when project is financially complete.

<sup>3</sup> For Purchase & Hire Projects; the date the station reports construction started.

Other Improvement Construction Projects,<sup>1</sup> Fiscal Year 1975 – Completions and Year End Status

| Location   | Description  | Estimated Construction Cost | Value of Work in Place | Percent Complete | Date Construction Completed (C) or Contract Award (A) |
|--|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---|
| <b>I. Air Conditioning – Construction Projects</b>   |  |                             |                        |                  |   |
| Total  | 28 Projects  | 82,471,192                  | 29,788,183             | 36               |   |
| A. Projects Completed, Total                         | 6 Projects   | 17,812,541                  | 17,812,541             | 100              |   |
| California : Long Beach                              | And Centralized Tray Service                             | 2,562,215                   | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | December 1974 (C)                                     |
| Iowa : Iowa City                                     | And Additional Electric Power & Auxiliary Electric Power | 4,898,528                   | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | June 1975 (C)   |
| Nebraska : Omaha                                     |  | 4,594,515                   | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | May 1975 (C)  |
| Ohio : Cincinnati (Ft. Thomas)                       |  | 425,352                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | August 1974 (C)                                       |
| South Carolina : Charleston                          |  | 203,331                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | October 1974 (C)                                      |
| Tennessee : Murfreesboro                             | And Auxiliary Power System                               | 5,128,600                   | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | January 1975 (C)                                      |
| B. Projects Under Construction, Total                | 9 Projects   | 24,825,761                  | 11,975,642             | 48               |   |
| Projects \$1,000,000 and over, Total                 | 7 Projects   | 24,587,761                  | 11,975,642             | 49               |   |
| Alabama : Tuscaloosa                                 | Outpatient Clinic & Remodel Auditorium                   | 2,397,911                   | 2,330,159              | 97               | November 1973 (A)                                     |
| Indiana : Indianapolis (TSD)                         |  | 5,671,818                   | 3,292,663              | 58               | May 1974 (A)  |
| Kansas : Leavenworth                                 |  | 4,078,246                   | 3,725,162              | 91               | June 1973 (A)   |
| North Carolina : Fayetteville                        |  | 2,067,430                   | 1,855,841              | 89               | October 1973 (A)                                      |
| Salisbury  |  | 5,679,827                   |                        |                  | June 1974 (A)   |
| West Virginia : Huntington                           | Connecting Corridors and Alts.                           | 2,227,529                   | 771,819                | 35               | July 1974 (A)   |
| Texas : Kerrville                                    |  | 2,465,000                   | 0                      | 0                | June 1975 (A)   |
| Projects Under \$1,000,000, Total                    | 2 Projects   | 238,000                     | 0                      | 0                |   |
| C. Projects Not Under Construction Total             | 13 Projects  | 39,832,890                  |                        |                  |   |
| Projects \$1,000,000 and over Total                  | 10 Projects  | 38,361,290                  |                        |                  |   |
| Arkansas : Fayetteville                              |  | 2,732,600                   |                        |                  |   |
| California : Sepulveda                               |  | 8,400,200                   |                        |                  |   |
| Georgia : Augusta                                    |  | 3,647,000                   |                        |                  |   |
| Mississippi : Biloxi (G. P. Div.)                    |  | 1,100,900                   |                        |                  |   |
| Missouri : Poplar Bluff                              |  | 2,637,400                   |                        |                  |   |
| Nebraska : Lincoln                                   |  | 2,944,400                   |                        |                  |   |
| Pennsylvania : Lebanon                               |  | 7,082,200                   |                        |                  |   |
| Tennessee : Mt. Home                                 |  | 1,569,990                   |                        |                  |   |
| Texas : Kerrville                                    |  | 2,335,100                   |                        |                  |   |
| Virginia : Salem                                     |  | 5,911,500                   |                        |                  |   |
| Projects Under \$1,000,000 Total                     | 3 Projects   | 1,471,600                   |                        |                  |   |
| <b>II. Other Improvement – Construction Projects</b> |  |                             |                        |                  |   |
| Total  | 601 Projects   | 254,937,751                 | 55,931,270             | 22               |   |
| A. Projects Completed, Total                         | 101 Projects   | 28,037,004                  | 28,037,004             | 100              |   |
| Alabama : Birmingham                                 | Warehouse Expansion                                      | 183,384                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | June 1975 (C)   |
| Montgomery   | Install Central Air Vacuum & Oxygen                      | 63,248                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | October 1974 (C)                                      |
| Montgomery   | 8 Bed GPICU; 20 Bed Resp. Care & Pulm Funct. Lab.        | 261,920                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | August 1974 (C)                                       |
| Tuscaloosa   | Warehouse Expansion                                      | 190,000                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | April 1975 (C)  |
| Tuscaloosa   | Relocation of Processing Distr. Ctr.                     | 162,575                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | October 1974 (C)                                      |
| Arizona : Phoenix                                    | New Warehouse  | 199,977                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | June 1975 (C)   |
| Prescott   | Outpatient Expansion                                     | 892,400                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | March 1975 (C)  |
| Prescott   | 19 Bed Resp. Care & Pulmonary Fct. Lab.                  | 570,930                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | February 1975 (C)                                     |
| Arkansas : Little Rock (LRD)                         | Install Grab Bars in Toilet Bldg. 1                      | 22,942                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | March 1975 (C)  |
| Little Rock (NLRD)                                   | Install Grab Bars in Toilet Bldg. 1                      | 30,475                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | March 1975 (C)  |
| California : Livermore                               | Comb. 3 Bed Rec; 4 Bed Surg. & 7 Med. ICU.               | 329,020                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | February 1975 (C)                                     |
| Livermore  | Construct Nuclear Medicine Unit 4                        |                             |                        |                  |   |
| Palo Alto (MP)                                       | Fl. W. Wing  | 427,538                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | May 1975 (C)  |
|  | Seismic Reinforcement of Bldg 114 & 137                  | 388,950                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | January 1975 (C)                                      |
| Palo Alto  | Additional Space for Medical Serv.                       | 68,783                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | October 1974 (C)                                      |
| San Diego  | Nuclear Medicine   | 427,539                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | May 1975 (C)  |
| San Diego  | Gastroenterology Unit                                    | 79,664                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | March 1975 (C)  |
| San Diego  | Safety Equipment for Lab.                                | 33,400                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | March 1975 (C)  |
| San Francisco  | Endocrine Metabolic Res Lab.                             | 176,175                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | January 1975 (C)                                      |
| Sepulveda  | Emergency Generator                                      | 610,000                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | March 1975 (C)  |



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## CONSTRUCTION

Other Improvement Construction Projects.<sup>1</sup> Fiscal Year 1975 — Completions and Year End Status

| Location        |                 | Description  | Estimated Construction Cost | Value of Work in Place | Percent Complete | Date Construction Completed (C) or Contract Award (A) |          |
|-----------------|-----------------|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---|----------|
| Connecticut:    | Newington       | 8 Bed combined medical & Coronary; 5 Bed Surgical ICU. | 385,900                     | (2)                    | 100              | March   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Newington       | O. P. C. Expansion & Alterations Bldg. #1              | 1,553,572                   | (2)                    | 100              | March   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | West Haven      | New Warehouse  | 218,900                     | (2)                    | 100              | April   | 1975 (C) |
| Colorado:       | Denver          | Outpatient Expansion                                   | 962,525                     | (2)                    | 100              | March   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Grand Junction  | 15 Bed Respiratory Care Unit                           | 196,610                     | (2)                    | 100              | January   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Fort Lyon       | Emergency Generator                                    | 353,308                     | (2)                    | 100              | August  | 1974 (C) |
| Delaware:       | Wilmington      | Mod. & Expansion of O.P.C. & Admission Activities      | 384,573                     | (2)                    | 100              | January   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Gainesville     | Records Storage Building                               | 43,307                      | (2)                    | 100              | December  | 1974 (C) |
| Florida:        | Atlanta         | Addition to Emergency & Critical Power System          | 23,091                      | (2)                    | 100              | December  | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Danville        | 6 Bed GP & 3 Bed Cor Care Unit                         | 174,590                     | (2)                    | 100              | December  | 1974 (C) |
| Illinois:       | Danville        | Modernize Electrical Distribution Cable                | 138,536                     | (2)                    | 100              | December  | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Hines           | Enclose two stairwells Bldg. 12                        | 106,600                     | (2)                    | 100              | April   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Hines           | Somat Enclosure Bldg. 200                              | 126,535                     | (2)                    | 100              | March   | 1975 (C) |
| Indiana:        | Hines (DC)      | Emergency Elect Service; Addl. A/C                     | 229,041                     | (2)                    | 100              | June  | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Fort Wayne      | Nursing Station Alteration                             | 61,780                      | (2)                    | 100              | August  | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Marion          | Construct Connecting Corridors Bldgs. 134-138          | 168,269                     | (2)                    | 100              | September   | 1974 (C) |
| Iowa:           | Marion          | Connecting Corridors Bldgs 15, 16 & 17                 | 103,200                     | (2)                    | 100              | September   | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Des Moines      | Additional Stairwell Bldg #4                           | 33,751                      | (2)                    | 100              | January   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Des Moines      | Warehouse Wing Addn. Bldg #10                          | 167,859                     | (2)                    | 100              | January   | 1975 (C) |
| Kansas:         | Wichita         | Install CCTV system                                    | 53,470                      | (2)                    | 100              | January   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Louisville      | Upgrade and extend fire Alarm                          | 83,270                      | (2)                    | 100              | April   | 1975 (C) |
| Kentucky:       | Louisville      | Modernize Elevator System                              | 684,696                     | (2)                    | 100              | September   | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Boston          | 60-Bed Spinal Cord Injury Unit Bldg. 8                 | 1,503,100                   | (2)                    | 100              | March   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Brockton        | 19 Bed Respiratory Care Unit & Pulm. Function Lab.     | 228,209                     | (2)                    | 100              | November  | 1974 (C) |
| Massachusetts:  | Northampton     | 4 Bed GPICU  | 71,600                      | (2)                    | 100              | November  | 1974 (C) |
|                 | West Roxbury    | Outpatient Service and Admitting Area                  | 345,447                     | (2)                    | 100              | July  | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Allen Park      | Flammable Liquid Storage Bldg 13                       | 59,488                      | (2)                    | 100              | October   | 1974 (C) |
| Michigan:       | Allen Park      | Nuclear Med Renovation                                 | 83,664                      | (2)                    | 100              | December  | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Allen Park      | Central Gas & Vacuum Distribution                      | 428,021                     | (2)                    | 100              | August  | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Ann Arbor       | Exit From Surgery                                      | 68,200                      | (2)                    | 100              | April   | 1975 (C) |
| Missouri:       | Ann Arbor       | Install Fire Dampers In HVAC Bldg 1                    | 78,748                      | (2)                    | 100              | February  | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Iron Mountain   | Emergency Generator                                    | 294,320                     | (2)                    | 100              | September   | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Popular Bluff   | Emergency Generator for ICU                            | 93,215                      | (2)                    | 100              | August  | 1974 (C) |
| Montana:        | St. Louis (JBD) | 58 Bed Spinal Cord Injury Unit                         | 1,562,341                   | (2)                    | 100              | March   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Miles City      | Additional Stairwell Bldg 1                            | 106,472                     | (2)                    | 100              | June  | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Reno            | Remodel Bldg #1-A (PH 1 & 2)                           | 119,747                     | (2)                    | 100              | May   | 1975 (C) |
| Nevada:         | Albuquerque     | A/C Surgery Bldg #20                                   | 160,168                     | (2)                    | 100              | March   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Bath            | New Exterior Stairwell Bldg 76                         | 109,873                     | (2)                    | 100              | April   | 1975 (C) |
| New Mexico:     | Buffalo         | Audio Visual Nurses Call System                        | 324,150                     | (2)                    | 100              | January   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Canandaigua     | Pulmonary Function Lab                                 | 72,199                      | (2)                    | 100              | September   | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Canandaigua     | Install Elevators in Bldgs 4 & 6                       | 138,751                     | (2)                    | 100              | September   | 1974 (C) |
| New York:       | Montrose        | 4 Bed GPICU  | 73,979                      | (2)                    | 100              | July  | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Durham          | Centralized Tray Service                               | 256,643                     | (2)                    | 100              | May   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Durham          | Audio Visual Nurses Call System                        | 284,280                     | (2)                    | 100              | March   | 1975 (C) |
| North Carolina: | Durham          | Outpatient Clinic Expansion                            | 2,355,749                   | (2)                    | 100              | November  | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Fayetteville    | Respiratory Care Unit                                  | 192,780                     | (2)                    | 100              | February  | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Brecksville     | Upgrade and Extend Fire Alarm                          | 56,000                      | (2)                    | 100              | April   | 1975 (C) |
| Ohio:           | Oklaoma City    | Day Hospital Unit                                      | 87,365                      | (2)                    | 100              | April   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Portland        | Relocate Emergency Shops Bldg 11                       | 62,836                      | (2)                    | 100              | January   | 1975 (C) |
| Oregon:         | Erie            | O. P. Clinic Consolidation PH I                        | 251,495                     | (2)                    | 100              | June  | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Philadelphia    | Radiology Expansion                                    | 141,434                     | (2)                    | 100              | March   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Philadelphia    | Conversion Ward 8E for Neurology & Neurosurgery        | 262,282                     | (2)                    | 100              | December  | 1974 (C) |
| Pennsylvania:   | Philadelphia    | Convert 7 W Porch Area for Psy Service                 | 80,040                      | (2)                    | 100              | November  | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Pittsburgh (UD) | O. P. Clinic Consolidation                             | 762,600                     | (2)                    | 100              | July  | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Pittsburgh      | 5 Bed Intensive Care Unit                              | 104,865                     | (2)                    | 100              | June  | 1975 (C) |
| South Carolina: | Columbia        | 5 Bed Surgery and 6 Bed Cor ICU                        | 253,832                     | (2)                    | 100              | July  | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Ft Meade        | Drill Deep Water Well                                  | 52,804                      | (2)                    | 100              | October   | 1974 (C) |
| South Dakota:   | Ft Meade        | 6-Bed ICU  | 1,089,000                   | (2)                    | 100              | March   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Hot Springs     | Exit Stair Well E Wing Bldg 12                         | 47,868                      | (2)                    | 100              | June  | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Hot Springs     | 6-Bed General Purpose Intensive Care                   | 103,779                     | (2)                    | 100              | May   | 1975 (C) |
| Tennessee:      | Nashville       | Modular Building                                       | 18,025                      | (2)                    | 100              | January   | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Murfreesboro    | Relocate Dental Service Bldg I                         | 891,920                     | (2)                    | 100              | December  | 1974 (C) |
| Texas:          | Houston         | Exit Stairwells Bldgs 26C & 26D                        | 289,542                     | (2)                    | 100              | February  | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Kerrville       | 20 Bed Respiratory Care Unit                           | 141,273                     | (2)                    | 100              | February  | 1975 (C) |
|                 | Kerrville       | 6-Bed ICU  | 62,238                      | (2)                    | 100              | October   | 1974 (C) |
| Utah:           | Kerrville       | Disposal of Vacant Bldgs.                              | 103,776                     | (2)                    | 100              | September   | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Mc Allen        | O. P. Clinic Expansion                                 | 30,170                      | (2)                    | 100              | October   | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Waco            | Enclose Stairs and Addl. Exits                         | 160,923                     | (2)                    | 100              | February  | 1975 (C) |
| Utah:           | Salt Lake City  | Expand Surgical Suite                                  | 117,571                     | (2)                    | 100              | August  | 1974 (C) |
|                 | Salt Lake City  | Remodel Outpatient Clinic Bldg 1                       | 158,773                     | (2)                    | 100              | June  | 1975 (C) |

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| Location                                 |                   | Description  | Estimated Construction Cost | Value of Work in Place | Percent Complete | Date Construction Completed (C) or Contract Award (A) |          |
|--|-------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---|----------|
| Virginia                                 | Richmond          | Install Case Work Bldg 409   | 77,841                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | October   | 1974 (C) |
| Washington                               | American Lake     | 16 Bed Respiratory Care Unit & Pulmonary Function Lab.                 | 260,202                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | September   | 1974 (C) |
|  | American Lake     | Emergency Standby Electrical Syst.                                     | 275,326                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | September   | 1974 (C) |
|  | Seattle           | 8 Bed Medical ICU  | 244,733                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | February  | 1975 (C) |
|  | Spokane           | Emergency Power System   | 179,200                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | November  | 1974 (C) |
|  | Vancouver         | 6 Bed General Purpose ICU  | 78,958                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | July  | 1974 (C) |
| West Virginia                            | Martinsburg       | Demolition Bldg 332  | 12,765                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | July  | 1974 (C) |
| Wisconsin                                | Tomah             | Change exit Door Swing   | 160,300                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | April   | 1975 (C) |
|  | Wood              | Spinal Cord Injury Parking Lot   | 42,400                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | January   | 1975 (C) |
|  | Wood              | Boiler Plant Addition; Soil and Concrete Testing                       | 997,512                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | November  | 1974 (C) |
|  | Wood              | 10 Bed Surgical ICU  | 102,415                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | September   | 1974 (C) |
| Wyoming                                  | Cheyenne          | Alterations & Addition   | 693,494                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | 100              | December  | 1974 (C) |
| B. Projects Under Construction, Total    |                   |  | 148 Projects                | 53,472,107             | 27,894,266       | 52  |          |
| Projects \$1,000,000 and over Total      |                   |  | 5 Projects                  | 20,157,382             | 12,359,418       | 61  |          |
| California                               | Los Angeles (WAD) | Design, Alteration & Construction for Seismic Relocation of Patients   | 11,780,750                  | 11,102,342             | 94               | January   | 1972 (A) |
|  | Palo Alto (PAD)   | Outpatient Clinic Expansion  | 2,340,545                   | 195,235                | 8                | March   | 1975 (A) |
| Idaho                                    | Boise             | Seismic Correction of Various Buildings                                | 2,371,171                   | 99,105                 | 4                | April   | 1975 (A) |
| Missouri                                 | Kansas City       | Clinical Improvements  | 1,991,337                   | 962,236                | 48               | July  | 1974 (A) |
| New Mexico                               | Albuquerque       | Outpatient Clinical Expansion  | 1,673,579                   | 0                      | 0                | June  | 1975 (A) |
| Projects Under \$1,000,000 Total         |                   |  | 143 Projects                | 33,314,725             | 15,534,848       | 47  |          |
| C. Projects Not Under Construction Total |                   |  | 352 Projects                | 173,425,640            |                  |   |          |
| Projects \$1,000,000 and Over Total      |                   |  | 31 Projects                 | 90,121,738             |                  |   |          |
| California                               | Livermore         | New Administration & Research Bldg.                                    | 1,807,400                   |                        |                  |   |          |
|  | Palo Alto         | 20-Bed Blind; 10 Bed Low Vision Rehabilitation Center                  | 2,637,300                   |                        |                  |   |          |
|  | San Diego         | Expansion of Radiology & Lab Svc.                                      | 2,928,600                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| Florida                                  | Bay Pines         | Clinical Improvements  | 3,011,900                   |                        |                  |   |          |
|  | Gainesville       | Clinical Improvements (Pt. 1 Addn.)                                    | 6,600,300                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| Illinois                                 | Hines             | Outpatient Clinic  | 2,561,700                   |                        |                  |   |          |
|  | Chicago (RES)     | Outpatient Clinic Expansion  | 1,904,300                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| Indiana                                  | Indianapolis      | Clinical Improvements  | 2,420,000                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| Iowa                                     | Iowa City         | Parking Facilities   | 1,343,400                   |                        |                  |   |          |
|  | Iowa City         | Replace Boiler Plant   | 1,498,600                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| Kansas                                   | Leavenworth       | Consolidate Laundry Facilities   | 3,142,600                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| Maine                                    | Togus             | Clinical Improvement   | 1,122,700                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| Massachusetts                            | Boston            | Outpatient Clinic  | 2,661,300                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| Missouri                                 | Kansas City       | Improvements to Outpatient Clinic                                      | 6,648,400                   |                        |                  |   |          |
|  | St. Louis (SLD)   | Ambulatory Care Addition   | 2,093,500                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| Nevada                                   | Reno              | Clinical Improvements  | 11,623,000                  |                        |                  |   |          |
| New Jersey                               | East Orange       | Emergency Generator & Correct Electrical Deficiencies                  | 1,238,800                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| New Mexico                               | Albuquerque       | Outpatient Clinic Expansion  | 2,233,238                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| New York                                 | Brooklyn          | Additional Elevators   | 1,459,200                   |                        |                  |   |          |
|  | Brooklyn          | Outpatient Clinic  | 3,491,600                   |                        |                  |   |          |
|  | Buffalo           | Outpatient Clinic Expansion  | 6,155,000                   |                        |                  |   |          |
|  | New York          | Emergency Generator & Electrical Deficiencies                          | 1,031,200                   |                        |                  |   |          |
|  | Syracuse          | 300 Car Multi Story Parking Garage                                     | 1,984,500                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| North Carolina                           | Durham            | Multi Story Parking Garage   | 2,851,000                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| Ohio                                     | Cleveland         | Expansion Outpatient Clinic & Radiological Facilities                  | 2,779,700                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| Oklahoma                                 | Oklahoma          | Outpatient Clinic  | 1,774,500                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| Rhode Island                             | Providence        | Outpatient Clinic Relocation & Admission Consolidation                 | 3,299,500                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| Texas                                    | Waco              | Replace Boiler Plant   | 1,465,800                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| Vermont                                  | White River Jct   | Clinical Improvements  | 3,200,500                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| West Virginia                            | Huntington        | Clinical Improvements  | 1,840,100                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| Wisconsin                                | Tomah             | Update Electrical Distribution System & Auxillary Electrical Generator | 1,312,100                   |                        |                  |   |          |
| Projects Under \$1,000,000 Total         |                   |  | 321 Projects                | 83,303,902             |                  |   |          |

<sup>1</sup> Projects included in table if approved for development by Administrator's Office or if there has been an appropriation of funds available for financing all or part of the project.

<sup>2</sup> Same as value of construction issued or awarded when project is financially complete.

<sup>3</sup> For Purchase & Hire Projects, the date the station reports construction started.

National Cemetery Projects,<sup>1</sup> Fiscal Year 1975 – Completions and Year End Status

| Location   | Description                             | Estimated Construction Cost | Value of Work in Place <sup>2</sup> | Percent Complete | Date Construction Completed (C) or Contract Awarded (A) |
|--|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---|
| <b>Total</b> .....                                     | <b>23 Projects</b>                      | <b>7,844,108</b>            | <b>0</b>                            | <b>0</b>         |   |
| <b>A. Projects Completed, Total</b> .....              | <b>0 Projects</b>                       | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>                            | <b>.....</b>     |   |
| <b>B. Projects under construction, Total</b> .....     | <b>2 Projects</b>                       | <b>122,308</b>              | <b>0</b>                            | <b>0</b>         |   |
| Projects under \$1,000,000 .....                       | <b>2 Projects</b>                       | <b>122,308</b>              | <b>0</b>                            | <b>0</b>         |   |
| <b>C. Projects not under construction, Total</b> ..... | <b>21 Projects</b>                      | <b>7,721,800</b>            |                                     |                  |   |
| Projects \$1,000,000 and over .....                    | <b>2 Projects</b>                       | <b>3,693,500</b>            |                                     |                  |   |
| Missouri: Jefferson Barracks .....                     | Develop 20 Acres and Additional Facils. | 1,510,400                   |                                     |                  |   |
| Oregon: Willamette .....                               | Develop 38 Acres, Mausoleum/Columbarium | 2,183,100                   |                                     |                  |   |
| <b>D. Projects under \$1,000,000</b> .....             | <b>19 Projects</b>                      | <b>4,028,300</b>            |                                     |                  |   |

<sup>1</sup>Projects in table include those approved by the Administrator and those in some stage of design for construction for which funds have been approved.

<sup>2</sup>Same as value of construction issued or awarded when project is financially complete.

*Disability, Death: Number of Cases, Amount, Period of Service*

| Period of Service                     | Number of Cases<br>June 1975 | Average Annual Expenditure<br>Per Case |            | Total Expenditures<br>(in Thousands) |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                       |                              | June 1974                              | June 1975  | Fiscal Year<br>1975                  | Cumulative<br>Through<br>June 1975 |
| Grand total                           | 4,854,847                    | \$1,330.42                             | \$1,495.68 | \$7,358,070                          | \$126,622,148                      |
| Living veterans                       | 3,226,701                    | 1,437.43                               | 1,631.43   | 5,371,807                            |                                    |
| Service connected                     | 2,220,169                    | 1,447.32                               | 1,699.25   | 3,797,330                            |                                    |
| Retired Reserve or Emergency Officers | 364                          | 3,816.12                               | 4,349.27   | 1,593                                | 507,369                            |
| Non-service connected                 | 1,006,127                    | 1,415.28                               | 1,480.86   | 1,572,876                            |                                    |
| Special acts                          | 41                           | 175.76                                 | 174.73     | 8                                    |                                    |
| Deceased veterans                     | 1,628,146                    | 1,117.28                               | 1,226.63   | 2,013,264                            |                                    |
| Service connected                     | 368,955                      | 2,046.22                               | 2,375.44   | 860,167                              |                                    |
| Non-service connected                 | 1,259,160                    | 842.88                                 | 890.03     | 1,153,089                            |                                    |
| Special acts                          | 31                           | 222.17                                 | 218.32     | 7                                    |                                    |
| Civil War                             | 399                          | 1,143.12                               | 1,184.90   | 470                                  | 8,221,167                          |
| Deceased veterans                     | 399                          | 1,143.12                               | 1,184.90   | 470                                  |                                    |
| Service connected                     | 9                            | 2,069.45                               | 2,513.33   | 22                                   |                                    |
| Non-service connected                 | 382                          | 1,139.95                               | 1,168.84   | 446                                  |                                    |
| Special acts                          | 8                            | 264.00                                 | 270.00     | 2                                    |                                    |
| Indian wars                           | 87                           | 948.12                                 | 960.69     | 84                                   | 118,660                            |
| Deceased veterans                     | 87                           | 948.12                                 | 960.69     | 84                                   | 58,233                             |
| Service connected                     | 1                            | 1,764.00                               | 2,064.00   | 2                                    |                                    |
| Non-service connected                 | 85                           | 948.00                                 | 957.32     | 82                                   |                                    |
| Special acts                          | 1                            | 144.00                                 | 144.00     |                                      |                                    |
| Spanish-American War                  | 25,665                       | 1,082.88                               | 1,144.45   | 29,406                               | 5,140,873                          |
| Living veterans                       | 997                          | 1,775.54                               | 2,088.25   | 2,223                                | 3,366,986                          |
| Service connected                     | 8                            | 5,880.00                               | 6,589.50   | 79                                   |                                    |
| Non-service connected                 | 989                          | 1,748.43                               | 2,051.84   | 2,144                                |                                    |
| Deceased veterans                     | 24,668                       | 1,048.92                               | 1,106.30   | 27,183                               | 1,773,887                          |
| Service connected                     | 253                          | 2,418.26                               | 2,837.08   | 727                                  |                                    |
| Non-service connected                 | 24,405                       | 1,035.41                               | 1,088.71   | 26,453                               |                                    |
| Special acts                          | 10                           | 246.60                                 | 235.20     | 3                                    |                                    |
| Mexican border service                | 940                          | 993.71                                 | 982.33     | 1,050                                | 4,189                              |
| Living veterans                       | 383                          | 1,340.28                               | 1,395.20   | 630                                  | 2,695                              |
| Service connected                     | 11                           | 2,105.54                               | 2,156.73   | 88                                   | 301                                |
| Non-service connected                 | 372                          | 1,316.19                               | 1,372.68   | 542                                  | 2,394                              |
| Deceased veterans                     | 557                          | 699.02                                 | 698.43     | 419                                  | 1,494                              |
| Service connected                     | 3                            | 2,340.00                               | 1,948.00   | 6                                    | 21                                 |
| Non-service connected                 | 554                          | 692.44                                 | 691.67     | 413                                  | 1,473                              |
| World War I                           | 1,045,573                    | 1,117.99                               | 1,158.70   | 1,260,684                            | 38,946,398                         |
| Living veterans                       | 429,756                      | 1,440.12                               | 1,527.26   | 690,658                              | 27,893,695                         |
| Service connected                     | 54,679                       | 2,098.92                               | 2,384.95   | 133,262                              | 9,547,154                          |
| Retired emergency officers            | 362                          | 3,811.12                               | 4,337.47   | 1,577                                | 181,670                            |
| Non-service connected                 | 374,714                      | 1,349.44                               | 1,399.40   | 555,819                              | 18,164,871                         |
| Special acts                          | 1                            | 120.00                                 | 120.00     |                                      |                                    |
| Deceased veterans                     | 615,817                      | 861.84                                 | 901.50     | 570,026                              | 11,052,703                         |
| Service connected                     | 35,015                       | 2,352.98                               | 2,760.20   | 97,462                               | 2,844,300                          |
| Non-service connected                 | 580,802                      | 771.77                                 | 789.44     | 472,564                              | 8,208,403                          |
| World War II                          | 2,611,831                    | 1,310.38                               | 1,477.74   | 3,920,517                            | 56,635,853                         |
| Living veterans                       | 1,880,007                    | 1,378.35                               | 1,565.61   | 3,006,241                            | 43,134,319                         |
| Service connected                     | 1,308,914                    | 1,347.34                               | 1,586.62   | 2,094,047                            | 36,340,747                         |
| Non-service connected                 | 571,093                      | 1,455.18                               | 1,517.45   | 912,194                              | 6,793,572                          |
| Deceased veterans                     | 731,824                      | 1,135.87                               | 1,252.03   | 914,277                              | 13,501,534                         |
| Service connected                     | 191,898                      | 1,819.31                               | 2,101.52   | 383,777                              | 8,405,576                          |
| Non-service connected                 | 539,926                      | 882.72                                 | 950.10     | 530,500                              | 5,095,958                          |
| Korean conflict                       | 427,574                      | 1,511.69                               | 1,722.01   | 746,213                              | 7,855,324                          |
| Living veterans                       | 291,698                      | 1,616.54                               | 1,865.25   | 552,493                              | 5,867,097                          |
| Service connected                     | 240,038                      | 1,629.44                               | 1,915.36   | 463,762                              | 5,337,527                          |
| Non-service connected                 | 51,660                       | 1,548.52                               | 1,632.44   | 88,731                               | 529,570                            |
| Deceased veterans                     | 135,876                      | 1,281.39                               | 1,414.48   | 193,720                              | 1,988,227                          |
| Service connected                     | 39,350                       | 1,937.97                               | 2,233.69   | 88,392                               | 1,271,864                          |
| Non-service connected                 | 96,526                       | 998.09                                 | 1,080.53   | 105,329                              | 716,363                            |
| Regular establishment                 | 242,478                      | 1,757.52                               | 2,065.54   | 502,841                              | 5,633,584                          |
| Living veterans                       | 194,025                      | 1,597.68                               | 1,886.18   | 366,188                              | 3,880,399                          |
| Service connected                     | 193,983                      | 1,598.04                               | 1,886.49   | 366,166                              |                                    |
| Retired reserve officers              | 2                            | 4,848.00                               | 6,486.00   | 15                                   | 325,699                            |
| Special acts                          | 40                           | 176.88                                 | 176.10     | 8                                    |                                    |
| Deceased veterans                     | 48,453                       | 2,388.24                               | 2,783.78   | 136,653                              | 1,753,184                          |
| Service connected                     | 48,441                       | 2,388.84                               | 2,784.42   | 136,650                              |                                    |
| Special acts                          | 12                           | 175.44                                 | 218.00     | 2                                    |                                    |
| Vietnam era                           | 500,300                      | 1,593.64                               | 1,843.24   | 923,805                              | 3,871,570                          |
| Living veterans                       | 429,835                      | 1,504.34                               | 1,748.98   | 753,373                              | 3,084,016                          |
| Service connected                     | 422,536                      | 1,502.94                               | 1,750.59   | 739,926                              | 3,040,844                          |
| Non-service connected                 | 7,299                        | 1,597.28                               | 1,655.58   | 13,447                               | 43,172                             |
| Deceased veterans                     | 70,465                       | 2,143.58                               | 2,418.22   | 170,431                              | 787,554                            |
| Service connected                     | 53,985                       | 2,461.63                               | 2,833.76   | 153,129                              | 732,000                            |
| Non-service connected                 | 16,480                       | 949.58                                 | 1,057.00   | 17,302                               | 55,554                             |

## Disability, Age Group, Period of Service — June 1975

| Age Group         | Grand Total |                   |                       | World War I |                   |                       | World War II |                   |                       |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
|                   | Total       | Service-Connected | Non-Service-Connected | Total       | Service-Connected | Non-Service-Connected | Total        | Service-Connected | Non-Service-Connected |
| Average age ..    | 56.3        | 51.2              | 67.8                  | 81.3        | 80.9              | 81.4                  | 58.3         | 57.1              | 61.2                  |
| Total veterans    | 3,226,660   | 2,220,169         | 1,006,127             | 429,393     | 54,679            | 374,714               | 1,880,007    | 1,308,914         | 571,093               |
| Under 20 .....    | 246         | 244               | 2                     | .....       | .....             | .....                 | .....        | .....             | .....                 |
| 20 to 24 .....    | 33,403      | 32,922            | 481                   | .....       | .....             | .....                 | .....        | .....             | .....                 |
| 25 to 29 .....    | 211,603     | 208,206           | 3,397                 | .....       | .....             | .....                 | .....        | .....             | .....                 |
| 30 to 34 .....    | 105,125     | 102,430           | 2,695                 | .....       | .....             | .....                 | .....        | .....             | .....                 |
| 35 to 39 .....    | 69,042      | 66,432            | 2,610                 | .....       | .....             | .....                 | .....        | .....             | .....                 |
| 40 to 44 .....    | 170,379     | 146,923           | 23,456                | .....       | .....             | .....                 | 97           | 21                | 76                    |
| 45 to 49 .....    | 283,652     | 226,347           | 57,305                | .....       | .....             | .....                 | 108,603      | 74,155            | 34,448                |
| 50 to 54 .....    | 640,597     | 530,268           | 110,329               | .....       | .....             | .....                 | 581,790      | 473,692           | 108,098               |
| 55 to 59 .....    | 583,433     | 458,154           | 125,279               | .....       | .....             | .....                 | 536,547      | 411,975           | 124,572               |
| 60 to 64 .....    | 339,296     | 234,483           | 104,812               | .....       | .....             | .....                 | 316,461      | 211,971           | 104,490               |
| Under 65 .....    | 2,436,776   | 2,006,409         | 430,366               | .....       | .....             | .....                 | 1,543,498    | 1,171,814         | 371,684               |
| 65 to 69 .....    | 239,757     | 116,922           | 122,834               | 18          | .....             | 18                    | 228,398      | 105,790           | 122,608               |
| 70 to 74 .....    | 84,536      | 28,397            | 56,139                | 3,040       | 332               | 2,708                 | 75,077       | 21,700            | 53,377                |
| 75 to 79 .....    | 182,410     | 33,574            | 148,780               | 149,050     | 22,776            | 126,274               | 30,067       | 7,693             | 22,374                |
| 80 to 84 .....    | 225,583     | 28,705            | 196,657               | 221,828     | 26,226            | 195,602               | 2,428        | 1,562             | 866                   |
| 85 to 89 .....    | 54,059      | 5,573             | 48,414                | 53,185      | 4,973             | 48,212                | 415          | 281               | 134                   |
| 90 to 94 .....    | 2,566       | 489               | 2,068                 | 2,042       | 324               | 1,718                 | 63           | 48                | 15                    |
| 95 and over ..... | 973         | 100               | 869                   | 230         | 48                | 182                   | 61           | 26                | 35                    |
| 65 and over ..... | 789,884     | 213,760           | 575,761               | 429,393     | 54,679            | 374,714               | 336,509      | 137,100           | 199,409               |

| Age Group         | Korean Conflict |                   |                       | Vietnam Era |                   |                       |                        | Spanish-American War <sup>1</sup> | Mexican Border Service <sup>1</sup> | R.E.O. and R.R.O. <sup>2</sup> |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                   | Total           | Service-Connected | Non-Service-Connected | Total       | Service-Connected | Non-Service-Connected | Regular Estab-lishment |                                   |                                     |                                |
| Average age ..    | 47.5            | 47.9              | 45.4                  | 33.0        | 33.0              | 30.1                  | 46.1                   | 95.9                              | 81.8                                | 82.7                           |
| Total veterans    | 291,698         | 240,038           | 51,660                | 429,835     | 422,536           | 7,299                 | 193,983                | 997                               | 383                                 | 364                            |
| Under 20 .....    | .....           | .....             | .....                 | 246         | 244               | 2                     | .....                  | .....                             | .....                               | .....                          |
| 20 to 24 .....    | .....           | .....             | .....                 | 33,403      | 32,922            | 481                   | .....                  | .....                             | .....                               | .....                          |
| 25 to 29 .....    | .....           | .....             | .....                 | 211,233     | 207,836           | 3,397                 | 370                    | .....                             | .....                               | .....                          |
| 30 to 34 .....    | .....           | .....             | .....                 | 82,807      | 80,112            | 2,695                 | 22,318                 | .....                             | .....                               | .....                          |
| 35 to 39 .....    | 4,605           | 2,598             | 2,007                 | 15,663      | 15,060            | 603                   | 48,774                 | .....                             | .....                               | .....                          |
| 40 to 44 .....    | 109,473         | 86,163            | 23,310                | 23,608      | 23,538            | 70                    | 37,201                 | .....                             | .....                               | .....                          |
| 45 to 49 .....    | 121,018         | 98,192            | 22,826                | 26,307      | 26,276            | 31                    | 27,724                 | .....                             | .....                               | .....                          |
| 50 to 54 .....    | 25,550          | 23,335            | 2,215                 | 17,525      | 17,509            | 16                    | 15,732                 | .....                             | .....                               | .....                          |
| 55 to 59 .....    | 15,886          | 15,183            | 703                   | 13,292      | 13,288            | 4                     | 17,708                 | .....                             | .....                               | .....                          |
| 60 to 64 .....    | 8,120           | 7,798             | 322                   | 4,635       | 4,635             | .....                 | 10,079                 | .....                             | .....                               | 1                              |
| Under 65 .....    | 284,652         | 233,269           | 51,383                | 428,719     | 421,420           | 7,299                 | 179,906                | .....                             | .....                               | 1                              |
| 65 to 69 .....    | 4,235           | 4,027             | 208                   | 910         | 910               | .....                 | 6,195                  | .....                             | .....                               | 1                              |
| 70 to 74 .....    | 1,697           | 1,643             | 54                    | 193         | 193               | .....                 | 4,529                  | .....                             | .....                               | .....                          |
| 75 to 79 .....    | 759             | 753               | 6                     | 13          | 13                | .....                 | 2,338                  | .....                             | 127                                 | 56                             |
| 80 to 84 .....    | 327             | 321               | 6                     | .....       | .....             | .....                 | 588                    | .....                             | 191                                 | 211                            |
| 85 to 89 .....    | 25              | 23                | 2                     | .....       | .....             | .....                 | 294                    | 14                                | 54                                  | 72                             |
| 90 to 94 .....    | 3               | 2                 | 1                     | .....       | .....             | .....                 | 113                    | 326                               | 10                                  | 9                              |
| 95 to over .....  | .....           | .....             | .....                 | .....       | .....             | .....                 | 20                     | 657                               | 1                                   | 4                              |
| 65 and over ..... | 7,046           | 6,769             | 277                   | 1,116       | 1,116             | .....                 | 14,077                 | 997                               | 383                                 | 363                            |

<sup>1</sup>Service connected and non-service connected are combined in S.A.W. and Mexican Border service.<sup>2</sup>Emergency, provisional, probationary, temporary or reserve officers in receipt of retired pay under Public Law 2-73, 743, 262-77 or 351-81.

## COMPENSATION AND PENSION

TABLE 49

*Terminations of Awards, Disability, Death – Fiscal Year 1975*

| Reasons for Terminations                               | Total   | World War I           |                               | World War II          |                               | Korean Conflict       |                               | Vietnam Era           |                               | Regular<br>Estab-<br>lishment | Civil<br>War | Indian<br>Wars | Spanish-<br>American<br>War | Mexican<br>Border<br>Service |
|--|---------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
|  |         | Service-<br>Connected | Non-<br>Service-<br>Connected | Service-<br>Connected | Non-<br>Service-<br>Connected | Service-<br>Connected | Non-<br>Service-<br>Connected | Service-<br>Connected | Non-<br>Service-<br>Connected |                               |              |                |                             |                              |
| Disability, total                                      | 210,443 | 5,876                 | 76,056                        | 24,333                | 75,002                        | 3,094                 | 6,105                         | 14,339                | 1,545                         | 3,542                         |              |                | 478                         | 73                           |
| Death of veteran                                       | 127,956 | 5,808                 | 48,756                        | 23,132                | 39,879                        | 2,527                 | 2,263                         | 2,230                 | 280                           | 2,651                         |              |                | 371                         | 59                           |
| Disability less than 10 percent                        | 3,927   |                       |                               | 177                   |                               | 117                   |                               | 3,432                 |                               | 201                           |              |                |                             |                              |
| Disability less than permanent and total               | 501     |                       |                               |                       | 304                           |                       | 141                           |                       | 56                            |                               |              |                |                             |                              |
| Estate in excess of \$1,500                            | 408     | 14                    | 48                            | 94                    | 128                           | 31                    | 19                            | 39                    | 6                             | 26                            |              |                | 3                           |                              |
| Excessive corpus of estate                             | 353     |                       | 191                           |                       | 154                           |                       | 6                             |                       | 1                             |                               |              |                |                             | 1                            |
| Failure to cooperate                                   | 2,398   |                       | 290                           | 33                    | 715                           | 19                    | 111                           | 1,126                 | 38                            | 64                            |              |                | 2                           |                              |
| Income provision                                       | 52,652  |                       | 21,671                        |                       | 27,357                        |                       | 2,716                         |                       | 894                           |                               |              |                | 1                           | 13                           |
| Person entitled is incarcerated                        | 79      |                       | 1                             |                       | 52                            |                       | 15                            |                       | 11                            |                               |              |                |                             |                              |
| Veteran on active duty or in receipt of retirement pay | 1,543   | 1                     | 5                             | 62                    | 24                            | 45                    | 1                             | 1,333                 | 4                             | 68                            |              |                |                             |                              |
| Failure to return questionnaire                        | 6,073   |                       | 1,631                         |                       | 3,783                         |                       | 502                           |                       | 151                           |                               |              |                | 6                           |                              |
| Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>                             | 14,553  | 53                    | 3,463                         | 835                   | 2,606                         | 355                   | 331                           | 6,179                 | 104                           | 532                           |              |                | 95                          |                              |
| Death, total   | 292,260 | 1,856                 | 50,195                        | 17,005                | 168,569                       | 4,107                 | 28,244                        | 7,596                 | 3,470                         | 7,442                         | 64           | 13             | 3,659                       | 40                           |
| Dependency not established or discontinued             | 136,303 | 48                    | 1,747                         | 2,937                 | 106,211                       | 1,458                 | 17,409                        | 2,425                 | 337                           | 3,713                         |              |                | 17                          | 1                            |
| Payee incarcerated                                     | 39      |                       | 4                             | 2                     | 29                            |                       | 4                             |                       |                               |                               |              |                |                             |                              |
| Death of payee   | 53,483  | 1,686                 | 28,231                        | 11,200                | 5,259                         | 1,544                 | 240                           | 718                   | 27                            | 1,429                         | 64           | 13             | 3,047                       | 25                           |
| Income provisions                                      | 47,002  | 2                     | 9,623                         | 211                   | 29,433                        | 112                   | 4,827                         | 869                   | 1,670                         | 239                           |              |                | 8                           | 8                            |
| Excess corpus of estate                                | 490     | 1                     | 262                           | 17                    | 188                           | 5                     | 10                            | 1                     | 5                             | 1                             |              |                |                             |                              |
| Person entitled (widow, child, parent) married         | 14,376  | 49                    | 1,454                         | 726                   | 7,589                         | 261                   | 1,715                         | 1,543                 | 532                           | 487                           |              |                | 19                          | 1                            |
| Failure to return questionnaire                        | 5,782   | 2                     | 1,897                         | 45                    | 3,198                         | 13                    | 317                           | 155                   | 102                           | 37                            |              |                | 14                          | 2                            |
| Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>                             | 34,785  | 68                    | 6,977                         | 1,867                 | 16,662                        | 714                   | 3,722                         | 1,885                 | 797                           | 1,536                         |              |                | 554                         | 3                            |

<sup>1</sup>Includes temporary terminations.

*Disability: Class of Dependent, Period of Service — June 1975*

| Class of Dependent  | Total     |               |                       | World War I |                       | World War II |                       | Korean Conflict |                       |
|---|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|   | Number    | Monthly Value | Average Monthly Value | Number      | Average Monthly Value | Number       | Average Monthly Value | Number          | Average Monthly Value |
| Total veterans .....  | 2,220,169 | \$314,385,406 | \$141.60              | 54,679      | \$198.75              | 1,308,914    | \$132.22              | 240,038         | \$159.61              |
| Veterans less than 50 percent disabled (no dependency benefit) .....        | 1,737,221 | 101,991,024   | 58.71                 | 35,779      | 77.04                 | 1,040,252    | 58.36                 | 182,435         | 60.25                 |
| Veterans 50 percent or more disabled .....                                  | 482,948   | 212,394,382   | 439.79                | 18,900      | 429.15                | 268,662      | 418.19                | 57,603          | 474.32                |
| Without dependents .....  | 116,123   | 51,386,098    | 442.51                | 7,114       | 435.38                | 57,808       | 428.24                | 11,305          | 473.63                |
| With dependents .....   | 366,825   | 161,008,284   | 438.92                | 11,786      | 425.39                | 210,854      | 415.43                | 46,298          | 474.48                |
| Wife only .....   | 177,696   | 75,411,327    | 424.38                | 11,516      | 425.18                | 124,990      | 411.87                | 13,254          | 473.24                |
| Wife, child or children .....   | 159,167   | 70,141,538    | 440.68                | 219         | 435.20                | 72,477       | 407.44                | 27,118          | 461.07                |
| Wife, child or children, and parent or parents .....                        | 3,525     | 2,008,146     | 569.69                | 1           | 1,015.00              | 1,543        | 516.35                | 742             | 634.86                |
| Wife, parent or parents .....   | 2,055     | 1,138,344     | 553.94                | .....       | .....                 | 1,350        | 527.02                | 293             | 631.06                |
| Child or children only .....  | 16,021    | 7,336,138     | 457.91                | 48          | 420.25                | 6,353        | 425.53                | 3,229           | 469.93                |
| Child or children and parent or parents .....                               | 615       | 373,122       | 606.70                | .....       | .....                 | 193          | 554.64                | 153             | 645.07                |
| Parent or parents only .....  | 7,746     | 4,599,669     | 593.81                | 2           | 399.50                | 3,948        | 574.25                | 1,509           | 609.62                |
| Total dependents on whose account additional compensation was being paid .. | 724,009   | .....         | .....                 | 12,070      | .....                 | 356,393      | .....                 | 121,306         | .....                 |
| Wives .....   | 342,443   | .....         | .....                 | 11,736      | .....                 | 200,360      | .....                 | 41,407          | .....                 |
| Children .....  | 365,570   | .....         | .....                 | 331         | .....                 | 148,420      | .....                 | 76,777          | .....                 |
| Parents .....   | 15,996    | .....         | .....                 | 3           | .....                 | 7,613        | .....                 | 3,122           | .....                 |

| Class of Dependent  | Vietnam Era |                       | Regular Establishment |                       | Spanish-American War |                       | Mexican Border Service |                       |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|   | Number      | Average Monthly Value | Number                | Average Monthly Value | Number               | Average Monthly Value | Number                 | Average Monthly Value |
| Total veterans .....  | 422,536     | \$145.88              | 193,983               | \$157.21              | 8                    | \$549.13              | 11                     | \$179.82              |
| Veterans less than 50 percent disabled (no dependency benefit) .....        | 327,838     | 57.54                 | 150,911               | 57.44                 | .....                | .....                 | 6                      | 50.50                 |
| Veterans 50 percent or more disabled .....                                  | 94,698      | 451.72                | 43,072                | 506.77                | 8                    | 549.13                | 5                      | 335.00                |
| Without dependents .....  | 28,224      | 435.80                | 11,665                | 503.76                | 4                    | 352.75                | 3                      | 434.33                |
| With dependents .....   | 66,474      | 458.48                | 31,407                | 507.89                | 4                    | 745.50                | 2                      | 186.00                |
| Wife only .....   | 17,192      | 432.93                | 10,739                | 495.08                | 4                    | 745.50                | 1                      | 189.00                |
| Wife, child or children .....   | 42,636      | 459.98                | 16,717                | 502.57                | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Wife, child or children, and parent or parents .....                        | 876         | 575.64                | 363                   | 647.58                | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Wife, parent or parents .....   | 299         | 553.77                | 113                   | 676.06                | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Child or children only .....  | 4,081       | 473.95                | 2,309                 | 502.75                | .....                | .....                 | 1                      | 183.00                |
| Child or children and parent or parents .....                               | 167         | 599.53                | 102                   | 659.41                | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Parent or parents only .....  | 1,223       | 587.42                | 1,064                 | 651.68                | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Total dependents on whose account additional compensation was being paid .. | 157,014     | .....                 | 77,220                | .....                 | 4                    | .....                 | 2                      | .....                 |
| Wives .....   | 61,003      | .....                 | 27,932                | .....                 | 4                    | .....                 | 1                      | .....                 |
| Children .....  | 92,670      | .....                 | 47,371                | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | 1                      | .....                 |
| Parents .....   | 3,341       | .....                 | 1,917                 | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |

## COMPENSATION

TABLE 51

Disability, Degree of Impairment, Type of Major Disability, Period of Service — June 1975

| Degree of Impairment   | Total     |                  |               |                       | Tuberculosis (Lungs and Pleura) |                               |                                 |                       | Psychiatric and Neurological Diseases |  |                                 |                       | General Medical and Surgical Conditions |  |                                 |                       |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                        | Number    | Percent of Total | Monthly Value | Average Monthly Value | Number                          | Percent of Total Tuberculosis | Percent of Degree of Impairment | Average Monthly Value | Number                                | Percent of Total Psychiatric and Neurological Diseases | Percent of degree of impairment | Average Monthly Value | Number                                  | Percent of Total General Medical and Surgical Conditions | Percent of Degree of Impairment | Average Monthly Value |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           |           |                  |               |                       |                                 |                               |                                 |                       |                                       |  |                                 |                       |   |  |                                 |                       |
| Total .....            | 2,220,169 | 100.0            | \$314,385,406 | \$141.60              | 57,644                          | 100.0                         | 2.6                             | \$135.67              | 475,819                               | 100.0  | 21.4                            | \$243.03              | 1,686,706                               | 100.0  | 76.0                            | \$113.19              |
| No disability .....    | 28,765    | 1.3              | 1,903,588     | 66.18                 | 26,895                          | 46.7                          | 93.5                            | 67.00                 | .....                                 | .....  | .....                           | .....                 | 1,870                                   | 0.1  | 6.5                             | 52.00                 |
| 10 percent .....       | 867,865   | 39.1             | 28,146,175    | 32.43                 | 1,427                           | 3.0                           | 0.2                             | 55.82                 | 142,142                               | 29.9   | 16.3                            | 32.18                 | 724,297                                 | 42.9   | 83.5                            | 32.43                 |
| 20 percent .....       | 344,756   | 15.5             | 20,618,976    | 59.81                 | 6,241                           | 10.3                          | 1.8                             | 73.03                 | 25,591                                | 5.4  | 7.4                             | 60.22                 | 312,924                                 | 18.6   | 90.8                            | 59.50                 |
| 30 percent .....       | 315,208   | 14.2             | 28,588,383    | 90.70                 | 11,650                          | 20.2                          | 3.7                             | 89.68                 | 81,159                                | 17.1   | 25.7                            | 89.46                 | 222,399                                 | 13.2   | 70.6                            | 91.20                 |
| 40 percent .....       | 180,626   | 8.1              | 22,733,902    | 125.86                | 1,461                           | 2.5                           | 0.8                             | 126.32                | 25,996                                | 5.5  | 14.4                            | 123.90                | 153,169                                 | 9.1  | 84.8                            | 126.19                |
| 50 percent .....       | 112,573   | 5.1              | 22,419,127    | 199.15                | 1,903                           | 3.3                           | 1.7                             | 205.58                | 42,303                                | 8.9  | 37.6                            | 194.43                | 68,367                                  | 4.1  | 60.7                            | 201.88                |
| 60 percent .....       | 117,217   | 5.3              | 42,179,273    | 369.84                | 1,483                           | 2.6                           | 1.3                             | 345.25                | 19,194                                | 4.0  | 16.4                            | 307.69                | 96,540                                  | 5.7  | 82.3                            | 370.43                |
| 70 percent .....       | 78,394    | 3.5              | 35,384,316    | 451.37                | 1,161                           | 2.0                           | 1.5                             | 334.70                | 39,567                                | 8.3  | 50.5                            | 484.99                | 37,666                                  | 2.2  | 48.0                            | 419.63                |
| 80 percent .....       | 38,154    | 1.7              | 18,197,585    | 476.95                | 1,851                           | 3.2                           | 4.9                             | 384.46                | 10,499                                | 2.2  | 27.5                            | 491.64                | 25,804                                  | 1.5  | 67.6                            | 477.60                |
| 90 percent .....       | 13,215    | 0.6              | 6,971,958     | 527.58                | 129                             | 0.2                           | 1.0                             | 495.26                | 3,533                                 | 0.7  | 26.7                            | 540.33                | 9,553                                   | 0.6  | 72.3                            | 523.29                |
| 100 percent .....      | 123,395   | 5.6              | 87,242,123    | 707.02                | 3,443                           | 6.0                           | 2.8                             | 634.72                | 85,835                                | 18.0   | 69.6                            | 683.30                | 34,117                                  | 2.0  | 27.6                            | 773.96                |
| <b>WORLD WAR I</b>     |           |                  |               |                       |                                 |                               |                                 |                       |                                       |  |                                 |                       |   |  |                                 |                       |
| Total .....            | 54,679    | 100.0            | \$10,867,234  | \$198.74              | 8,098                           | 100.0                         | 14.8                            | \$149.25              | 10,858                                | 100.0  | 19.9                            | \$302.64              | 35,723                                  | 100.0  | 65.3                            | \$178.38              |
| No disability .....    | 763       | 1.5              | 46,968        | 61.55                 | 476                             | 5.9                           | 62.4                            | 67.14                 | .....                                 | .....  | .....                           | .....                 | 287                                     | 0.8  | 37.6                            | 52.00                 |
| 10 percent .....       | 9,244     | 16.9             | 360,615       | 39.01                 | 27                              | 0.3                           | 0.3                             | 59.11                 | 631                                   | 5.8  | 6.8                             | 40.27                 | 8,586                                   | 24.0   | 92.9                            | 38.85                 |
| 20 percent .....       | 13,058    | 23.9             | 932,841       | 71.43                 | 5,579                           | 68.9                          | 42.7                            | 73.78                 | 1,549                                 | 14.3   | 11.9                            | 76.08                 | 5,930                                   | 16.5   | 45.4                            | 68.01                 |
| 30 percent .....       | 7,566     | 13.8             | 731,105       | 96.63                 | 544                             | 6.7                           | 7.2                             | 100.62                | 1,359                                 | 12.5   | 18.0                            | 98.54                 | 5,663                                   | 15.9   | 74.8                            | 95.78                 |
| 40 percent .....       | 5,148     | 9.4              | 684,758       | 133.01                | 278                             | 3.4                           | 5.4                             | 136.68                | 893                                   | 8.2  | 17.3                            | 136.18                | 3,977                                   | 11.1   | 77.3                            | 132.04                |
| 50 percent .....       | 4,288     | 7.8              | 826,763       | 192.80                | 74                              | 0.9                           | 1.8                             | 190.48                | 1,515                                 | 14.0   | 35.3                            | 193.42                | 2,699                                   | 7.6  | 62.9                            | 192.52                |
| 60 percent .....       | 4,456     | 8.2              | 1,629,550     | 365.69                | 100                             | 1.2                           | 2.2                             | 441.08                | 696                                   | 6.4  | 15.6                            | 269.17                | 3,660                                   | 10.3   | 82.2                            | 381.99                |
| 70 percent .....       | 2,097     | 3.8              | 834,438       | 397.91                | 28                              | 0.4                           | 1.3                             | 350.00                | 733                                   | 6.8  | 35.0                            | 401.87                | 1,336                                   | 3.7  | 63.7                            | 396.75                |
| 80 percent .....       | 1,269     | 2.3              | 548,263       | 432.04                | 13                              | 0.2                           | 1.0                             | 452.23                | 331                                   | 3.1  | 26.1                            | 388.55                | 925                                     | 2.6  | 72.9                            | 447.32                |
| 90 percent .....       | 321       | 0.6              | 160,734       | 500.72                | 9                               | 0.1                           | 2.8                             | 429.44                | 40                                    | 0.3  | 12.5                            | 508.12                | 272                                     | 0.8  | 84.7                            | 502.00                |
| 100 percent .....      | 6,469     | 11.8             | 4,111,199     | 635.52                | 970                             | 12.0                          | 15.0                            | 611.29                | 3,111                                 | 28.6   | 48.1                            | 631.11                | 2,388                                   | 6.7  | 36.9                            | 651.10                |
| <b>WORLD WAR II</b>    |           |                  |               |                       |                                 |                               |                                 |                       |                                       |  |                                 |                       |   |  |                                 |                       |
| Total .....            | 1,308,914 | 100.0            | \$173,062,409 | \$132.21              | 31,092                          | 100.0                         | 2.4                             | \$141.02              | 298,696                               | 100.0  | 22.8                            | \$210.95              | 979,126                                 | 100.0  | 74.8                            | \$107.91              |
| No disability .....    | 17,118    | 1.3              | 1,136,221     | 66.37                 | 16,321                          | 52.5                          | 95.3                            | 67.00                 | .....                                 | .....  | .....                           | .....                 | 797                                     | 0.1  | 4.7                             | 52.00                 |
| 10 percent .....       | 527,321   | 40.3             | 17,024,077    | 32.28                 | 719                             | 2.3                           | 0.1                             | 60.79                 | 102,599                               | 34.3   | 19.5                            | 32.10                 | 424,003                                 | 43.3   | 80.4                            | 32.27                 |
| 20 percent .....       | 194,474   | 14.9             | 11,530,151    | 59.28                 | 415                             | 1.3                           | 0.2                             | 67.21                 | 16,157                                | 5.3  | 8.3                             | 59.16                 | 177,902                                 | 18.2   | 91.5                            | 59.28                 |
| 30 percent .....       | 192,437   | 14.7             | 17,393,014    | 90.38                 | 6,510                           | 20.9                          | 3.4                             | 89.14                 | 54,279                                | 18.2   | 28.2                            | 89.21                 | 131,648                                 | 13.5   | 88.4                            | 90.92                 |
| 40 percent .....       | 108,902   | 8.3              | 13,627,967    | 125.13                | 719                             | 2.3                           | 0.7                             | 124.60                | 17,174                                | 5.8  | 15.8                            | 123.00                | 91,009                                  | 9.3  | 83.5                            | 125.54                |
| 50 percent .....       | 67,560    | 5.2              | 13,367,162    | 197.85                | 1,208                           | 3.9                           | 1.7                             | 206.53                | 24,886                                | 8.3  | 37.0                            | 193.57                | 41,466                                  | 4.2  | 61.3                            | 200.11                |
| 60 percent .....       | 69,316    | 5.3              | 24,712,850    | 356.62                | 1,016                           | 3.3                           | 1.5                             | 337.27                | 11,377                                | 3.8  | 16.4                            | 297.96                | 56,923                                  | 5.8  | 82.1                            | 368.57                |
| 70 percent .....       | 44,493    | 3.4              | 20,181,922    | 453.59                | 965                             | 3.1                           | 2.2                             | 330.79                | 22,546                                | 7.6  | 50.7                            | 499.55                | 20,882                                  | 2.1  | 47.1                            | 409.86                |
| 80 percent .....       | 22,095    | 1.7              | 10,182,199    | 460.83                | 1,667                           | 5.4                           | 7.5                             | 381.75                | 5,896                                 | 2.0  | 26.7                            | 481.09                | 14,532                                  | 1.5  | 65.8                            | 461.88                |
| 90 percent .....       | 6,857     | 0.5              | 3,488,072     | 508.68                | 108                             | 0.4                           | 1.8                             | 492.50                | 1,853                                 | 0.6  | 24.1                            | 515.42                | 5,096                                   | 0.5  | 74.3                            | 506.84                |
| 100 percent .....      | 58,341    | 4.4              | 40,418,774    | 692.80                | 1,444                           | 4.6                           | 2.5                             | 655.42                | 42,129                                | 14.1   | 72.2                            | 679.98                | 14,768                                  | 1.5  | 25.3                            | 733.06                |
| <b>KOREAN CONFLICT</b> |           |                  |               |                       |                                 |                               |                                 |                       |                                       |  |                                 |                       |   |  |                                 |                       |
| Total .....            | 240,038   | 100.0            | \$38,313,197  | \$159.61              | 10,894                          | 100.0                         | 4.5                             | \$ 96.01              | 45,112                                | 100.0  | 18.8                            | \$331.33              | 184,032                                 | 100.0  | 76.7                            | \$121.29              |
| No disability .....    | 7,562     | 3.2              | 503,356       | 66.56                 | 7,261                           | 66.7                          | 96.0                            | 67.00                 | .....                                 | .....  | .....                           | .....                 | 301                                     | 0.2  | 4.0                             | 52.00                 |
| 10 percent .....       | 85,011    | 35.4             | 2,774,013     | 32.63                 | 256                             | 2.3                           | 0.3                             | 64.40                 | 9,827                                 | 21.8   | 11.6                            | 32.29                 | 74,928                                  | 40.7   | 88.1                            | 32.57                 |
| 20 percent .....       | 36,991    | 15.4             | 2,196,622     | 59.46                 | 104                             | 1.0                           | 0.3                             | 66.96                 | 1,971                                 | 4.4  | 5.3                             | 59.33                 | 34,916                                  | 19.0   | 94.4                            | 59.45                 |
| 30 percent .....       | 32,646    | 13.6             | 2,962,096     | 90.73                 | 2,183                           | 20.0                          | 6.7                             | 89.18                 | 6,335                                 | 14.0   | 19.4                            | 89.41                 | 24,128                                  | 13.1   | 73.9                            | 91.22                 |
| 40 percent .....       | 20,225    | 8.4              | 2,552,090     | 126.18                | 230                             | 2.1                           | 1.1                             | 122.90                | 2,339                                 | 5.2  | 11.6                            | 124.18                | 17,666                                  | 9.6  | 87.3                            | 126.49                |



|                               |         |       |              |          |       |       |       |          |        |       |       |          |         |       |       |          |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------|--------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|
| 50 percent                    | 11,758  | 4.9   | 2,447,561    | 208.16   | 307   | 2.8   | 2.6   | 203.68   | 3,732  | 8.3   | 31.7  | 204.86   | 7,719   | 4.2   | 65.7  | 209.94   |
| 60 percent                    | 13,704  | 5.7   | 5,091,689    | 371.55   | 199   | 1.8   | 1.5   | 329.16   | 2,187  | 4.8   | 16.0  | 331.66   | 11,318  | 6.2   | 82.5  | 380.00   |
| 70 percent                    | 9,634   | 4.0   | 4,565,126    | 473.86   | 90    | 0.8   | 0.9   | 355.70   | 4,572  | 10.2  | 47.5  | 506.30   | 4,972   | 2.7   | 51.6  | 446.16   |
| 80 percent                    | 4,520   | 1.9   | 2,303,355    | 509.59   | 73    | 0.7   | 1.6   | 422.70   | 1,276  | 2.8   | 28.2  | 531.38   | 3,171   | 1.7   | 70.2  | 502.82   |
| 90 percent                    | 1,600   | 0.7   | 867,635      | 542.27   | 7     | 0.1   | 0.4   | 601.29   | 462    | 1.0   | 28.9  | 559.27   | 1,131   | 0.6   | 70.7  | 534.96   |
| 100 percent                   | 16,387  | 6.8   | 12,046,654   | 735.13   | 184   | 1.7   | 1.1   | 640.67   | 12,411 | 27.5  | 75.7  | 718.29   | 3,792   | 2.0   | 23.2  | 794.85   |
| <b>VIETNAM ERA</b>            |         |       |              |          |       |       |       |          |        |       |       |          |         |       |       |          |
| Total                         | 422,536 | 100.0 | \$61,640,667 | \$145.88 | 2,168 | 100.0 | 0.5   | \$225.45 | 81,493 | 100.0 | 19.3  | \$262.79 | 338,875 | 100.0 | 80.2  | \$117.26 |
| No disability                 | 211     | 0.1   | 11,604       | 55.00    | 9     | 0.4   | 4.3   | 67.00    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | 202     | 0.1   | 95.7  | 52.00    |
| 10 percent                    | 168,361 | 39.8  | 5,448,890    | 32.36    | 304   | 14.0  | 0.2   | 36.43    | 19,760 | 24.2  | 11.7  | 32.26    | 148,297 | 43.8  | 88.1  | 32.37    |
| 20 percent                    | 70,445  | 16.6  | 4,181,257    | 59.35    | 38    | 1.8   | 0.1   | 76.87    | 4,434  | 5.4   | 6.3   | 59.16    | 65,973  | 19.5  | 93.6  | 59.37    |
| 30 percent                    | 55,395  | 13.1  | 5,008,169    | 90.40    | 936   | 43.2  | 1.7   | 89.30    | 13,294 | 16.3  | 24.0  | 89.56    | 41,165  | 12.2  | 74.3  | 90.70    |
| 40 percent                    | 33,426  | 7.9   | 4,213,922    | 126.07   | 131   | 6.0   | 0.4   | 122.37   | 4,176  | 5.1   | 12.5  | 124.72   | 29,119  | 8.6   | 87.1  | 126.28   |
| 50 percent                    | 21,635  | 5.1   | 4,292,705    | 198.41   | 168   | 7.8   | 0.8   | 199.21   | 8,688  | 10.7  | 40.2  | 191.00   | 12,779  | 3.8   | 59.0  | 203.45   |
| 60 percent                    | 19,628  | 4.7   | 6,666,110    | 339.63   | 53    | 2.4   | 0.3   | 328.26   | 3,637  | 4.5   | 18.5  | 311.51   | 15,938  | 4.7   | 81.2  | 346.09   |
| 70 percent                    | 15,845  | 3.8   | 6,802,480    | 429.31   | 20    | 0.9   | 0.1   | 363.85   | 7,861  | 9.7   | 49.6  | 435.41   | 7,964   | 2.3   | 50.3  | 423.46   |
| 80 percent                    | 7,720   | 1.8   | 3,853,802    | 499.20   | 9     | 0.4   | 0.1   | 462.33   | 2,248  | 2.8   | 29.1  | 499.00   | 5,463   | 1.6   | 70.8  | 499.34   |
| 90 percent                    | 3,682   | 0.9   | 2,040,292    | 554.13   | 2     | 0.1   | 0.1   | 502.50   | 1,163  | 1.4   | 31.6  | 566.66   | 2,517   | 0.7   | 68.3  | 548.38   |
| 100 percent                   | 26,188  | 6.2   | 19,121,436   | 730.16   | 498   | 23.0  | 1.9   | 625.07   | 16,232 | 19.9  | 62.0  | 665.90   | 9,458   | 2.7   | 36.1  | 845.98   |
| <b>REGULAR ESTABLISHMENT</b>  |         |       |              |          |       |       |       |          |        |       |       |          |         |       |       |          |
| Total                         | 193,983 | 100.0 | \$30,495,529 | \$157.21 | 5,392 | 100.0 | 2.8   | \$128.47 | 39,657 | 100.0 | 20.4  | \$327.32 | 148,934 | 100.0 | 76.8  | \$112.95 |
| No disability                 | 3,111   | 1.6   | 205,439      | 66.04    | 2,828 | 52.5  | 90.9  | 67.00    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | 283     | 0.2   | 9.1   | 52.00    |
| 10 percent                    | 77,926  | 40.1  | 2,538,484    | 32.58    | 121   | 2.2   | 0.2   | 56.15    | 9,325  | 23.5  | 12.0  | 32.25    | 68,480  | 45.9  | 87.8  | 32.58    |
| 20 percent                    | 29,786  | 15.3  | 1,774,987    | 59.59    | 105   | 1.9   | 0.4   | 65.94    | 1,480  | 3.7   | 5.0   | 59.49    | 28,201  | 18.9  | 94.6  | 59.57    |
| 30 percent                    | 27,163  | 14.0  | 2,493,907    | 91.81    | 1,477 | 27.4  | 5.4   | 89.03    | 5,892  | 14.9  | 21.7  | 89.50    | 19,794  | 13.3  | 72.9  | 92.71    |
| 40 percent                    | 12,925  | 6.7   | 1,655,165    | 128.06   | 103   | 1.9   | 0.8   | 123.01   | 1,414  | 3.6   | 10.9  | 124.07   | 11,408  | 7.7   | 88.3  | 128.60   |
| 50 percent                    | 7,329   | 3.8   | 1,484,406    | 202.54   | 146   | 2.7   | 2.0   | 200.24   | 3,481  | 8.8   | 47.5  | 198.47   | 3,702   | 2.5   | 50.5  | 206.46   |
| 60 percent                    | 10,111  | 5.2   | 4,078,280    | 403.35   | 115   | 2.1   | 1.1   | 368.10   | 1,297  | 3.3   | 12.8  | 362.70   | 8,699   | 5.8   | 86.1  | 409.88   |
| 70 percent                    | 6,324   | 3.3   | 3,000,048    | 474.39   | 58    | 1.1   | 0.9   | 349.79   | 3,855  | 9.7   | 61.0  | 491.50   | 2,411   | 1.6   | 38.1  | 450.03   |
| 80 percent                    | 2,550   | 1.3   | 1,309,966    | 513.71   | 89    | 1.7   | 3.5   | 385.92   | 748    | 1.9   | 29.3  | 530.61   | 1,713   | 1.2   | 67.2  | 512.97   |
| 90 percent                    | 755     | 0.4   | 415,227      | 549.97   | 3     | 0.1   | 0.4   | 540.00   | 215    | 0.5   | 28.5  | 554.75   | 537     | 0.4   | 71.1  | 548.11   |
| 100 percent                   | 16,003  | 8.3   | 11,539,620   | 721.09   | 347   | 6.4   | 2.2   | 624.80   | 11,950 | 30.1  | 74.6  | 695.97   | 3,706   | 2.5   | 23.2  | 811.10   |
| <b>SPANISH AMERICAN WAR</b>   |         |       |              |          |       |       |       |          |        |       |       |          |         |       |       |          |
| Total                         | 8       | 100.0 | \$4,393      | \$549.13 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | 1      | 100.0 | 12.5  | \$727.00 | 7       | 100.0 | 87.5  | \$523.71 |
| No disability                 | .....   | ..... | .....        | .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....   | ..... | ..... | .....    |
| 10 percent                    | .....   | ..... | .....        | .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....   | ..... | ..... | .....    |
| 20 percent                    | .....   | ..... | .....        | .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....   | ..... | ..... | .....    |
| 30 percent                    | .....   | ..... | .....        | .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....   | ..... | ..... | .....    |
| 40 percent                    | .....   | ..... | .....        | .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....   | ..... | ..... | .....    |
| 50 percent                    | 1       | 12.5  | 171          | 171.00   | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | 1       | 14.0  | 100.0 | 171.00   |
| 60 percent                    | 1       | 12.5  | 211          | 211.00   | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | 1       | 14.0  | 100.0 | 211.00   |
| 70 percent                    | 1       | 12.5  | 302          | 302.00   | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | 1       | 14.0  | 100.0 | 302.00   |
| 80 percent                    | .....   | ..... | .....        | .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....   | ..... | ..... | .....    |
| 90 percent                    | .....   | ..... | .....        | .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....   | ..... | ..... | .....    |
| 100 percent                   | 5       | 62.5  | 3,709        | 741.80   | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | 1      | 100.0 | 20.0  | 727.00   | 4       | 58.0  | 80.0  | 745.50   |
| <b>MEXICAN BORDER SERVICE</b> |         |       |              |          |       |       |       |          |        |       |       |          |         |       |       |          |
| Total                         | 11      | 100.0 | \$2,415      | \$219.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | 2      | 100.0 | 18.2  | \$377.50 | 9       | 100.0 | 81.8  | \$184.44 |
| No disability                 | .....   | ..... | .....        | .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....   | ..... | ..... | .....    |
| 10 percent                    | 3       | 27.2  | 96           | 32.00    | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | 3       | 33.4  | 100.0 | 32.00    |
| 20 percent                    | 2       | 18.2  | 118          | 59.00    | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | 2       | 22.2  | 100.0 | 59.00    |
| 30 percent                    | 1       | 9.1   | 89           | 89.00    | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | 1       | 11.1  | 100.0 | 89.00    |
| 40 percent                    | .....   | ..... | .....        | .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....   | ..... | ..... | .....    |
| 50 percent                    | 2       | 18.2  | 360          | 180.00   | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | 1      | 50.0  | 50.0  | 171.00   | 1       | 11.1  | 50.0  | 189.00   |
| 60 percent                    | 1       | 9.1   | 584          | 584.00   | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | 1       | 11.1  | 100.0 | 584.00   |
| 70 percent                    | .....   | ..... | .....        | .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....   | ..... | ..... | .....    |
| 80 percent                    | .....   | ..... | .....        | .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....   | ..... | ..... | .....    |
| 90 percent                    | .....   | ..... | .....        | .....    | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....  | ..... | ..... | .....    | .....   | ..... | ..... | .....    |
| 100 percent                   | 2       | 18.2  | 1,168        | 584.00   | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....    | 1      | 50.0  | 50.0  | 584.00   | 1       | 11.1  | 50.0  | 584.00   |

<sup>1</sup> Figure adjusted 8-26-75.

## Death: Total, Class of Beneficiary, Period of Service - June 1975

| Class of Beneficiary   | Total   |               |                       | World War I |                       | World War II |                       | Korean Conflict |                       | Vietnam Era |                       |
|--|---------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|  | Number  | Monthly Value | Average Monthly Value | Number      | Average Monthly Value | Number       | Average Monthly Value | Number          | Average Monthly Value | Number      | Average Monthly Value |
| Total cases .....  | 368,955 | \$73,035,779  | \$197.95              | 35,015      | \$230.02              | 191,898      | \$175.13              | 39,350          | \$186.14              | 53,985      | \$236.15              |
| Compensation .....   | 91,746  | 7,086,638     | 77.24                 | 202         | 102.51                | 73,073       | 77.24                 | 14,925          | 76.85                 | 26          | 129.19                |
| Dependency and indemnity compensation .....                  | 272,207 | 64,398,410    | 236.58                | 34,809      | 230.74                | 115,118      | 232.98                | 23,449          | 250.35                | 53,935      | 236.16                |
| Dependency and indemnity compensation and compensation ..... | 5,002   | 1,550,731     | 310.02                | 4           | 342.50                | 3,707        | 308.11                | 976             | 314.83                | 24          | 325.79                |
| Widow alone .....  | 160,699 | 41,067,535    | 255.56                | 33,652      | 230.49                | 79,929       | 251.92                | 14,102          | 285.28                | 9,732       | 276.79                |
| Widow and children .....                                     | 33,644  | 10,503,414    | 312.19                | 484         | 329.02                | 7,288        | 291.48                | 2,877           | 310.64                | 16,369      | 321.31                |
| Widow, children and mother .....                             | 2,924   | 1,174,033     | 401.52                | .....       | .....                 | 304          | 397.45                | 130             | 399.19                | 1,937       | 404.17                |
| Widow, children and father .....                             | 384     | 153,290       | 399.19                | .....       | .....                 | 39           | 412.13                | 15              | 378.80                | 263         | 397.95                |
| Widow, children, mother and father .....                     | 880     | 377,693       | 429.20                | .....       | .....                 | 18           | 414.72                | 26              | 417.96                | 701         | 430.81                |
| Widow and mother .....                                       | 8,236   | 2,807,100     | 340.83                | 13          | 364.08                | 5,027        | 333.97                | 1,041           | 341.88                | 952         | 352.48                |
| Widow and father .....                                       | 1,237   | 416,313       | 336.55                | .....       | .....                 | 862          | 334.39                | 125             | 334.98                | 116         | 345.14                |
| Widow, mother and father .....                               | 1,256   | 454,304       | 361.71                | .....       | .....                 | 659          | 363.16                | 182             | 340.56                | 247         | 370.10                |
| Children alone .....   | 22,765  | 3,250,407     | 142.78                | 488         | 171.26                | 3,163        | 144.34                | 1,702           | 145.39                | 11,046      | 143.62                |
| Children and mother .....                                    | 2,264   | 525,042       | 231.91                | .....       | .....                 | 191          | 238.58                | 123             | 233.71                | 1,290       | 235.68                |
| Children and father .....                                    | 279     | 64,005        | 229.41                | .....       | .....                 | 20           | 243.65                | 14              | 227.29                | 170         | 231.03                |
| Children, mother and father .....                            | 767     | 194,995       | 254.23                | .....       | .....                 | 16           | 266.56                | 22              | 268.77                | 538         | 265.37                |
| Mother alone .....   | 99,769  | 8,671,899     | 86.92                 | 366         | 132.61                | 72,651       | 87.05                 | 13,577          | 81.94                 | 6,459       | 91.62                 |
| Father alone .....   | 13,986  | 1,263,137     | 90.31                 | 10          | 128.60                | 10,556       | 93.52                 | 1,800           | 80.78                 | 788         | 76.56                 |
| Mother and father .....                                      | 19,865  | 2,112,612     | 106.35                | 2           | 151.50                | 11,175       | 104.92                | 3,614           | 93.09                 | 3,377       | 124.17                |
| Total dependents .....                                       | 496,432 | .....         | .....                 | 35,656      | .....                 | 224,294      | .....                 | 51,952          | .....                 | 113,892     | .....                 |
| Widows .....   | 209,260 | .....         | .....                 | 34,149      | .....                 | 94,126       | .....                 | 18,498          | .....                 | 30,317      | .....                 |
| Children .....   | 112,557 | .....         | .....                 | 1,114       | .....                 | 16,782       | .....                 | 8,941           | .....                 | 61,874      | .....                 |
| Mothers .....  | 135,961 | .....         | .....                 | 381         | .....                 | 90,041       | .....                 | 18,715          | .....                 | 15,501      | .....                 |
| Fathers .....  | 38,654  | .....         | .....                 | 12          | .....                 | 23,345       | .....                 | 5,798           | .....                 | 6,200       | .....                 |

| Class of Beneficiary   | Regular Establishment |                       | Civil War |                       | Indian Wars |                       | Spanish-American War |                       | Mexican Border Service |                       |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|  | Number                | Average Monthly Value | Number    | Average Monthly Value | Number      | Average Monthly Value | Number               | Average Monthly Value | Number                 | Average Monthly Value |
| Total cases .....  | 48,441                | \$232.03              | 9         | \$209.44              | 1           | \$172.00              | 253                  | \$236.42              | 3                      | \$162.33              |
| Compensation .....   | 3,519                 | 77.10                 | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Dependency and indemnity compensation .....                  | 44,631                | 243.70                | 9         | 209.44                | 1           | 172.00                | 253                  | 236.42                | 3                      | 162.33                |
| Dependency and indemnity compensation and compensation ..... | 291                   | 316.55                | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Widow alone .....  | 23,045                | 277.78                | 2         | 260.00                | .....       | .....                 | 234                  | 238.52                | 3                      | 162.33                |
| Widow and children .....                                     | 6,622                 | 311.83                | 1         | 333.00                | .....       | .....                 | 3                    | 416.33                | .....                  | .....                 |
| Widow, children and mother .....                             | 553                   | 394.99                | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Widow, children and father .....                             | 67                    | 401.09                | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Widow, children, mother and father .....                     | 135                   | 424.92                | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Widow and mother .....                                       | 1,203                 | 359.15                | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Widow and father .....                                       | 134                   | 344.51                | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Widow, mother and father .....                               | 168                   | 366.59                | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Children alone .....   | 6,343                 | 137.54                | 6         | 172.00                | 1           | 172.00                | 16                   | 172.00                | .....                  | .....                 |
| Children and mother .....                                    | 660                   | 222.28                | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Children and father .....                                    | 75                    | 222.33                | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Children, mother and father .....                            | 191                   | 248.30                | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Mother alone .....   | 6,716                 | 88.56                 | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Father alone .....   | 832                   | 82.85                 | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Mother and father .....                                      | 1,697                 | 108.46                | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Total dependents .....                                       | 70,366                | .....                 | 10        | .....                 | 1           | .....                 | 258                  | .....                 | 3                      | .....                 |
| Widows .....   | 31,927                | .....                 | 3         | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | 237                  | .....                 | 3                      | .....                 |
| Children .....   | 23,817                | .....                 | 7         | .....                 | 1           | .....                 | 21                   | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Mothers .....  | 11,323                | .....                 | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |
| Fathers .....  | 3,299                 | .....                 | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 | .....                  | .....                 |

<sup>1</sup> Includes one widow who may be receiving compensation, rather than D.I.C.

TABLE 53

PENSION

*Disability: Total, Period of Service, Type of Major Disability – June 1975*

| Type of Pension and Disability                    | Total     |                  |               |                       | World War I |                  |                       | World War II |                  |                       |
|---|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|
|   | Number    | Percent of Total | Monthly Value | Average Monthly Value | Number      | Percent of Total | Average Monthly Value | Number       | Percent of Total | Average Monthly Value |
| Total .....                                       | 1,006,127 | 100.0            | \$124,161,287 | \$123.41              | 374,714     | 100.0            | \$116.62              | 571,093      | 100.0            | \$126.45              |
| Tuberculosis (lungs and pleura) .....             | 14,568    | 1.5              | 1,929,223     | 132.43                | 2,718       | .7               | 130.34                | 10,506       | 1.8              | 132.29                |
| Psychiatric and neurological diseases .....       | 213,128   | 21.2             | 32,135,121    | 150.78                | 42,195      | 11.3             | 172.39                | 141,329      | 24.7             | 147.10                |
| Psychoses .....                                   | 55,579    | 5.5              | 7,319,714     | 131.70                | 4,179       | 1.1              | 166.00                | 36,804       | 6.4              | 130.50                |
| Other psychiatric and neurological diseases ..... | 157,549   | 15.7             | 24,815,407    | 157.51                | 38,016      | 10.2             | 173.10                | 104,525      | 18.3             | 152.94                |
| General medical and surgical conditions .....     | 686,829   | 68.2             | 81,380,055    | 118.49                | 308,065     | 82.2             | 110.94                | 350,395      | 61.4             | 123.70                |
| No disability shown .....                         | 91,602    | 9.1              | 8,716,888     | 95.16                 | 21,736      | 5.8              | 87.14                 | 68,863       | 12.1             | 97.19                 |
| Protected pension .....                           | 105,617   | 10.5             | 8,844,031     | 83.74                 | 94,617      | 25.3             | 83.25                 | 9,394        | 1.6              | 86.52                 |
| PL 86-211 .....                                   | 900,510   | 89.5             | 115,317,256   | 128.06                | 280,097     | 74.7             | 127.89                | 561,699      | 98.4             | 127.12                |

|   | Korean Conflict |                  |                       | Vietnam Era |                  |                       | Spanish-American War |                  |                       | Mexican Border Service |                  |                       |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
|   | Number          | Percent of Total | Average Monthly Value | Number      | Percent of Total | Average Monthly Value | Number               | Percent of Total | Average Monthly Value | Number                 | Percent of Total | Average Monthly Value |
| Total .....                                       | 51,660          | 100.0            | \$136.04              | 7,299       | 100.0            | \$137.97              | 989                  | 100.0            | \$170.99              | 372                    | 100.0            | \$114.39              |
| Tuberculosis (lungs and pleura) .....             | 1,284           | 2.5              | 138.29                | 59          | .8               | 125.76                | 1                    | .1               | 102.00                | 27                     | 7.3              | 190.63                |
| Psychiatric and neurological diseases .....       | 24,820          | 48.0             | 138.16                | 4,584       | 62.8             | 131.76                | 173                  | 17.5             | 193.42                | 23                     | 6.2              | 185.48                |
| Psychoses .....                                   | 11,978          | 23.2             | 125.37                | 2,614       | 35.8             | 122.63                | 173                  | 17.5             | 193.42                | 4                      | 1.1              | 220.25                |
| Other psychiatric and neurological diseases ..... | 12,842          | 24.8             | 150.09                | 1,970       | 27.0             | 143.88                | 173                  | 17.5             | 193.42                | 23                     | 6.2              | 185.48                |
| General medical and surgical conditions .....     | 25,413          | 49.2             | 134.04                | 2,643       | 36.2             | 148.96                | 262                  | 26.5             | 191.06                | 51                     | 13.7             | 183.16                |
| No disability shown .....                         | 143             | .3               | 102.26                | 13          | .2               | 146.00                | 553                  | 55.9             | 154.58                | 294                    | 79.0             | 95.46                 |
| Protected pension .....                           | 1,029           | 2.0              | 84.94                 | 577         | 7.8              | 115.36                | 577                  | 58.3             | 115.36                | 372                    | 100.0            | 114.39                |
| PL 86-211 .....                                   | 50,631          | 98.0             | 137.08                | 7,299       | 100.0            | 137.97                | 412                  | 41.7             | 248.90                | 372                    | 100.0            | 114.39                |

TABLE 54

PENSION

*Death: Total, Class of Beneficiary, Period of Service – June 1975*

| Class of Beneficiary     | Total     |               |                 | World War I |                       | World War II |                       | Korean Conflict |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|                          | Number    | Monthly Value | Average Monthly | Number      | Average Monthly Value | Number       | Average Monthly Value | Number          | Average Monthly Value |
| Total cases .....        | 1,259,160 | \$93,391,205  | \$ 74.17        | 580,802     | \$ 65.79              | 539,926      | \$ 79.18              | 96,526          | \$ 90.04              |
| Widow alone .....        | 818,436   | 56,738,840    | 69.33           | 558,290     | 65.09                 | 228,815      | 76.84                 | 6,496           | 86.22                 |
| Widow and children ..... | 143,018   | 17,598,655    | 123.05          | 11,216      | 114.33                | 102,143      | 120.70                | 23,141          | 138.61                |
| Children alone .....     | 297,706   | 19,053,710    | 64.00           | 11,296      | 51.79                 | 208,968      | 61.43                 | 66,889          | 73.61                 |
| Total dependents .....   | 1,761,057 | .....         | .....           | 596,592     | .....                 | 860,282      | .....                 | 241,119         | .....                 |
| Widows .....             | 961,454   | .....         | .....           | 569,506     | .....                 | 330,958      | .....                 | 29,637          | .....                 |
| Children .....           | 799,603   | .....         | .....           | 27,086      | .....                 | 529,324      | .....                 | 211,482         | .....                 |

| Class of Beneficiary     | Vietnam Era |                       | Civil War |                       | Indian Wars |                       | Spanish-American War |                       | Mexican Border Service |                       |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|                          | Number      | Average Monthly Value | Number    | Average Monthly Value | Number      | Average Monthly Value | Number               | Average Monthly Value | Number                 | Average Monthly Value |
| Total cases .....        | 16,480      | \$ 88.08              | 382       | \$ 97.73              | 85          | \$ 79.78              | 24,405               | \$ 90.73              | 554                    | \$57.64               |
| Widow alone .....        | 842         | 91.77                 | 193       | 121.38                | 70          | 80.21                 | 23,189               | 91.31                 | 541                    | 57.07                 |
| Widow and children ..... | 6,302       | 119.94                | 1         | 142.00                | 1           | 142.00                | 207                  | 110.63                | 7                      | 109.29                |
| Children alone .....     | 9,336       | 66.25                 | 188       | 73.22                 | 14          | 73.14                 | 1,009                | 73.24                 | 6                      | 49.00                 |
| Total dependents .....   | 37,299      | .....                 | 388       | .....                 | 86          | .....                 | 24,729               | .....                 | 562                    | .....                 |
| Widows .....             | 7,144       | .....                 | 194       | .....                 | 71          | .....                 | 23,396               | .....                 | 548                    | .....                 |
| Children .....           | 30,155      | .....                 | 194       | .....                 | 15          | .....                 | 1,333                | .....                 | 14                     | .....                 |

*Death: Special Acts, Class of Beneficiary, Period of Service – June 1975*

| Class of Beneficiary     | Total  |               |                       | Regular Establishment |                       | Civil War |                       | Indian Wars |                       | Spanish-American War |                       |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|                          | Number | Monthly Value | Average Monthly Value | Number                | Average Monthly Value | Number    | Average Monthly Value | Number      | Average Monthly Value | Number               | Average Monthly Value |
| Total cases .....        | 31     | \$566         | \$18.19               | 12                    | \$14.83               | 8         | \$22.50               | 1           | \$12.00               | 10                   | \$19.60               |
| Widow alone .....        | 17     | 282           | 18.94                 | 12                    | 14.83                 | .....     | .....                 | 1           | 12.00                 | 4                    | 23.00                 |
| Widow and children ..... | .....  | .....         | .....                 | .....                 | .....                 | .....     | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | .....                | .....                 |
| Children alone .....     | 14     | 284           | 20.28                 | .....                 | .....                 | 8         | 22.50                 | .....       | .....                 | 6                    | 17.33                 |
| Total dependents .....   | 32     | .....         | .....                 | 12                    | .....                 | 9         | .....                 | 1           | .....                 | 10                   | .....                 |
| Widows .....             | 17     | .....         | .....                 | 12                    | .....                 | .....     | .....                 | 1           | .....                 | 4                    | .....                 |
| Children .....           | 15     | .....         | .....                 | .....                 | .....                 | 9         | .....                 | .....       | .....                 | 6                    | .....                 |

## GUARDIANSHIP/VETERANS ASSISTANCE

TABLE 56

*Incompetent and Minor Beneficiaries Served – Fiscal Years 1970-75*

| Fiscal Year | Total Beneficiaries  | Incompetent Adults |                                   |                     |  | Minors  |                                   |                     |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
|             |                      | Total              | Type of Fiduciary                 |                     |  | Total   | Type of Fiduciary                 |                     |
|             |                      |                    | State Court Appointed Fiduciaries | Federal Fiduciaries | Supervised Direct Payment <sup>1</sup> |         | State Court Appointed Fiduciaries | Federal Fiduciaries |
| 1975 .....  | 146,471              | 97,272             | 52,662                            | 40,995              | 3,615                                  | 49,199  | 21,971                            | 27,228              |
| 1974 .....  | <sup>2</sup> 177,950 | 107,636            | 58,328                            | 46,618              | 2,690                                  | 70,314  | 33,856                            | <sup>2</sup> 36,458 |
| 1973 .....  | 699,028              | 115,495            | 61,399                            | 52,251              | 1,845                                  | 583,533 | 43,857                            | 539,676             |
| 1972 .....  | 730,532              | 114,092            | 64,635                            | 48,740              | 717                                    | 616,440 | 53,941                            | 562,499             |
| 1971 .....  | 770,972              | 114,751            | 68,087                            | 46,664              | .....                                  | 656,221 | 63,738                            | 592,483             |
| 1970 .....  | 786,053              | 114,741            | 69,844                            | 44,897              | .....                                  | 671,312 | 68,288                            | 603,024             |

<sup>1</sup> This type payment first authorized in fiscal year 1972.<sup>2</sup> Decrease represents cases where approved, close relative/custodians receive payments for the benefit of minors.

## Persons in Training During Fiscal Year by Program and Period of Service

| Program  | Fiscal Year         |           |           |           |
|--|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 1975                | 1974      | 1973      | 1972      |
| <b>Post-Korean Education Assistance Program:</b>                 |                     |           |           |           |
| In training during year — Total                                  | 2,691,566           | 2,358,608 | 2,125,595 | 1,864,158 |
| Institutions of higher learning                                  | 1,692,922           | 1,333,262 | 1,176,714 | 1,060,934 |
| Residence schools other than college                             | 420,290             | 382,835   | 332,845   | 359,249   |
| Correspondence schools   | 386,731             | 430,604   | 427,350   | 282,292   |
| On-job training  | 191,623             | 211,907   | 188,686   | 161,683   |
| <b>Children's Educational Assistance Program:</b>                |                     |           |           |           |
| In training during year — Total                                  | 71,433              | 63,010    | 57,678    | 54,996    |
| Institutions of higher learning                                  | 64,687              | 57,080    | 51,972    | 49,252    |
| Schools other than college                                       | 6,258               | 5,549     | 5,559     | 5,657     |
| Special restorative training                                     | 59                  | 64        | 73        | 87        |
| On-job training  | 429                 | 317       | 74        |           |
| <b>Period of service of deceased or totally disabled veteran</b> |                     |           |           |           |
| World War I  | 1,151               | 759       | 382       | 429       |
| World War II   | 30,975              | 30,125    | 31,079    | 31,496    |
| Korean conflict  | 11,414              | 10,455    | 9,962     | 9,291     |
| Other  | 27,893              | 21,671    | 16,255    | 13,780    |
| <b>Spouses, Widows/Widowers Educational Assistance Program:</b>  |                     |           |           |           |
| In training during year — Total                                  | 16,519              | 12,952    | 10,505    | 9,560     |
| Institutions of higher learning                                  | 12,150              | 9,366     | 7,600     | 6,474     |
| Schools other than college                                       | 4,307               | 3,526     | 2,880     | 3,076     |
| Special restorative training                                     | 5                   | 5         | 12        | 10        |
| On-job training  | 57                  | 55        | 13        |           |
| <b>Period of service of deceased or totally disabled veteran</b> |                     |           |           |           |
| World War I  | 297                 | 161       | 76        | 76        |
| World War II   | 3,891               | 3,219     | 2,893     | 2,939     |
| Korean conflict  | 2,057               | 1,645     | 1,333     | 1,089     |
| Other  | 10,274              | 7,927     | 6,203     | 5,456     |
| <b>Vocational Rehabilitation Program for Disabled Veterans</b>   |                     |           |           |           |
| In training during year — Total                                  | 24,840 <sup>1</sup> | 26,974    | 29,537    | 31,635    |
| Institutions of higher learning                                  | 18,487              | 19,523    | 21,034    | 22,097    |
| Schools other than college                                       | 4,855               | 5,685     | 6,590     | 7,638     |
| On-job training  | 1,310               | 1,588     | 1,730     | 1,718     |
| Institutional on-farm  | 188                 | 178       | 183       | 182       |
| <b>Period of service of veteran</b>                              |                     |           |           |           |
| World War II   | 362                 | 405       | 422       | 571       |
| Korean conflict  | 453                 | 492       | 526       | 628       |
| Vietnam era  | 20,281              | 21,874    | 23,983    | 24,839    |
| Post-Korean and between wars                                     | 3,744               | 4,203     | 4,606     | 5,597     |

<sup>1</sup> Estimated.

## Post-Korean Veterans and Service Personnel Training Progress – Individuals Trained

| Training Programs                                | During<br>FY-1975 | Cumulative Through June 1975 |   |  |                |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------|---|--|----------------|
|  |                   | Total                        | Graduate  | Under-<br>Graduate                     | Non-<br>Degree |
| Total All Types of Training                      | 2,691,566         | 5,785,648                    | 1,112,527   | 4,325,621                              | 347,500        |
| <b>COLLEGE LEVEL</b>                             |                   |                              |   |  |                |
| Total  | 1,695,575         | 3,095,862                    | 499,910   | 2,511,028                              | 84,924         |
| Academic degrees – field not specified – Total   | 1,125,373         | 1,802,574                    | 183,198   | 1,619,376                              |                |
| Associate in arts                                | 339,186           | 524,018                      |   | 524,018                                |                |
| Associate in science                             | 46,379            | 71,734                       |   | 71,734                                 |                |
| Associate degree, nec <sup>1</sup>               | 270,018           | 366,505                      |   | 366,505                                |                |
| Bachelor of arts                                 | 102,968           | 181,103                      |   | 181,103                                |                |
| Bachelor of science                              | 69,225            | 124,972                      |   | 124,972                                |                |
| Bachelor's degree, nec                           | 202,314           | 351,044                      |   | 351,044                                |                |
| Master of arts                                   | 24,846            | 45,400                       | 45,400  |  |                |
| Master of science                                | 10,862            | 22,592                       | 22,592  |  |                |
| Master's degree, nec                             | 47,725            | 87,625                       | 87,625  |  |                |
| Doctor of philosophy                             | 10,031            | 23,326                       | 23,326  |  |                |
| Doctor's degree, nec                             | 1,713             | 4,034                        | 4,034   |  |                |
| Post Doctoral, nec                               | 106               | 221                          | 221   |  |                |
| Business and commerce                            | 168,891           | 384,478                      | 84,109  | 300,369                                |                |
| Education  | 45,580            | 131,412                      | 67,880  | 63,532                                 |                |
| Engineering                                      | 26,381            | 80,497                       | 12,125  | 68,372                                 |                |
| English and journalism                           | 3,304             | 11,384                       | 3,965   | 7,419                                  |                |
| Fine and applied arts                            | 11,394            | 30,102                       | 5,811   | 24,291                                 |                |
| Foreign languages                                | 806               | 3,142                        | 1,602   | 1,540                                  |                |
| Law  | 16,165            | 41,280                       | 34,025  | 7,255                                  |                |
| Liberal arts (major not specified)               | 26,880            | 58,571                       | 1,754   | 56,817                                 |                |
| Life sciences – Total                            | 37,361            | 98,886                       | 53,429  | 45,457                                 |                |
| Agricultural sciences                            | 5,122             | 14,797                       | 2,821   | 11,976                                 |                |
| Biological sciences                              | 6,869             | 17,062                       | 4,958   | 12,104                                 |                |
| Medical and health sciences                      | 25,370            | 67,027                       | 45,650  | 21,377                                 |                |
| Mathematics                                      | 1,967             | 7,535                        | 2,323   | 5,212                                  |                |
| Physical sciences                                | 4,925             | 15,013                       | 5,682   | 9,331                                  |                |
| Social sciences                                  | 26,018            | 76,974                       | 31,442  | 45,532                                 |                |
| Theology   | 5,191             | 12,764                       | 5,420   | 7,344                                  |                |
| Technical courses – Total                        | 164,157           | 284,165                      |   | 199,241                                | 84,924         |
| Business and commerce                            | 42,494            | 69,174                       |   | 50,922                                 | 18,252         |
| Engineering and related                          | 3,309             | 6,837                        |   | 6,136                                  | 701            |
| Medical and related                              | 5,133             | 11,358                       |   | 6,178                                  | 5,180          |
| Other technician courses                         | 113,221           | 196,796                      |   | 136,005                                | 60,791         |
| All other academic fields                        | 31,182            | 57,085                       | 7,145   | 49,940                                 |                |
| <b>SCHOOLS OTHER THAN COLLEGE</b>                |                   |                              |   |  |                |
|  | During<br>FY-1975 | Total<br>Other<br>Schools    | Vocational<br>or Technical<br>Post-High<br>School | Other<br>Vocational<br>or<br>Technical | High<br>School |
| Total  | 804,368           | 2,228,021                    | 377,324   | 1,588,121                              | 262,576        |
| Arts   | 26,547            | 115,116                      | 28,426  | 86,690                                 |                |
| Business   | 61,430            | 326,143                      | 95,757  | 236,386                                |                |
| Services   | 37,379            | 128,362                      | 26,910  | 101,452                                |                |
| Technical courses – Total                        | 50,864            | 204,619                      | 58,397  | 146,222                                |                |
| Electronic                                       | 34,675            | 139,388                      | 41,122  | 98,266                                 |                |
| Engineering                                      | 5,120             | 32,664                       | 5,191   | 27,473                                 |                |
| Legal  | 1,822             | 8,785                        | 3,488   | 5,297                                  |                |
| Medical and related                              | 4,125             | 10,086                       | 4,635   | 5,451                                  |                |
| Other technical, nec                             | 5,122             | 13,696                       | 3,961   | 9,735                                  |                |
| Trade and industrial – Total                     | 408,926           | 984,358                      | 154,792   | 829,566                                |                |
| Air conditioning                                 | 46,971            | 128,757                      | 17,392  | 111,365                                |                |
| Construction                                     | 18,955            | 40,072                       | 6,119   | 33,953                                 |                |
| Electrical and electronic                        | 163,553           | 325,820                      | 53,547  | 272,273                                |                |
| Mechanical                                       | 115,785           | 279,378                      | 37,152  | 242,226                                |                |
| Metalwork  | 28,792            | 74,386                       | 18,234  | 56,152                                 |                |
| Other trade and industrial                       | 34,870            | 135,945                      | 22,348  | 113,597                                |                |
| Other institutional                              | 174,616           | 346,154                      | 13,042  | 70,536                                 | 262,576        |
| Flight training – Total                          | 44,606            | 123,269                      |   | 123,269                                |                |
| <b>MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL OBJECTIVE JOB TRAINING</b> |                   |                              |   |  |                |
|  | During<br>FY-1975 | Total<br>Job                 | Apprentice  | Other<br>On-Job                        |                |
| Total  | 191,623           | 461,765                      | 235,293   | 226,472                                |                |
| Technical and managerial                         | 27,981            | 58,232                       | 3,940   | 54,292                                 |                |
| Clerical and sales                               | 6,997             | 13,721                       | 1,386   | 12,335                                 |                |
| Service occupations                              | 23,900            | 60,495                       | 6,335   | 54,160                                 |                |
| Farming, fishery, forestry occupations           | 1,918             | 3,832                        | 348   | 3,484                                  |                |
| Trade and industrial – Total                     | 123,134           | 305,855                      | 213,446   | 92,389                                 |                |
| Processing occupations                           | 4,860             | 11,832                       | 7,452   | 4,380                                  |                |
| Machine trades occupations                       | 42,424            | 91,805                       | 63,225  | 28,580                                 |                |
| Benchwork occupations                            | 7,548             | 16,973                       | 9,750   | 7,223                                  |                |
| Structural work occupations                      | 68,302            | 185,245                      | 133,039   | 52,206                                 |                |
| Miscellaneous occupations                        | 7,693             | 19,630                       | 9,818   | 9,812                                  |                |

<sup>1</sup> Not elsewhere classified.

*Sons, Daughters, Spouses and Widows/Widowers Training Programs*

| Training Programs                                   | Individuals Trained Cumulative thru June 1975 |              |         |           |                             |
|---|---|--------------|---------|-----------|-----------------------------|
|   | During Fiscal Year 1975                       | All Trainees |         |           |                             |
|   |   | Total        | Sons    | Daughters | Spouses and Widows/Widowers |
| Total all types of training .....                   | 87,952  | 282,626      | 127,170 | 123,320   | 32,136                      |
| <b>COLLEGE LEVEL</b>                                |   |              |         |           |                             |
| Total .....   | 76,837  | 228,054      | 108,018 | 99,098    | 20,938                      |
| Academic degrees, field not specified — Total ..... | 53,985  | 119,810      | 55,685  | 51,312    | 12,813                      |
| Associate in arts .....                             | 12,491  | 22,087       | 9,034   | 8,604     | 4,449                       |
| Associate in science .....                          | 1,719   | 3,060        | 1,185   | 1,252     | 623                         |
| Associate degree, nec <sup>1</sup> .....            | 7,862   | 16,053       | 7,324   | 6,505     | 2,224                       |
| Bachelor of arts .....                              | 8,688   | 17,158       | 7,616   | 8,182     | 1,360                       |
| Bachelor of science .....                           | 4,526   | 8,900        | 4,714   | 3,571     | 615                         |
| Bachelor's degree, nec .....                        | 16,701  | 46,856       | 23,572  | 20,911    | 2,373                       |
| Master of arts .....                                | 611   | 1,614        | 527     | 736       | 351                         |
| Master of science .....                             | 185   | 436          | 184     | 158       | 94                          |
| Master's degree, nec .....                          | 1,043   | 3,132        | 1,245   | 1,281     | 606                         |
| Doctor of philosophy .....                          | 136   | 374          | 193     | 88        | 93                          |
| Doctor's degree, nec .....                          | 23  | 140          | 91      | 24        | 25                          |
| Business and commerce .....                         | 4,391   | 20,348       | 12,226  | 6,778     | 1,344                       |
| Education .....                                     | 4,170   | 22,841       | 6,227   | 14,100    | 2,514                       |
| Engineering .....                                   | 1,033   | 6,153        | 5,905   | 241       | 7                           |
| English and journalism .....                        | 333   | 2,369        | 865     | 1,374     | 120                         |
| Fine and applied arts .....                         | 864   | 4,379        | 2,251   | 1,960     | 168                         |
| Foreign languages .....                             | 72  | 522          | 134     | 357       | 31                          |
| Home economics .....                                | 200   | 1,330        | 30      | 1,210     | 90                          |
| Law .....   | 376   | 1,857        | 1,539   | 256       | 62                          |
| Liberal arts (major not specified) .....            | 1,680   | 11,769       | 5,839   | 5,547     | 383                         |
| Life sciences — Total .....                         | 3,526   | 13,490       | 5,269   | 7,250     | 971                         |
| Agricultural sciences .....                         | 272   | 1,405        | 1,244   | 147       | 14                          |
| Biological sciences .....                           | 645   | 2,703        | 1,766   | 895       | 42                          |
| Medical and health sciences .....                   | 2,609   | 9,382        | 2,259   | 6,208     | 915                         |
| Mathematics .....                                   | 110   | 981          | 657     | 312       | 12                          |
| Physical sciences .....                             | 225   | 1,791        | 1,457   | 325       | 9                           |
| Social sciences .....                               | 1,512   | 8,139        | 4,299   | 3,338     | 502                         |
| Theology .....                                      | 137   | 650          | 488     | 144       | 18                          |
| Technician courses — Total .....                    | 3,371   | 8,601        | 3,937   | 3,404     | 1,260                       |
| Business and commerce .....                         | 869   | 1,786        | 282     | 845       | 559                         |
| Engineering and related .....                       | 38  | 111          | 109     | 1         | 1                           |
| Medical and related .....                           | 730   | 2,203        | 315     | 1,644     | 244                         |
| Other technical courses .....                       | 1,734   | 4,501        | 3,131   | 914       | 456                         |
| All other academic fields .....                     | 852   | 3,034        | 1,210   | 1,190     | 634                         |
| <b>SCHOOLS OTHER THAN COLLEGE LEVEL</b>             |   |              |         |           |                             |
| Total .....   | 10,629  | 53,911       | 18,616  | 24,179    | 11,116                      |
| Arts .....  | 592   | 2,543        | 1,573   | 613       | 357                         |
| Business .....                                      | 2,528   | 16,896       | 2,918   | 10,760    | 3,218                       |
| Services .....                                      | 2,713   | 14,788       | 1,480   | 9,136     | 4,172                       |
| Technical courses — Total .....                     | 814   | 3,007        | 1,575   | 1,104     | 328                         |
| Electronic .....                                    | 237   | 940          | 915     | 12        | 13                          |
| Engineering .....                                   | 45  | 255          | 244     | 9         | 2                           |
| Medical and related .....                           | 330   | 1,236        | 163     | 858       | 215                         |
| Other technical, nec .....                          | 202   | 576          | 253     | 225       | 98                          |
| Trades and industrial — Total .....                 | 2,649   | 14,136       | 10,321  | 2,090     | 1,725                       |
| Construction .....                                  | 155   | 543          | 531     | 5         | 7                           |
| Dressmaking .....                                   | 665   | 4,487        | 1,323   | 1,786     | 1,378                       |
| Electrical and electronic .....                     | 317   | 1,969        | 1,863   | 66        | 40                          |
| Mechanical .....                                    | 728   | 4,218        | 4,125   | 67        | 26                          |
| Metalwork .....                                     | 330   | 1,423        | 1,366   | 33        | 24                          |
| Other trade and industrial .....                    | 454   | 1,496        | 1,113   | 133       | 250                         |
| Other institutional .....                           | 1,333   | 2,541        | 749     | 476       | 1,316                       |
| <b>ON-JOB TRAINING</b>                              |   |              |         |           |                             |
| Total .....   | 486   | 661          | 536     | 43        | 82                          |
| Technical and managerial .....                      | 92  | 121          | 69      | 17        | 35                          |
| Clerical and sales .....                            | 22  | 32           | 14      | 7         | 11                          |
| Service occupations .....                           | 50  | 73           | 48      | 10        | 15                          |
| Trade and industrial occupations .....              | 307   | 411          | 382     | 8         | 21                          |
| Miscellaneous occupations .....                     | 15  | 24           | 23      | 1         | 0                           |

<sup>1</sup>Not elsewhere classified.

*Guaranteed or Insured Loans, Direct Loans, Property Management*

| Item  | Cumulative<br>Through<br>June 30, 1975 | Fiscal Year<br>1975 | Fiscal Year<br>1974 |
|---|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>GUARANTEED OR INSURED LOANS</b>              |  |                     |                     |
| Number of Loans, Total                          | 9,107,433                              | 290,195             | 311,260             |
| Home  | 8,789,351                              | 288,163             | 306,188             |
| Mobile Home                                     | 17,653                                 | 2,028               | 5,062               |
| Farm  | 71,168                                 | 2                   | 8                   |
| Business  | 229,261                                | 2                   | 2                   |
| Amount of Loans (\$000), Total                  | \$114,399,991                          | \$ 8,091,382        | \$ 7,709,564        |
| Home  | 113,307,066                            | 8,072,101           | 7,663,716           |
| Mobile Home                                     | 156,769                                | 19,264              | 45,725              |
| Farm  | 283,984                                | 11                  | 102                 |
| Business  | 652,172                                | 6                   | 21                  |
| Amount of Guaranty and Insurance (\$000), Total | \$ 58,083,301                          | \$ 3,701,702        | \$ 3,540,165        |
| Home  | 57,731,221                             | 3,695,898           | 3,526,442           |
| Mobile Home                                     | 46,980                                 | 5,795               | 13,688              |
| Farm  | 120,137                                | 6                   | 29                  |
| Business  | 184,963                                | 3                   | 6                   |
| Defaults and Claims:                            |  |                     |                     |
| Defaults Reported                               | 2,359,260                              | 118,653             | 103,433             |
| Loans in Default—End of Period                  | 47,310                                 | 47,310              | 39,118              |
| Defaults in Disposed of, Total                  | 2,296,287                              | 110,461             | 101,526             |
| Cured or Withdrawn                              | 1,961,818                              | 97,571              | 85,947              |
| Percent   | 85.4                                   | 85.6                | 84.7                |
| Claims Vouchered for Payment                    | 334,552                                | 15,890              | 15,579              |
| Rate per 1,000 Loans Outstanding                |  | 4.15                | 4.19                |
| Average Number of Loans Outstanding             |  | 3,829,296           | 3,717,364           |
| <b>DIRECT LOANS</b>                             |  |                     |                     |
| Number of Loans Fully Disbursed                 | 322,554                                | 2,665               | 2,608               |
| Amount of Loans Fully Disbursed (\$000)         | \$ 3,190,005                           | \$ 49,582           | \$ 43,890           |
| <b>PROPERTY MANAGEMENT</b>                      |  |                     |                     |
| Number Acquired                                 | 365,464                                | 17,060              | 17,610              |
| Number Sold                                     | 350,634                                | 17,001              | 17,664              |
| Number Redeemed                                 | 3,994                                  | 358                 | 268                 |
| Number on Hand—End of Period                    | 10,836                                 | 10,836              | 11,136              |

## INSURANCE

TABLE 61

*Appropriations and Other Receipts Versus Expenditures, Cumulative Through June 30, 1975*

| Item                               | United States<br>Government Life<br>Insurance Fund | National<br>Service Life<br>Insurance Fund | Veterans<br>Reopened<br>Insurance Fund | Veterans<br>Special Life<br>Insurance Fund | Service-Disabled<br>Veterans<br>Insurance Fund | Servicemen's<br>Group Life<br>Insurance Fund |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Appropriations and other receipts: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Appropriations                     | \$ 4,434,816,496                                   | \$ 30,468,379,878                          | \$ 460,304,302                         | \$ 809,904,595                             | \$ 4,250,000                                   | \$ 1,361,875,929                             |
| Receipts other than appropriations |  |  |  |  | 242,230,896                                    |  |
| Total                              | 4,434,816,496                                      | 30,468,379,878                             | 460,304,302                            | 809,904,595                                | 246,480,896                                    | 1,361,875,929                                |
| Expenditures:                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fiscal Year                        | 89,545,030   | 864,770,883                                | 17,015,411                             | 30,493,117                                 | 24,090,632                                     | 127,570,006                                  |
| Cumulative to June 30, 1975        | 3,751,892,819                                      | 22,417,077,475                             | 122,373,926                            | 344,282,803                                | 229,291,648                                    | 1,361,875,929                                |
| Covered into U.S. Treasury         |  |  |  | 4,250,000                                  |  |  |
| Investments, loans and liens       | 668,300,862  | 9,064,196,812                              | 339,253,727                            | 477,413,588                                | 26,363,677                                     | 0  |
| Balance                            | 14,622,815   | -2,893,409                                 | -1,323,351                             | -16,041,796                                | -9,174,429                                     | 0  |



## Summary of Operations (Accrual Basis)

(In Thousands)

|  | U.S. Government Life Insurance |   | National Service Life Insurance |   | Veterans Special Life Insurance |   | Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance |   | Veterans Reopened Insurance |   |
|--|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
|  | Fiscal Year 1975               | Cumulative Totals From Origin January 1919 to June 30, 1975 | Fiscal Year 1975                | Cumulative Totals From Origin October 1940 to June 30, 1975 | Fiscal Year 1975                | Cumulative Totals From Origin April 1951 to June 30, 1975 | Fiscal Year 1975                    | Cumulative Totals From Origin April 1951 to June 30, 1975 | Fiscal Year 1975            | Cumulative Totals From Origin May 1965 to June 30, 1975 |
| <b>INCOME</b>  |                                |   |                                 |   |                                 |   |                                     |   |                             |   |
| Premiums .....   | \$ 7,514                       | \$2,049,252   | \$583,006                       | \$17,144,086  | \$46,173                        | \$623,288   | \$19,576                            | \$166,512   | \$31,029                    | \$347,667   |
| Policy proceeds left to be paid in installments .....                                | 4,834                          | 760,462   | 36,225                          | 5,206,229   | 1,308                           | 31,449  | 893                                 | 20,020  | 988                         | 9,027   |
| Dividends left on credit or deposit .....  | 4,590                          | 58,317  | 65,230                          | 1,112,744   | 1,757                           | 1,757   | .....                               | .....   | .....                       | .....   |
| Investment income .....  | 33,459                         | 1,954,232   | 409,606                         | 6,626,703   | 23,136                          | 153,511   | 733                                 | 4,832   | 20,935                      | 100,477   |
| Extra Hazard contributions from the U.S. Government ..                               | 26                             | 142,168   | 2,089                           | 4,800,252   | .....                           | .....   | .....                               | .....   | .....                       | .....   |
| <b>Total .....</b>   | <b>50,423</b>                  | <b>4,964,431</b>  | <b>1,096,156</b>                | <b>34,890,014</b>   | <b>72,374</b>                   | <b>810,005</b>  | <b>21,202</b>                       | <b>191,364</b>  | <b>52,952</b>               | <b>457,171</b>  |
| <b>DISPOSITION OF INCOME</b>   |                                |   |                                 |   |                                 |   |                                     |   |                             |   |
| Death benefits .....   | 39,295                         | 1,281,663   | 281,270                         | 8,309,219   | 14,174                          | 174,840   | 15,848                              | 163,014   | 11,356                      | 82,927  |
| Matured endowments .....   | 884                            | 494,141   | 27,275                          | 467,390   | 121                             | 522   | 236                                 | 616   | 734                         | 1,752   |
| Surrender benefits .....   | 2,962                          | 306,326   | 33,092                          | 636,526   | 2,961                           | 25,674  | 1,405                               | 9,212   | 1,660                       | 8,700   |
| Disability benefits .....  | 1,337                          | 380,804   | 37,933                          | 525,861   | 1,348                           | 9,436   | 5,461                               | 44,071  | 1,693                       | 7,516   |
| Payments from policy proceeds left to be paid in installments .....                  | 20,485                         | 943,895   | 128,837                         | 7,001,000   | 1,664                           | 26,446  | 1,137                               | 16,497  | 967                         | 6,863   |
| Dividends withdrawn .....  | 3,817                          | 50,958  | 48,589                          | 1,006,779   | 122                             | 122   | .....                               | .....   | .....                       | .....   |
| Net deposits for policy reserves ..  | -40,512                        | 612,364   | 178,742                         | 7,362,889   | 37,663                          | 447,006   | 10,906                              | 109,401   | 29,786                      | 311,011   |
| Reserve for dividends left on credit or deposit .....                                | 1,681                          | 19,487  | 29,131                          | 261,899   | 1,669                           | 1,669   | .....                               | .....   | .....                       | .....   |
| Administrative costs .....   | .....                          | .....   | .....                           | .....   | .....                           | .....   | .....                               | .....   | 605                         | 14,507  |
| <b>Total .....</b>   | <b>29,949</b>                  | <b>4,089,638</b>  | <b>764,869</b>                  | <b>25,571,563</b>   | <b>59,722</b>                   | <b>685,715</b>  | <b>34,993</b>                       | <b>342,811</b>  | <b>46,801</b>               | <b>433,276</b>  |
| <b>Net gain (+) or loss (-) from operations before dividends and transfers .....</b> |                                |   |                                 |   |                                 |   |                                     |   |                             |   |
| Dividends to policyholders .....   | 20,474                         | 874,793   | 331,287                         | 9,318,451   | 12,652                          | 124,290   | -13,791                             | -151,447  | 6,151                       | 23,895  |
| Transfers to U.S. Government ..  | 20,758                         | 857,732   | 307,699                         | 9,201,158   | 10,100                          | 62,099  | .....                               | .....   | .....                       | .....   |
| Gain (+) or loss (-) after dividends and transfers .....                             | -284                           | 17,061  | 23,588                          | 117,293   | 2,552                           | 6,578   | -13,791                             | -151,447  | 6,151                       | 23,895  |

\*Special dividend authorized by legislation.

*In Force – Fiscal Year 1975*

| Item   | Participating                  |                                   |                                 |                                   |                                 |                                   | Nonparticipating                    |                                   |                             |                                   |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|  | U.S. Government Life Insurance |                                   | National Service Life Insurance |                                   | Veterans Special Life Insurance |                                   | Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance |                                   | Veterans Reopened Insurance |                                   |
|  | Number of Policies             | Amount of Insurance (000 Omitted) | Number of Policies              | Amount of Insurance (000 Omitted) | Number of Policies              | Amount of Insurance (000 Omitted) | Number of Policies                  | Amount of Insurance (000 Omitted) | Number of Policies          | Amount of Insurance (000 Omitted) |
| In force at beginning of year . . .                | 155,184                        | \$657,174                         | 4,098,002                       | \$27,005,737                      | 598,221                         | \$5,238,027                       | 154,619                             | \$1,397,275                       | 185,185                     | \$1,292,135                       |
| Insurance issued during year . . . . .             |                                |                                   |                                 |                                   |                                 |                                   | 11,644                              | 107,484                           |                             |                                   |
| Insurance reinstated during year . . . . .         | 16                             | 62                                | 2,795                           | 16,738                            | 477                             | 4,460                             | 49                                  | 480                               | 103                         | 417                               |
| Insurance terminated during year by:               |                                |                                   |                                 |                                   |                                 |                                   |                                     |                                   |                             |                                   |
| Death . . . . .                                    | 8,746                          | 39,583                            | 43,268                          | 276,433                           | 1,647                           | 14,138                            | 1,735                               | 15,743                            | 1,688                       | 11,291                            |
| Maturity as endowment . . . . .                    | 125                            | 851                               | 5,129                           | 26,152                            | 22                              | 132                               | 50                                  | 219                               | 147                         | 749                               |
| Permanent total disability . . . . .               | 75                             | 488                               |                                 |                                   |                                 |                                   |                                     |                                   |                             |                                   |
| Lapse, expiry, and net changes . . . . .           | 118                            | 480                               | 23,706                          | 201,084                           | 5,972                           | 58,109                            | 2,980                               | 29,397                            | 387                         | 3,572                             |
| Cash surrender . . . . .                           | 780                            | 3,407                             | 9,356                           | 52,530                            | 788                             | 5,950                             | 654                                 | 5,404                             | 541                         | 3,688                             |
| Total terminated . . . . .                         | 9,844                          | 44,809                            | 81,459                          | 556,199                           | 8,429                           | 78,329                            | 5,419                               | 50,763                            | 2,763                       | 19,300                            |
| In force at end of year . . . . .                  | 145,356                        | 612,427                           | 4,019,338                       | 26,466,276                        | 590,269                         | 5,164,158                         | 160,893                             | 1,454,476                         | 182,525                     | 1,273,252                         |
| Selected year end items:                           |                                |                                   |                                 |                                   |                                 |                                   |                                     |                                   |                             |                                   |
| In force on 5-year term plan . . . . .             | 1,014                          | 6,529                             | 1,564,044                       | 12,151,293                        | 396,287                         | 3,630,605                         | 85,388                              | 820,679                           |                             |                                   |
| In force on all other plan . . . . .               | 144,342                        | 605,898                           | 2,455,294                       | 14,314,983                        | 193,982                         | 1,533,553                         | 75,505                              | 633,797                           | 182,525                     | 1,273,252                         |
| In force with disability income rider . . . . .    | 4,437                          | 34,010                            | 574,122                         | 4,354,878                         | 105,572                         | 960,971                           |                                     |                                   | 11,785                      | 87,553                            |
| In force under disability premium waiver . . . . . | 158                            | 986                               | 119,567                         | 823,883                           | 4,299                           | 36,467                            | 31,708                              | 299,213                           | 5,943                       | 40,644                            |

TABLE 64

PERSONNEL

*Employment: Full, Part Time and Intermittent by Installation*

| Installation   | June 30 |         |
|--|---------|---------|
|  | 1975    | 1974    |
| Total .....  | 213,144 | 202,363 |
| Central Office .....   | 3,918   | 3,759   |
| Field .....  | 209,226 | 198,604 |
| Hospitals (separate) .....   | 162,059 | 153,470 |
| Domiciliary and hospital centers .....   | 16,123  | 15,580  |
| Regional Offices (separate) .....  | 16,896  | 16,165  |
| Regional Offices and hospital centers .....  | 8,110   | 7,646   |
| Regional Offices with insurance activities .....   | 2,150   | 1,961   |
| Outpatients Clinics (separate) .....   | 1,332   | 1,367   |
| Data Processing Centers .....  | 1,723   | 1,593   |
| Supply Depots and Marketing Centers .....  | 472     | 484     |
| Miscellaneous Activities (including Veterans Canteen Service Field Offices, Prosthetic Center, National Cemetery System Supervisory Offices) ..... | 361     | 338     |

TABLE 65

PERSONNEL

*Employment: Full, Part Time and Intermittent by Pay System*

| Pay System                            | June 30 |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                                       | 1975    | 1974    |
| Total .....                           | 213,144 | 202,363 |
| GS .....                              | 124,610 | 117,429 |
| Title 38 (excludes Canteen) .....     | 43,321  | 40,490  |
| Wage System .....                     | 38,092  | 37,317  |
| Canteen .....                         | 3,417   | 3,227   |
| Nationals (Manila) .....              | 258     | 264     |
| Other (includes stay-in-school) ..... | 3,446   | 3,636   |

*Employment: Minority Groups by Grade – May 31, 1975*

| Grade or Supervisory Level | Total Employment (Full-Time) | Percent Minority Employment | Negro  | Spanish Surnamed | American Indian | Oriental |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Total all pay plans .....  | 185,161                      | 29.6                        | 46,969 | 5,055            | 375             | 2,378    |
| GS and similar             |                              |                             |        |                  |                 |          |
| GS-1 thru 4 .....          | 46,653                       | 35.5                        | 14,829 | 1,436            | 98              | 213      |
| GS-5 thru 8 .....          | 51,526                       | 29.0                        | 13,106 | 1,258            | 120             | 472      |
| GS-9 thru 11 .....         | 32,848                       | 14.7                        | 3,377  | 527              | 48              | 874      |
| GS-12 and above .....      | 16,567                       | 10.3                        | 682    | 357              | 20              | 643      |
| Wage systems               |                              |                             |        |                  |                 |          |
| Non-supervisory .....      | 29,666                       | 46.8                        | 12,465 | 1,218            | 72              | 142      |
| Leader .....               | 1,048                        | 43.2                        | 413    | 33               | 5               | 2        |
| Supervisory .....          | 3,455                        | 40.3                        | 1,263  | 109              | 7               | 14       |
| Other wage systems .....   | 3,398                        | 28.7                        | 834    | 117              | 5               | 18       |

*Employment: Sex and Veterans Preference – June 30, 1975*

| Eligibility              | All Employees |         | Male Employees |         | Female Employees |         |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------|----------------|---------|------------------|---------|
|                          | Number        | Percent | Number         | Percent | Number           | Percent |
| Total .....              | 213,144       | 100.0%  | 106,815        | 100.0%  | 106,329          | 100.0%  |
| Veterans preference:     |               |         |                |         |                  |         |
| With preference .....    | 89,147        | 41.8    | 79,506         | 74.4    | 9,641            | 9.1     |
| Without preference ..... | 123,997       | 58.2    | 27,309         | 25.6    | 96,688           | 90.9    |

*Employment of Women Full-time and Part-time*

| Type or Grade of Employment           | Total Employment | Women   |                     |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------|---------------------|
|                                       | Number           | Number  | Percentage of Total |
| Total .....                           | 213,139          | 106,329 | 49.9                |
| GS Total .....                        | 124,609          | 64,621  | 51.8                |
| GS-1-6 .....                          | 85,912           | 52,688  | 61.3                |
| GS-7-12 .....                         | 33,867           | 11,470  | 33.8                |
| GS-13 and above .....                 | 4,831            | 463     | 9.6                 |
| Title 38 (excluding Canteen) .....    | 43,351           | 26,056  | 60.1                |
| Wage System .....                     | 38,092           | 11,200  | 29.4                |
| Canteen .....                         | 3,417            | 2,472   | 72.3                |
| Nationals .....                       | 258              | 115     | 44.6                |
| Other (includes Stay-in School) ..... | 3,405            | 1,845   | 54.1                |

TABLE 69

## APPEALS

*Appeals to Board of Veterans Appeals*

| Item   | Number of Cases  |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|
|  | Fiscal Year 1974 | Fiscal Year 1975 |
| Pending beginning of year . . . . .                          | 25,326           | 23,517           |
| Undocketed, field office development not completed . . . . . | 20,933           | 19,619           |
| Docketed, pending in BVA . . . . .                           | 4,393            | 3,898            |
| Filed during year . . . . .                                  | 43,205           | 45,663           |
| Settled in field offices . . . . .                           | 23,978           | 22,467           |
| Allowed on review of appealed action . . . . .               | 8,144            | 7,189            |
| Closed, failure to respond to statement of case . . . . .    | 12,595           | 11,777           |
| Withdrawn by appellant . . . . .                             | 3,239            | 3,501            |
| Submitted to Board of Veterans Appeals . . . . .             | 25,714           | 26,022           |
| Decided by Board of Veterans Appeals . . . . .               | 26,209           | 25,027           |
| Allowed . . . . .  | 3,682            | 3,698            |
| Remanded for further action . . . . .                        | 4,187            | 3,986            |
| Withdrawn . . . . .  | 266              | 424              |
| Denied . . . . .   | 18,074           | 16,919           |
| Pending end of year . . . . .                                | 23,517           | 27,723           |
| Undocketed, field office development not completed . . . . . | 19,619           | 22,830           |
| Docketed, pending in BVA . . . . .                           | 3,898            | 4,893            |
| <b>SUMMARY</b>   |                  |                  |
| Appeals filed . . . . .                                      | 43,205           | 45,663           |
| Final dispositions . . . . .                                 | 46,000           | 43,508           |
| Allowed . . . . .  | 25.7%            | 25.0%            |
| Closed . . . . .   | 27.4%            | 27.1%            |
| Withdrawn . . . . .  | 7.6%             | 9.0%             |
| Denied . . . . .   | 39.3%            | 38.9%            |
| Pending end of year . . . . .                                | 23,517           | 27,723           |

TABLE 70

## APPEALS

*Advisory Opinions Requested by the Board of Veterans Appeals From Outside Medical Experts*

| Medical Specialty                             | Number of Advisory Opinions Requested |                  |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|
|   | Fiscal Year 1974                      | Fiscal Year 1975 |
| All Specialties . . . . .                     | 238                                   | 245              |
| Number requested in connection with:          |                                       |                  |
| Appellate consideration . . . . .             | 222                                   | 217              |
| Reconsideration . . . . .                     | 16                                    | 28               |
| Internal Medicine:                            |                                       |                  |
| General . . . . .                             | 21                                    | 13               |
| Cardiovascular . . . . .                      | 27                                    | 24               |
| Gastroenterology . . . . .                    | 12                                    | 10               |
| Pulmonary diseases . . . . .                  | 9                                     | 13               |
| Surgery:                                      |                                       |                  |
| General . . . . .                             | 1                                     | 1                |
| Orthopedic . . . . .                          | 5                                     | 7                |
| Thoracic . . . . .                            | 1                                     | 0                |
| Otolaryngology & Ophthalmology . . . . .      | 6                                     | 14               |
| Psychiatry . . . . .                          | 51                                    | 60               |
| Neurology — Medical and/or Surgical . . . . . | 17                                    | 19               |
| Pathology — Medical and/or Surgical . . . . . | 75                                    | 77               |
| Other . . . . .                               | 13                                    | 7                |

TABLE 71

## APPEALS

*Analysis of Cases Decided by Board of Veterans Appeals — Fiscal Year 1975*

| Benefits involved                               | Cases  |         |        |          |                         |
|---|--------|---------|--------|----------|-------------------------|
|   | Total  | Allowed | Denied | Remanded | Withdrawn and Dismissed |
| Total . . . . .                                 | 25,027 | 3,698   | 16,919 | 3,986    | 424                     |
| Disability . . . . .                            | 21,095 | 3,140   | 14,326 | 3,283    | 346                     |
| Death . . . . .                                 | 2,134  | 354     | 1,334  | 425      | 21                      |
| Insurance and indemnity . . . . .               | 214    | 7       | 172    | 30       | 5                       |
| Education and training . . . . .                | 677    | 118     | 455    | 89       | 15                      |
| Loan guaranty, waiver of indebtedness . . . . . | 114    | 6       | 66     | 37       | 5                       |
| Waivers and forfeitures . . . . .               | 414    | 48      | 306    | 53       | 7                       |
| Medical treatment and reimbursement . . . . .   | 379    | 25      | 260    | 69       | 25                      |
| <b>PERIOD OF SERVICE</b>                        |        |         |        |          |                         |
| Total . . . . .                                 | 25,027 | 3,698   | 16,919 | 3,986    | 424                     |
| WW I . . . . .                                  | 539    | 54      | 393    | 82       | 10                      |
| WW II . . . . .                                 | 11,578 | 1,506   | 8,194  | 1,680    | 198                     |
| Korean conflict . . . . .                       | 3,598  | 492     | 2,526  | 533      | 47                      |
| Vietnam era . . . . .                           | 1,683  | 225     | 1,138  | 263      | 57                      |
| Regular establishment . . . . .                 | 7,585  | 1,412   | 4,640  | 1,421    | 112                     |
| Other . . . . .                                 | 44     | 9       | 28     | 7        | 0                       |

VA Gross Expenditures<sup>1</sup> - Fiscal Years 1966-1975

| Fiscal Year                                      | Grand Total      | Medical and Administrative Expenses                  |  |   |  |  | Hospital and Domiciliary Construction Costs            | Construction Grants for State Homes              | Health Manpower Training Facilities | National Cancer Institute (transfer to VA) |
|--|------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|
|  |                  | Total  | Medical Care                                   | General Operating Expenses                                | Medical and Prosthetic Research                | Medical Administration Expenses          |  |  |                                     |  |
| 1975   | \$18,002,858,455 | \$3,919,256,993                                      | \$3,348,139,083                                | \$438,660,271   | \$95,794,770                                   | \$36,662,859                             | \$119,579,730  | \$3,153,684                                      | \$12,926,229                        |  |
| 1974   | 15,281,999,263   | 3,290,194,883  | 2,833,622,391                                  | 343,916,399   | 81,581,682                                     | 31,034,411                               | 106,364,406  | 2,484,814  |                                     |  |
| 1973   | 13,973,824,241   | 2,966,237,960  | 2,545,676,531                                  | 317,104,838   | 78,412,475                                     | 25,044,116                               | 92,635,174   | 2,448,163  |                                     |  |
| 1972   | 12,723,327,251   | 2,650,982,373  | 2,269,185,623                                  | 290,516,258   | 68,958,723                                     | 22,321,769                               | 107,335,950  | 2,553,288  |                                     | <sup>2</sup> \$ 70                         |
| 1971   | 11,565,101,689   | 2,256,979,848  | 1,913,508,523                                  | 260,146,750   | 63,138,682                                     | 20,185,893                               | 80,919,238   | 4,168,114  |                                     | 27,379                                     |
| 1970   | 10,201,210,179   | 2,007,783,909  | 1,687,622,806                                  | 243,024,802   | 59,354,767                                     | 17,781,534                               | 71,153,768   | 3,451,576  |                                     | 1,020,531                                  |
| 1969   | 9,099,968,453    | 1,735,043,428  | 1,464,103,543                                  | 206,239,450   | 50,378,100                                     | 14,322,334                               | 46,102,621   | 1,769,335  |                                     | 800,750                                    |
| 1968   | 8,494,740,176    | 1,620,046,513  | 1,372,300,914                                  | 189,640,831   | 45,342,579                                     | 12,762,188                               | 47,993,173   | 1,890,043  |                                     | 964,936                                    |
| 1967   | 8,061,740,320    | 1,518,199,132  | 1,281,231,866                                  | 178,939,727   | 44,027,313                                     | 14,000,224                               | 59,957,224   | 77,471   |                                     | 990,312                                    |
| 1966   | 7,416,770,189    | 1,406,409,126  | 1,190,450,963                                  | 164,338,764   | 38,476,932                                     | 13,142,466                               | 83,464,488   |  |                                     | 938,419                                    |
| Compensation and Pension                         |                  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |                                     |  |
|  | Total            | Compensation and Pensions                            | Statutory Burial Awards                        | Special Dependents and Clothing Allowances <sup>1</sup>   | Mortgage Life Insurance                        | Subsistence Allowance (Voc. Rehab.)      | Invalid Lifts, Devices, and Polio Rentals <sup>3</sup> | Headstones Markers and Burial Flags <sup>3</sup> | Tort Claim Settlements              | Other <sup>4</sup>                         |
| 1975   | \$ 7,551,176,877 | \$7,385,070,190                                      | \$ 130,590,145                                 | \$ 8,794,394  | \$ 1,600,000                                   |  | \$ 5,304,048   | \$13,007,763                                     | \$ .....                            | \$ 6,810,337                               |
| 1974   | 6,734,790,004    | 6,615,598,931  | 101,607,099                                    | 740,193   | 2,200,000                                      |  | 3,929,569  | 2,644,410  | 1,228                               | 8,068,574                                  |
| 1973   | 6,568,081,137    | 6,426,646,756  | 77,701,419                                     | 759,462   | 1,249,917                                      | \$48,959,907                             | 3,340,854  | 2,559,306  | 15,324                              | 6,848,192                                  |
| 1972   | 6,167,996,446    | 6,045,214,262  | 75,753,044                                     | 663,017   | 1,850,000                                      | 42,051,401                               | 3,007,622  | 2,257,664  | 37,254                              | 2,837,818                                  |
| 1971   | 5,839,390,281    | 5,726,457,889  | 69,644,373                                     | 603,653   |  | 39,561,067                               | 2,541,021  | 2,005,881  | 92,616                              | <sup>2</sup> 1,516,219                     |
| 1970   | 5,357,407,811    | 5,253,839,611  | 73,385,181                                     | 572,948   |  | 27,866,405                               | 1,459,708  | 1,542,930  | 172,400                             | 1,400,304                                  |
| 1969   | 4,939,409,724    | 4,848,851,703  | 66,949,861                                     | 477,137   |  | 20,042,537                               | 783,728  | 1,650,080  | 90,950                              | 563,724                                    |
| 1968   | 4,611,180,743    | 4,519,304,373  | 63,798,148                                     | 388,030   |  | 15,622,758                               | 419,877  | 1,463,611  | 215,085                             | 9,968,857                                  |
| 1967   | 4,494,130,947    | 4,392,834,057  | 61,425,288                                     | 314,128   |  | 13,495,763                               | 175,866  | 1,119,286  | 103,500                             | 24,673,055                                 |
| 1966   | 4,391,943,302    | 4,305,367,750  | 58,486,893                                     | 248,406   |  | 12,055,219                               | 157,874  | 1,060,419  | 82,750                              | 14,483,989                                 |
| Educational Assistance and Readjustment Benefits |                  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |                                     |  |
|  | Total            | Post-Korean Veterans (Ch. 34) Educational Assistance | Dependents (Chapter 35) Educational Assistance | Vocational Rehabilitation (Ch. 31, Books, Supplies, etc.) | Subsistence Allowance (Voc. Rehab. Chapter 31) | Automobiles, etc., for Disabled Veterans | Housing for Paraplegic Veterans                        | Advanced Payments and Changes in Receivables     | Direct Loans to Veterans            | Loan Guaranty Revolving Fund               |
| 1975   | \$ 4,529,227,472 | \$4,164,774,846                                      | \$ 163,277,716                                 | \$ 22,500,293   | \$50,565,594                                   | \$17,251,021                             | \$ 14,322,011  | \$96,535,991                                     | \$ 83,694,151                       | \$422,549,554                              |
| 1974   | 3,268,556,875    | 3,006,746,476  | 115,546,256                                    | 22,593,495  | 45,151,941                                     | 5,005,085                                | 11,254,178   | 63,259,444                                       | 81,861,265                          | 449,102,008                                |
| 1973   | 2,696,239,516    | 2,513,214,849  | 99,879,139                                     | 22,995,825  |  | 6,789,579                                | 12,890,667   | 40,469,457                                       | 104,064,742                         | 372,580,455                                |
| 1972   | 1,935,797,731    | 1,812,434,284  | 76,631,860                                     | 22,937,790  |  | 10,539,775                               | 7,068,429  | 6,185,593  | 113,126,877                         | 322,052,753                                |
| 1971   | 1,631,738,617    | 1,521,689,607  | 70,644,290                                     | 19,168,047  |  | 6,642,228                                | 8,016,871  | 5,567,574  | 147,134,261                         | 268,240,129                                |
| 1970   | 1,018,861,723    | 938,775,099  | 51,927,780                                     | 13,776,262  |  | 5,856,799                                | 7,785,818  | 739,965  | 180,403,169                         | 248,961,391                                |
| 1969   | 678,903,395      | 614,736,833  | 40,320,423                                     | 9,922,707   |  | 4,931,648                                | 4,952,552  | 4,039,230  | 208,546,050                         | 282,955,331                                |
| 1968   | 461,506,628      | 407,047,466  | 37,104,563                                     | 7,132,409   |  | 3,467,763                                | 4,416,178  | <sup>3</sup> 406,084                             | 208,381,593                         | 328,089,576                                |
| 1967   | 297,601,152      | 251,651,864  | 34,322,084                                     | 5,690,558   |  | 827,998                                  | 4,485,431  | <sup>3</sup> 78,635                              | 161,659,592                         | 368,873,003                                |
| 1966   | 42,097,184       |  | 31,112,561                                     | 5,371,195   |  | 929,755                                  | 4,817,823  | 11,488   | 92,431,897                          | 378,027,450                                |

| Insurance and Indemnities            |  |   |   |   |                             |  |                           |                              |                                     |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                      | U.S. Government Life Insurance           | National Service Life Insurance           | Veterans Special Life Insurance         | Service-disabled Veterans Insurance       | Veterans Reopened Insurance | Servicemen's Group Life Insurance Fund | Servicemen's Indemnities  | Military and Naval Insurance | Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief |
| 1975 .....                           | \$104,128,105                            | \$1,028,933,065                           | \$34,256,480                            | \$22,388,592                              | \$21,672,793                | \$132,272,330                          | \$ 9,476                  | \$ 887,627                   | \$ 2,078                            |
| 1974 .....                           | 96,269,929                               | 879,961,278                               | 26,758,014                              | 21,346,577                                | 19,389,713                  | 83,241,810                             | 4,268                     | 1,006,426                    | 4,887                               |
| 1973 .....                           | 85,585,286                               | 736,065,715                               | 24,346,142                              | 20,082,876                                | 18,408,675                  | 79,426,528                             | 28,827                    | 1,090,058                    | 2,602                               |
| 1972 .....                           | 104,217,996                              | 958,006,040                               | 22,629,652                              | 18,909,369                                | 16,021,871                  | 113,341,078                            | 5,683                     | 1,227,405                    | 9,957                               |
| 1971 .....                           | 101,057,270                              | 859,289,985                               | 22,063,259                              | 17,590,247                                | 14,710,802                  | 163,988,014                            | 743                       | 1,352,490                    | 10,318                              |
| 1970 .....                           | 106,955,265                              | 877,780,135                               | 21,910,442                              | 23,847,187                                | 13,586,911                  | 135,216,033                            | 16,443                    | 1,519,693                    | 2,539                               |
| 1969 .....                           | 96,385,699                               | 741,623,221                               | 16,480,391                              | 17,126,352                                | 10,073,725                  | 194,788,657                            | 7,641                     | 1,741,466                    | 334                                 |
| 1968 .....                           | 94,509,559                               | 728,478,286                               | 14,011,961                              | 13,312,743                                | 8,549,402                   | 229,532,406                            | 40,920                    | 1,867,140                    | 5,827                               |
| 1967 .....                           | 97,216,854                               | 755,190,356                               | 19,844,577                              | 13,828,964                                | 9,054,310                   | 150,449,931                            | 564,136                   | 2,016,259                    | 2,796                               |
| 1966 .....                           | 94,861,296                               | 654,392,770                               | 17,509,282                              | 12,793,723                                | 9,380,355                   | 79,619,142                             | 4,724,313                 | 2,262,913                    | 7,873                               |
| Miscellaneous Funds and Expenditures |  |   |   |   |                             |  |                           |                              |                                     |
|                                      | Vocational Rehabilitation Revolving Fund | Grants to The Republic of The Philippines | Construction Corregidor-Bataan Memorial | Rental Maintenance and repair of quarters | Supply Fund                 | General Post Fund                      | Consolidated Working Fund | All Others                   |                                     |
| 1975 .....                           | \$ 992,277                               | \$ 2,019,325                              | .....                                   | \$ 205,320                                | \$ 8,554,095                | \$ 3,912,665                           | \$1,059,537               | .....                        |                                     |
| 1974 .....                           | 884,041                                  | 1,952,900                                 | .....                                   | 200,342                                   | 213,261,928                 | 3,674,147                              | 795,145                   | .....                        |                                     |
| 1973 .....                           | 627,319                                  | 1,816,967                                 | \$ 37,628                               | 179,495                                   | 199,030,568                 | 3,171,917                              | 502,089                   | \$ 841,346                   |                                     |
| 1972 .....                           | 378,464                                  | 1,954,474                                 | .....                                   | 180,281                                   | 182,937,825                 | 2,603,569                              | 419,666                   | 556,150                      |                                     |
| 1971 .....                           | 351,056                                  | 1,652,300                                 | 761                                     | 142,653                                   | 150,744,832                 | 2,480,062                              | 514,386                   | 649,364                      |                                     |
| 1970 .....                           | 302,370                                  | 1,454,083                                 | 76,138                                  | 101,842                                   | 125,888,435                 | 2,393,790                              | 174,000                   | 600,609                      |                                     |
| 1969 .....                           | 6,346                                    | 1,369,022                                 | 776,153                                 | 107,681                                   | 123,347,400                 | 2,228,408                              | .....                     | 201,315                      |                                     |
| 1968 .....                           | 14,111                                   | 1,309,692                                 | 519,956                                 | 114,530                                   | 120,172,974                 | 2,242,756                              | .....                     | 4,700                        |                                     |
| 1967 .....                           | 637                                      | 445,809                                   | 7,681                                   | 113,325                                   | 109,073,031                 | 2,442,812                              | .....                     | .....                        |                                     |
| 1966 .....                           | <sup>2</sup> 1,132                       | 326,408                                   | 65,911                                  | 114,177                                   | 140,047,826                 | 1,910,989                              | .....                     | 3,442,467                    |                                     |

<sup>1</sup> Data for FY 1970 and later are on an accrued expenditures basis. Prior year data based on a non-accrual basis.

<sup>2</sup> Credit.

<sup>3</sup> Clothing Allowance, Polio Rentals, Headstones/Markers included in their respective columns beginning with FY 1975; previously included under "All Others".

<sup>4</sup> Change in receivables, WWI adjusted service certificates and adjusted service/dependent pay.

## Appropriations, Expenditures and Balances – Cash Basis

| Items  | Appropriations  | Expenditures     |                                  | Nonexpenditure Transfers | Covered into U.S. Treasury or Restored | Investments   | Cash Balance  |
|--|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|
|  |                 | Fiscal Year 1975 | Cumulative Through June 30, 1975 |                          |  |               |               |
| General and special funds:   |                 |                  |                                  |                          |  |               |               |
| Compensation and pensions .....  | 112,921,002,000 | 7,580,717,361    | 112,316,636,662                  | .....                    | .....                                  | .....         | 604,365,338   |
| Readjustment benefits .....  | 40,916,742,404  | 4,591,079,402    | 40,796,995,603                   | *74,509,000              | .....                                  | .....         | 45,237,801    |
| Veterans insurance and indemnities .....                                     | 331,340,036     | 9,055,136        | 380,392,526                      | 49,500,000               | .....                                  | .....         | 447,510       |
| Medical care, 1975 .....   | 3,317,520,000   | 3,078,845,242    | 3,078,845,242                    | .....                    | 1,809,251                              | .....         | 236,865,507   |
| Medical care, 1954 - 74 .....  | 27,365,125,571  | 326,207,714      | 27,184,130,516                   | .....                    | 160,309,925                            | .....         | 20,685,130    |
| Medical and prosthetic research .....  | 723,290,131     | 93,196,420       | 708,860,924                      | .....                    | .....                                  | .....         | 14,429,207    |
| Assistance for health manpower training institutions, 1973 - 81 .....        | 55,000,000      | 5,936,756        | 5,936,756                        | .....                    | .....                                  | .....         | 49,063,244    |
| Medical administration and miscellaneous operating expenses, 1975 .....      | 37,508,000      | 29,794,734       | 29,794,734                       | .....                    | 1,772,391                              | .....         | 5,940,875     |
| Medical administration and miscellaneous operating expenses, 1954 - 74 ..... | 442,509,492     | 6,392,149        | 428,089,780                      | .....                    | 13,065,955                             | .....         | 1,353,757     |
| General Operating expenses, 1975 .....                                       | 432,028,000     | 406,380,257      | 406,380,257                      | .....                    | 956,570                                | .....         | 24,691,173    |
| General operating expenses, 1954 - 74 .....                                  | 4,180,503,197   | 38,185,575       | 4,145,863,007                    | .....                    | 32,404,155                             | .....         | 2,236,036     |
| Construction of hospital and domiciliary facilities .....                    | 1,042,596,863   | 12,728,119       | 1,026,590,893                    | .....                    | .....                                  | .....         | 16,005,970    |
| Construction, major projects .....   | 445,463,000     | 67,913,317       | 123,097,379                      | .....                    | .....                                  | .....         | 322,365,621   |
| Construction, minor projects .....   | 146,912,000     | 36,700,221       | 74,923,278                       | .....                    | .....                                  | .....         | 71,988,721    |
| Construction, minor projects (Corps of Engineers) .....                      | .....           | 1,551,119        | 1,622,899                        | 2,200,000                | .....                                  | .....         | 577,101       |
| Grants for construction of state extended care facilities, 1966 - 77 .....   | 49,700,000      | 3,441,317        | 21,620,947                       | .....                    | 734,419                                | .....         | 27,344,634    |
| Grants to the Republic of the Philippines .....                              | 550,000         | .....            | 499,906                          | .....                    | .....                                  | .....         | 50,094        |
| Grants to the Republic of the Philippines, 1975 .....                        | 2,000,000       | 1,794,731        | 1,794,731                        | .....                    | 17,120                                 | .....         | 188,149       |
| Grants to the Republic of the Philippines, 1950 - 1974 .....                 | 40,346,232      | 180,764          | 28,172,267                       | .....                    | 12,173,928                             | .....         | 36            |
| Loan guaranty revolving fund .....   | 32,420,742      | 71,554,751       | 578,074,067                      | 879,828,450              | .....                                  | .....         | 334,175,125   |
| Direct loan revolving fund .....   | 1,733,055,599   | *41,447,354      | *352,574,639                     | *1,085,402,797           | .....                                  | .....         | 1,000,227,441 |
| Canteen service revolving fund .....   | 4,965,000       | *304,278         | *18,752,949                      | .....                    | 12,068,086                             | .....         | 11,649,863    |
| Flental maintenance and repair of quarters .....                             | .....           | 6,071            | *104,081                         | .....                    | 96,759                                 | .....         | 7,322         |
| Service-disabled veterans insurance fund .....                               | 4,500,000       | **1,160,932      | *3,878,801                       | .....                    | .....                                  | .....         | 8,378,801     |
| Soldiers' and sailors' civil relief .....                                    | 3,528,000       | *9,778           | 2,004,529                        | .....                    | 1,500,000                              | .....         | 23,471        |
| Veterans reopened insurance fund .....                                       | .....           | *32,387,256      | *317,718,048                     | .....                    | .....                                  | 317,113,000   | 605,048       |
| Vocational rehabilitation revolving fund .....                               | 2,097,000       | 85,784           | 428,640                          | .....                    | 1,600,000                              | .....         | 68,360        |
| Education Loan fund .....  | .....           | 1,402,437        | 1,402,437                        | 74,509,000               | .....                                  | .....         | 73,106,563    |
| Servicemen's group life insurance fund .....                                 | .....           | 2,623,600        | .....                            | .....                    | .....                                  | .....         | .....         |
| Supply fund .....  | .....           | *17,929,441      | *50,504,492                      | *71,400                  | 15,677,579                             | .....         | 34,755,513    |
| Consolidated working fund .....  | .....           | *572,744         | *948,922                         | .....                    | .....                                  | .....         | 948,922       |
| Total: appropriations and funds .....  | 194,230,703,267 | 16,271,961,194   | 190,597,676,048                  | *153,945,747             | 254,186,138                            | 317,113,000   | 2,907,782,333 |
| Deduct: proprietary receipts from the public .....                           | .....           | 2,145,476        | .....                            | .....                    | .....                                  | .....         | .....         |
| Total: federal funds .....   | 194,230,703,267 | 16,269,815,718   | 190,597,676,048                  | *153,945,747             | 254,186,138                            | 317,113,000   | 2,907,782,333 |
| Trust funds:   |                 |                  |                                  |                          |  |               |               |
| General post fund, national homes .....                                      | 58,214,254      | 3,873,251        | 52,136,952                       | .....                    | 387                                    | 1,429,000     | 4,647,916     |
| National service life insurance fund .....                                   | 26,993,915,328  | 730,759,826      | 19,948,932,365                   | .....                    | 89                                     | 7,025,734,000 | 19,248,875    |
| U.S. government life insurance fund .....                                    | 3,742,439,006   | 85,694,885       | 3,134,918,272                    | .....                    | 1,811,199                              | 603,700,000   | 2,009,534     |
| Veterans special life insurance fund .....                                   | 250,000         | *41,257,286      | *488,351,920                     | *51,150,000              | 4,250,000                              | 432,161,000   | 1,040,920     |
| Sub-total: Trust funds .....   | 30,794,818,588  | 779,070,676      | 22,647,635,669                   | *51,150,000              | 6,061,675                              | 8,063,024,000 | 26,947,245    |
| Deduct: proprietary receipts from the public .....                           | .....           | 471,777,684      | .....                            | .....                    | .....                                  | .....         | .....         |
| Total: trust funds .....   | 30,794,818,588  | 307,292,992      | 22,647,635,669                   | *51,150,000              | 6,061,675                              | 8,063,024,000 | 26,947,245    |
| Deduct: intragovernmental transactions .....                                 | .....           | 2,100,957        | .....                            | .....                    | .....                                  | .....         | .....         |
| Total: veterans administration .....   | 225,025,521,855 | 16,575,007,753   | 213,245,311,717                  | *205,095,747             | 260,247,813                            | 8,380,137,000 | 2,934,729,578 |
| Appropriations and funds not included above:                                 |                 |                  |                                  |                          |  |               |               |
| Personal funds of patients .....   | .....           | *1,870,032       | *57,413,499                      | .....                    | .....                                  | .....         | 57,413,499    |
| Funds due incompetent beneficiaries .....                                    | .....           | 12,609           | *121,774                         | .....                    | .....                                  | .....         | 121,774       |
| Miscellaneous administrative and construction expenses .....                 | 10,855,083,789  | .....            | 10,476,102,823                   | .....                    | 378,980,966                            | .....         | .....         |
| Miscellaneous benefit and insurance expenses .....                           | 25,110,301,012  | .....            | 24,621,740,653                   | .....                    | 488,560,359                            | .....         | .....         |
| Miscellaneous trust funds .....  | 4,700,842,393   | .....            | 4,658,621,658                    | .....                    | 42,220,735                             | .....         | .....         |
| Miscellaneous transfer appropriations and working funds .....                | 38,634,996      | .....            | 31,269,691                       | .....                    | 7,365,305                              | .....         | .....         |
| Total: other appropriations and funds .....                                  | 40,704,862,190  | *1,857,423       | 39,730,199,552                   | .....                    | 917,127,365                            | .....         | 57,535,273    |

\*Indicates credit



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Veterans Administration Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet<sup>1</sup>

|  | June 30, 1975              | June 30, 1974              | Increase<br>(Decrease)   |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>  |                            |                            |                          |
| <b>Current assets:</b>   |                            |                            |                          |
| Cash and disbursing authority <sup>2</sup>   | \$ 3,016,521,749.39        | \$ 3,124,946,260.48        | \$ .....                 |
| Accounts receivable  | 280,049,950.31             | 174,101,398.85             | .....                    |
| Interest receivable  | 34,235,988.60              | 32,143,938.33              | .....                    |
| Advance for bidding at public sales  | 81,439.01                  | 47,711.25                  | .....                    |
| Inventories  | 82,802,921.47              | 72,505,935.17              | .....                    |
| Acquired security or collateral property   | 165,621,454.83             | 171,348,623.87             | .....                    |
| Accrued reimbursements due from insurance appropriations                             | 15,000.00                  | .....                      | .....                    |
| <b>Total current assets</b>  | <b>3,579,328,503.61</b>    | <b>3,575,093,867.95</b>    | <b>4,234,635.66</b>      |
| <b>Other assets:</b>   |                            |                            |                          |
| Loans receivable   | 1,892,987,375.22           | 1,824,718,827.44           | .....                    |
| Vendee accounts receivable   | 1,055,784,143.98           | 1,056,157,140.31           | .....                    |
| Investments  | 8,380,252,434.94           | 8,242,352,000.00           | .....                    |
| Policy liens   | 569,562.54                 | 639,354.98                 | .....                    |
| Deposits with trustee  | 62,849,988.64              | 56,391,566.75              | .....                    |
| <b>Total other assets</b>  | <b>11,392,443,505.32</b>   | <b>11,180,258,889.48</b>   | <b>212,184,615.84</b>    |
| <b>Fixed assets:</b>   |                            |                            |                          |
| Land, buildings and plants   | 2,122,610,851.96           | 2,012,101,419.37           | .....                    |
| Construction and betterments in process  | 257,518,789.06             | 246,830,954.47             | .....                    |
| Leasehold improvements   | 743,334.99                 | 668,366.06                 | .....                    |
| Equipment  | 700,692,434.21             | 623,028,197.41             | .....                    |
| <b>Total Fixed assets</b>  | <b>3,081,565,410.22</b>    | <b>2,882,628,937.31</b>    | <b>198,936,472.91</b>    |
| <b>Deferred charges:</b>   |                            |                            |                          |
| Construction advance   | 4,563,197.85               | 3,548,839.08               | .....                    |
| Advance payments on undelivered supplies and services                                | 17,949,654.94              | 4,551,068.97               | .....                    |
| Advance to employees for travel expenses   | 1,322,667.53               | 1,360,843.22               | .....                    |
| Value of ADP equipment purchases options   | 587,400.47                 | 144,423.99                 | .....                    |
| Advance for educational benefits   | 28,007,180.80              | 74,193,518.44              | .....                    |
| <b>Total deferred charges</b>  | <b>52,430,101.59</b>       | <b>83,798,693.70</b>       | <b>(31,368,592.11)</b>   |
| <b>Total assets</b>  | <b>18,105,767,520.74</b>   | <b>17,721,780,388.44</b>   | <b>383,987,132.30</b>    |
| <b>Liabilities and Capital</b>   |                            |                            |                          |
| <b>Current liabilities:</b>  |                            |                            |                          |
| Accounts payable   | 703,100,472.72             | 874,272,395.26             | .....                    |
| Accrued salaries and wages   | 67,972,452.78              | 52,444,101.23              | .....                    |
| Accrued annual leave - Canteen Service   | 616,316.86                 | 445,989.59                 | .....                    |
| Accrued services and benefits  | 141,808,237.94             | 156,387,871.13             | .....                    |
| Undelivered orders - personal funds of patients                                      | 99,492.46                  | 102,301.75                 | .....                    |
| Employees payroll allotments for U.S. Savings Bonds                                  | 1,476,582.82               | 1,408,251.55               | .....                    |
| Federal, state, city and territorial income taxes withheld and FICA taxes            | 11,259,587.13              | 9,636,577.39               | .....                    |
| Canteen Service unredeemed coupons   | 7,655.01                   | 48,571.16                  | .....                    |
| Other miscellaneous liabilities - Canteen Service                                    | 11,848.64                  | 40,027.21                  | .....                    |
| Accrued interest - U.S. Treasury   | 4,631,280.00               | 4,890,017.93               | .....                    |
| Accrued interest on policy liens due general fund                                    | 95,601.40                  | 122,510.02                 | .....                    |
| Accrued interest on dividend deposits  | 3,322,198.84               | 5,493,400.25               | .....                    |
| Accrued reimbursements due insurance fund  | 84,771,982.00              | 80,249,294.00              | .....                    |
| Premiums paid in advance   | 27,585,850.36              | 32,657,166.03              | .....                    |
| Matured contracts payable  | 857,942.24                 | 896,804.56                 | .....                    |
| Undeposited general fund receipts  | .....                      | .....                      | .....                    |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>   | <b>1,047,417,501.20</b>    | <b>1,219,105,279.06</b>    | <b>(171,687,777.86)</b>  |
| <b>Other liabilities:</b>  |                            |                            |                          |
| Participation certificates outstanding, net  | 918,808,350.81             | 1,021,854,839.95           | .....                    |
| Insurance program operating reserves   | 9,081,703,475.00           | 8,969,975,256.00           | .....                    |
| <b>Total other liabilities</b>   | <b>10,000,511,825.81</b>   | <b>9,991,830,095.95</b>    | <b>8,681,729.86</b>      |
| <b>Unfunded liabilities:</b>   |                            |                            |                          |
| Accrued annual leave   | 250,325,698.06             | 230,507,391.62             | .....                    |
| Unredeemed coupons   | 267,476.41                 | 267,476.41                 | .....                    |
| <b>Total unfunded liabilities</b>  | <b>250,593,174.47</b>      | <b>230,774,868.03</b>      | <b>19,818,306.44</b>     |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>   | <b>11,298,522,501.48</b>   | <b>11,441,710,243.04</b>   | <b>(143,187,741.56)</b>  |
| <b>Accountabilities:</b>   |                            |                            |                          |
| Funds of patients and incompetent beneficiaries                                      | 56,508,763.63              | 54,468,869.30              | .....                    |
| Policyholders insurance dividend deposit   | 281,400,081.78             | 245,080,981.20             | .....                    |
| Borrowers deposits for taxes and insurance   | 49,852,991.28              | 48,702,795.04              | .....                    |
| Unapplied insurance collections  | 1,141,345.59               | 984,500.82                 | .....                    |
| Bid deposits and other suspense items  | 9,965,192.88               | 7,460,101.93               | .....                    |
| <b>Total accountabilities</b>  | <b>398,868,375.16</b>      | <b>356,697,248.29</b>      | <b>42,171,126.87</b>     |
| <b>Capital reserves:</b>   |                            |                            |                          |
| Insurance fund retained earnings (reserve for contingencies)                         | 81,121,886.57              | 61,608,472.49              | .....                    |
| Direct loan and loan guaranty programs - reserve for losses                          | 663,104,003.23             | 666,922,426.52             | .....                    |
| <b>Total reserves</b>  | <b>744,225,889.80</b>      | <b>728,530,899.01</b>      | <b>15,694,990.79</b>     |
| <b>Capital borrowing from U.S. Treasury - interest bearing - direct loan program</b> | <b>1,730,077,996.00</b>    | <b>1,730,077,996.00</b>    | <b>.....</b>             |
| <b>Capital residual</b>  | <b>3,934,072,758.30</b>    | <b>3,464,764,002.10</b>    | <b>469,308,756.20</b>    |
| <b>Total liabilities and capital</b>   | <b>\$18,105,767,520.74</b> | <b>\$17,721,780,388.44</b> | <b>\$ 383,987,132.30</b> |

<sup>1</sup>Contingent liabilities with respect to the guaranty or insurance of loans not shown.<sup>2</sup>Cash and disbursing authority for annual appropriations reduced by the unobligated balance returned to the Treasury in accordance with Section 18, Title 7, GAO Policy and Procedures Manual.

## Estimated Selected Expenditures by State - Fiscal Year 1975

| State                | Total Expenditures, All Programs | READJUSTMENT BENEFITS                |                 |  |                 |   |               |   |              |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|---|---------------|---|--------------|
|                      |                                  | Total                                |                 | EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE                                   |                 |   |               |   |              |
|                      |                                  |                                      |                 | Post-Korean Conflict Veterans (Title 38, U.S.C., Ch. 34) |                 | Sons and Daughters of Deceased & Totally Disabled Veterans (Title 38, U.S.C., Ch. 35) |               | Widows/Widowers and Spouses of Totally Disabled Veterans (Title 38, U.S.C., Ch. 35) |              |
|                      |                                  | Total Number Who Trained During Year | Amount          | Total Number Who Trained During Year                     | Amount          | Total Number Who Trained During Year  | Amount        | Total Number Who Trained During Year  | Amount       |
| World Totals         | \$16,864,898,162                 | 2,804,358                            | \$4,432,691,481 | 2,691,566  | \$4,164,774,846 | 71,433  | \$137,590,067 | 16,519  | \$25,687,649 |
| Philippines          | 85,338,577                       | 8,805                                | 10,930,569      | 11,397   | 8,316,287       | 2,273   | 2,267,787     | 317   | 308,703      |
| Other foreign areas  | 63,058,841                       | 29,891                               | 17,784,249      | 30,076   | 17,624,889      | 164   | 137,973       | 16  | 15,590       |
| Puerto Rico          | 199,770,717                      | 23,618                               | 52,060,979      | 20,889   | 45,928,682      | 1,855   | 3,819,684     | 552   | 1,002,161    |
| Other U.S. areas     | 4,344,022                        | 813                                  | 1,772,179       | 792  | 1,737,388       | 9   | 19,465        | 9   | 14,601       |
| Total U.S.           | 16,512,386,005                   | 2,738,454                            | 4,350,143,505   | 2,631,189  | 4,091,168,000   | 67,132  | 131,345,158   | 15,625  | 24,346,594   |
| Alabama              | 336,655,142                      | 63,131                               | 100,672,825     | 59,888   | 93,119,075      | 1,802   | 3,525,698     | 558   | 869,466      |
| Alaska               | 19,151,576                       | 4,839                                | 7,578,872       | 4,764  | 7,409,105       | 42  | 82,222        | 14  | 21,815       |
| Arizona              | 231,246,694                      | 48,313                               | 76,995,229      | 45,899   | 71,366,335      | 1,476   | 2,887,886     | 480   | 747,927      |
| Arkansas             | 229,894,485                      | 24,672                               | 39,756,228      | 23,242   | 36,137,287      | 913   | 1,786,294     | 225   | 350,591      |
| California           | 1,854,707,330                    | 435,838                              | 687,088,642     | 423,022  | 657,741,170     | 8,270   | 16,180,410    | 2,703   | 4,211,767    |
| Colorado             | 231,205,389                      | 53,851                               | 85,842,499      | 51,381   | 79,892,329      | 1,313   | 2,568,849     | 338   | 526,666      |
| Connecticut          | 181,314,556                      | 28,735                               | 45,526,499      | 27,833   | 43,276,375      | 547   | 1,070,200     | 73  | 113,747      |
| Delaware             | 45,982,689                       | 8,652                                | 13,692,641      | 8,380  | 13,030,370      | 158   | 309,187       | 39  | 60,769       |
| District of Columbia | 346,486,142                      | 29,675                               | 47,087,432      | 28,822   | 44,814,654      | 358   | 700,464       | 126   | 196,331      |
| Florida              | 772,411,584                      | 116,670                              | 186,943,397     | 109,672  | 170,528,065     | 4,681   | 9,158,435     | 1,417   | 2,207,944    |
| Georgia              | 414,797,835                      | 75,372                               | 119,556,536     | 71,853   | 111,721,616     | 2,292   | 4,484,386     | 692   | 1,078,262    |
| Hawaii               | 64,262,214                       | 21,834                               | 34,414,191      | 21,238   | 33,023,908      | 361   | 706,243       | 85  | 132,445      |
| Idaho                | 63,652,442                       | 9,718                                | 15,721,735      | 9,232  | 14,355,909      | 298   | 583,041       | 50  | 77,909       |
| Illinois             | 664,747,248                      | 112,156                              | 176,737,160     | 110,117  | 171,219,472     | 1,133   | 2,216,712     | 221   | 344,358      |
| Indiana              | 290,704,399                      | 46,204                               | 73,208,537      | 44,796   | 69,652,135      | 802   | 1,569,181     | 143   | 222,820      |
| Iowa                 | 194,858,167                      | 27,254                               | 43,249,138      | 26,426   | 41,087,600      | 548   | 1,072,171     | 74  | 115,305      |
| Kansas               | 177,480,955                      | 24,841                               | 39,534,139      | 23,708   | 36,861,424      | 747   | 1,461,478     | 133   | 207,238      |
| Kentucky             | 264,539,070                      | 36,926                               | 58,822,209      | 35,508   | 55,210,312      | 983   | 1,923,287     | 160   | 249,309      |
| Louisiana            | 281,313,542                      | 41,460                               | 65,514,123      | 39,676   | 61,690,722      | 1,271   | 2,488,758     | 304   | 473,687      |
| Maine                | 100,558,535                      | 14,478                               | 23,114,045      | 13,774   | 21,417,264      | 455   | 890,257       | 88  | 137,120      |
| Maryland             | 257,798,789                      | 48,823                               | 77,510,876      | 47,074   | 73,195,087      | 1,081   | 2,115,051     | 226   | 352,149      |
| Massachusetts        | 495,629,216                      | 60,361                               | 96,424,197      | 57,415   | 89,273,377      | 2,065   | 4,040,177     | 208   | 324,102      |
| Michigan             | 546,386,631                      | 108,616                              | 171,882,458     | 105,419  | 163,912,646     | 1,800   | 3,521,758     | 375   | 584,318      |
| Minnesota            | 312,650,865                      | 47,251                               | 75,186,291      | 45,483   | 70,719,930      | 1,111   | 2,173,631     | 101   | 157,376      |
| Mississippi          | 197,829,221                      | 22,729                               | 36,454,195      | 21,315   | 33,142,552      | 1,005   | 1,866,237     | 229   | 356,824      |
| Missouri             | 411,913,057                      | 77,851                               | 122,818,397     | 75,876   | 117,977,012     | 1,226   | 2,398,757     | 223   | 347,475      |
| Montana              | 59,256,104                       | 9,067                                | 14,499,153      | 8,706  | 13,537,875      | 242   | 473,499       | 48  | 74,793       |
| Nebraska             | 124,027,773                      | 19,612                               | 31,346,284      | 18,785   | 29,206,848      | 557   | 1,089,771     | 64  | 99,724       |
| Nevada               | 48,601,479                       | 9,540                                | 15,256,361      | 9,231  | 14,351,817      | 152   | 297,365       | 56  | 87,258       |
| New Hampshire        | 66,173,958                       | 10,303                               | 16,497,250      | 9,838  | 15,296,877      | 276   | 539,960       | 45  | 70,118       |
| New Jersey           | 391,060,721                      | 53,851                               | 86,020,667      | 51,992   | 80,841,480      | 902   | 1,764,754     | 217   | 338,125      |
| New Mexico           | 110,430,122                      | 17,157                               | 27,708,505      | 15,953   | 24,804,752      | 809   | 1,582,840     | 167   | 260,216      |
| New York             | 1,186,643,758                    | 146,066                              | 231,967,059     | 141,057  | 219,327,516     | 3,276   | 6,409,512     | 437   | 680,926      |
| North Carolina       | 434,498,038                      | 85,797                               | 135,650,935     | 82,927   | 128,941,342     | 2,031   | 3,973,716     | 539   | 839,860      |
| North Dakota         | 46,303,446                       | 9,545                                | 15,120,170      | 9,325  | 14,499,099      | 133   | 260,195       | 19  | 29,605       |
| Ohio                 | 654,715,575                      | 94,993                               | 151,260,176     | 91,789   | 142,720,396     | 1,682   | 3,290,853     | 285   | 444,082      |
| Oklahoma             | 267,028,968                      | 44,793                               | 71,818,736      | 42,103   | 65,466,870      | 1,643   | 3,214,541     | 411   | 640,413      |
| Oregon               | 196,022,501                      | 33,965                               | 54,237,461      | 32,440   | 50,440,010      | 853   | 1,668,872     | 177   | 275,798      |
| Pennsylvania         | 782,559,392                      | 94,063                               | 149,640,445     | 90,896   | 141,333,490     | 2,118   | 4,143,940     | 242   | 377,080      |
| Rhode Island         | 92,584,012                       | 18,518                               | 29,486,007      | 17,827   | 27,717,663      | 433   | 847,176       | 57  | 88,816       |
| South Carolina       | 224,097,330                      | 47,967                               | 75,840,314      | 46,531   | 72,348,215      | 984   | 1,925,257     | 286   | 461,222      |
| South Dakota         | 73,280,119                       | 9,617                                | 15,351,518      | 9,265  | 14,405,003      | 174   | 340,447       | 27  | 42,071       |
| Tennessee            | 361,885,213                      | 56,144                               | 89,069,682      | 54,264   | 84,372,158      | 1,313   | 2,568,849     | 293   | 456,547      |
| Texas                | 1,045,775,326                    | 177,931                              | 284,883,389     | 167,007  | 259,674,615     | 6,350   | 12,423,938    | 1,686   | 2,642,678    |
| Utah                 | 91,750,012                       | 20,166                               | 32,008,586      | 19,333   | 30,061,902      | 622   | 1,216,913     | 75  | 116,864      |
| Vermont              | 38,138,468                       | 3,766                                | 6,123,311       | 3,488  | 5,424,889       | 168   | 328,757       | 14  | 21,815       |
| Virginia             | 393,515,978                      | 56,094                               | 89,526,368      | 53,044   | 82,477,947      | 2,055   | 4,020,607     | 424   | 660,669      |
| Washington           | 326,897,635                      | 63,630                               | 101,401,495     | 60,269   | 93,708,203      | 2,022   | 3,956,116     | 534   | 832,069      |
| West Virginia        | 163,784,539                      | 16,436                               | 26,226,874      | 15,772   | 24,522,461      | 454   | 888,287       | 89  | 138,678      |
| Wisconsin            | 306,770,849                      | 45,166                               | 71,475,974      | 43,666   | 67,897,024      | 1,042   | 2,038,740     | 112   | 174,516      |
| Wyoming              | 38,406,916                       | 4,017                                | 6,394,294       | 3,868  | 6,014,017       | 103   | 201,483       | 16  | 24,931       |

<sup>1</sup>Excludes the following which are not distributable by State: adjusted service and dependents pay, statutory burial awards and burial flags, special allowances under Ch. 23, title 38 U.S.C., invalid lifts, devices, equipment, etc., death gratuities, adjusted service certificates World War I, tort claim settlements,

mortgage life insurance, funds transferred to Veterans' Administration by National Cancer Institute, vocational rehabilitation revolving fund, loan guaranty revolving fund, rental, maintenance and repair of quarters, supply revolving fund, general post fund, and personal funds of patients.

TABLE 75 — Continued

## Estimated Selected Expenditures by State — Fiscal Year 1975

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| State                | Readjustment Benefits — Continued  |              |   |                             | Direc.<br>Loans | Insurance and<br>Indemnities | Hospital and<br>Domiciliary<br>Construction <sup>2</sup> | Medical Services<br>and Administrative<br>Costs |
|----------------------|--|--------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--|---|
|                      | Vocational<br>Rehabilitation   |              | Automobiles<br>and Other<br>Conveyances<br>for Disabled<br>Veterans | Homes<br>for<br>Paraplegics |                 |                              |  |   |
|                      | Subsistence, Equipment<br>and Supplies, Books and<br>Tuition<br>(Title 38, U.S.C., Ch. 31) |              |   |                             |                 |                              |  |   |
|                      | Total Number<br>Who Trained<br>During Year   | Amount       |   |                             |                 |                              |  |   |
| World Totals         | 24,840   | \$73,065,887 | \$17,251,021  | \$14,322,011                | \$66,205,351    | \$947,958,782                | \$122,728,347  | \$3,910,244,011                                 |
| Philippines          | 2  | 1,842        | 35,950  |                             |                 | 6,022,400                    |  | 1,881,203                                       |
| Other foreign areas  | 5  | 6,197        |   |                             |                 |                              |  |   |
| Puerto Rico          | 322  | 1,002,788    | 137,064   | 170,600                     | 8,264           | 1,489,464                    | 2,864  | 39,753,250                                      |
| Other U.S. areas     | 3  | 725          |   |                             |                 | 367,529                      |  |   |
| Total U.S.           | 24,508   | 72,054,335   | 17,078,007  | 14,151,411                  | 66,199,087      | 940,079,389                  | 122,725,483  | 3,868,609,558                                   |
| Alabama              | 883  | 2,596,046    | 411,274   | 151,266                     | 450,911         | 11,939,008                   | 4,043,823  | 75,257,722                                      |
| Alaska               | 19   | 55,842       | 9,888   | —                           | —               | 1,222,103                    | —  | 5,154,241                                       |
| Arizona              | 458  | 1,346,551    | 240,061   | 406,469                     | 48,393          | 11,656,984                   | 5,784,600  | 46,987,443                                      |
| Arkansas             | 292  | 858,455      | 462,883   | 160,718                     | 4,146,385       | 6,862,580                    | 919,574  | 55,999,542                                      |
| California           | 1,843  | 5,418,558    | 1,627,574   | 1,909,163                   | 17,641          | 119,672,107                  | 47,817,404   | 390,311,504                                     |
| Colorado             | 819  | 2,407,912    | 284,175   | 162,568                     | —               | 14,195,199                   | 2,081,573  | 45,297,584                                      |
| Connecticut          | 282  | 829,057      | 137,573   | 99,547                      | —               | 17,673,493                   | 788,674  | 43,343,527                                      |
| Delaware             | 75   | 220,486      | 46,829  | 25,000                      | 401,975         | 2,820,238                    | 259,319  | 13,344,103                                      |
| District of Columbia | 369  | 1,084,850    | 217,176   | 73,957                      | 15,735,549      | 7,426,627                    | 12,618,398   | 230,898,134                                     |
| Florida              | 900  | 2,646,050    | 1,074,314   | 1,328,589                   | 800,873         | 47,474,009                   | 472,118  | 151,559,407                                     |
| Georgia              | 535  | 1,572,946    | 478,169   | 221,157                     | 380,249         | 18,801,588                   | 1,430,123  | 81,809,180                                      |
| Hawaii               | 150  | 440,973      | 53,122  | 57,500                      | —               | 5,546,468                    | —  | 6,324,540                                       |
| Idaho                | 138  | 405,738      | 112,148   | 186,990                     | 8,430,172       | 3,290,278                    | 380,624  | 8,462,856                                       |
| Illinois             | 685  | 2,013,919    | 436,422   | 506,277                     | 779,511         | 48,038,057                   | 1,348,089  | 199,577,304                                     |
| Indiana              | 463  | 1,361,250    | 341,744   | 61,407                      | 441,162         | 15,229,286                   | 4,170,394  | 58,744,941                                      |
| Iowa                 | 206  | 605,617      | 195,966   | 172,479                     | 235,553         | 11,939,008                   | 872,903  | 54,365,009                                      |
| Kansas               | 253  | 743,817      | 210,182   | 50,000                      | 37,263          | 10,058,849                   | 2,238,304  | 51,330,977                                      |
| Kentucky             | 275  | 808,522      | 381,707   | 249,072                     | 2,976,436       | 9,400,794                    | 191,636  | 51,815,526                                      |
| Louisiana            | 209  | 614,479      | 227,552   | 20,925                      | 408,317         | 12,033,016                   | 7,229  | 58,920,777                                      |
| Maine                | 161  | 473,325      | 145,679   | 50,400                      | 1,944,771       | 4,230,357                    | 13,885   | 20,567,275                                      |
| Maryland             | 442  | 1,299,500    | 159,852   | 389,237                     | 1,514           | 19,271,627                   | 8,482  | 47,887,570                                      |
| Massachusetts        | 673  | 1,978,612    | 363,931   | 443,998                     | —               | 29,236,469                   | 1,463,350  | 119,521,369                                     |
| Michigan             | 1,022  | 3,004,738    | 481,128   | 377,870                     | 87,474          | 29,424,485                   | 3,943,428  | 95,719,762                                      |
| Minnesota            | 556  | 1,634,625    | 226,384   | 274,345                     | 4,608,001       | 20,775,754                   | 588,810  | 77,034,827                                      |
| Mississippi          | 180  | 529,239      | 192,235   | 267,108                     | 70,182          | 6,862,580                    | 227,031  | 42,785,362                                      |
| Missouri             | 526  | 1,546,430    | 359,261   | 189,462                     | 557,104         | 18,613,572                   | 2,528,933  | 98,540,958                                      |
| Montana              | 71   | 208,741      | 57,202  | 147,243                     | 3,451,085       | 3,478,294                    | 223,172  | 11,818,862                                      |
| Nebraska             | 206  | 605,617      | 118,046   | 226,278                     | 533,565         | 6,768,572                    | 3,688,743  | 34,236,665                                      |
| Nevada               | 101  | 296,936      | 115,485   | 107,500                     | —               | 2,914,246                    | 207,015  | 10,599,895                                      |
| New Hampshire        | 144  | 423,391      | 116,904   | 50,000                      | 1,869,268       | 3,948,333                    | 94,951   | 10,019,894                                      |
| New Jersey           | 740  | 2,175,609    | 390,661   | 510,038                     | —               | 38,261,231                   | 183,321  | 72,689,691                                      |
| New Mexico           | 228  | 670,321      | 159,192   | 231,184                     | 68,266          | 5,358,453                    | 277,730  | 22,614,544                                      |
| New York             | 1,296  | 3,810,305    | 1,036,859   | 701,941                     | 139,718         | 82,915,003                   | 6,497,876  | 335,706,117                                     |
| North Carolina       | 300  | 882,017      | 578,879   | 435,121                     | 134,364         | 15,605,318                   | 4,428,349  | 80,310,484                                      |
| North Dakota         | 68   | 199,951      | 55,655  | 75,665                      | 213,925         | 2,538,214                    | 5,811  | 11,184,519                                      |
| Ohio                 | 1,237  | 3,636,871    | 727,453   | 440,521                     | 809,039         | 41,269,485                   | 1,136,351  | 141,351,483                                     |
| Oklahoma             | 636  | 1,869,882    | 367,574   | 259,456                     | 2,000,502       | 10,716,905                   | 105,751  | 42,787,837                                      |
| Oregon               | 495  | 1,455,281    | 191,824   | 205,676                     | 609,627         | 10,810,913                   | 857,235  | 44,326,251                                      |
| Pennsylvania         | 807  | 2,372,605    | 838,163   | 575,167                     | 745,240         | 51,986,390                   | 2,097,431  | 189,901,717                                     |
| Rhode Island         | 201  | 590,918      | 179,511   | 61,923                      | —               | 4,324,365                    | 12,961   | 18,366,104                                      |
| South Carolina       | 156  | 458,626      | 275,555   | 371,439                     | 289,030         | 9,212,778                    | 715,710  | 36,525,574                                      |
| South Dakota         | 151  | 443,927      | 70,070  | 50,000                      | 816,000         | 2,726,230                    | 324,623  | 27,717,038                                      |
| Tennessee            | 274  | 805,567      | 555,901   | 310,660                     | 422,140         | 12,973,096                   | 1,131,926  | 94,591,509                                      |
| Texas                | 2,878  | 8,461,485    | 963,386   | 717,287                     | 2,012,082       | 49,448,176                   | 1,849,373  | 220,480,260                                     |
| Utah                 | 136  | 399,830      | 80,022  | 133,055                     | 1,774,106       | 4,794,405                    | 388,868  | 24,595,197                                      |
| Vermont              | 96   | 282,237      | 44,982  | 20,631                      | 906,833         | 1,974,167                    | 27,533   | 11,741,212                                      |
| Virginia             | 571  | 1,678,794    | 465,081   | 223,270                     | 909,654         | 27,544,326                   | 1,648,280  | 86,083,759                                      |
| Washington           | 805  | 2,366,697    | 364,034   | 174,376                     | 83,061          | 19,929,683                   | 425,531  | 68,778,427                                      |
| West Virginia        | 121  | 355,732      | 210,185   | 111,531                     | 165,669         | 5,452,460                    | 1,308,413  | 44,766,644                                      |
| Wisconsin            | 346  | 1,017,263    | 196,351   | 152,080                     | 2,187,560       | 19,741,667                   | 324,139  | 81,393,721                                      |
| Wyoming              | 30   | 88,195       | 41,803  | 23,865                      | 3,498,917       | 1,692,143                    | 565,686  | 14,460,664                                      |

<sup>2</sup>Includes \$3,153,684 in Grants for Construction of state extended care facilities.

## Estimated Selected Expenditures by State - Fiscal Year 1975

| State                          | COMPENSATION AND PENSION     |                 |                   |                 |                       |                 |                 |                 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                | All Periods of Service       |                 |                   |                 |                       |                 |                 |                 |
|                                | Living and Deceased Veterans |                 |                   |                 |                       |                 | Living Veterans |                 |
|                                | Total                        |                 | Service Connected |                 | Non-service Connected |                 | Total           |                 |
|                                | Number                       | Amount          | Number            | Amount          | Number                | Amount          | Number          | Amount          |
| Grand Total . . . . .          | 4,854,847                    | \$7,385,070,190 | 2,589,488         | \$4,659,090,057 | 2,265,359             | \$2,725,980,133 | 3,226,701       | \$5,371,806,523 |
| Philippines . . . . .          | 45,343                       | 66,504,405      | 36,573            | 51,944,763      | 8,770                 | 14,559,642      | 16,377          | 24,845,724      |
| Other foreign areas . . . . .  | 24,847                       | 45,274,592      | 8,116             | 21,084,983      | 16,731                | 24,189,609      | 11,116          | 22,988,779      |
| Puerto Rico . . . . .          | 41,027                       | 106,457,896     | 20,872            | 73,979,427      | 20,155                | 32,478,469      | 30,216          | 90,271,556      |
| Other U.S. areas . . . . .     | 1,277                        | 2,204,314       | 911               | 1,715,836       | 366                   | 488,478         | 831             | 1,477,179       |
| Total U.S. . . . .             | 4,742,353                    | 7,164,628,983   | 2,523,016         | 4,510,365,048   | 2,219,337             | 2,654,263,935   | 3,168,161       | 5,232,223,285   |
| Alabama . . . . .              | 93,608                       | 144,290,853     | 45,692            | 82,165,571      | 47,916                | 62,125,282      | 58,211          | 97,968,925      |
| Alaska . . . . .               | 3,712                        | 5,196,360       | 2,805             | 4,090,206       | 907                   | 1,106,154       | 2,939           | 4,127,387       |
| Arizona . . . . .              | 51,476                       | 89,774,045      | 31,281            | 65,631,101      | 20,195                | 24,142,944      | 36,864          | 69,250,781      |
| Arkansas . . . . .             | 67,757                       | 122,210,176     | 29,910            | 70,338,226      | 37,847                | 51,871,950      | 44,859          | 93,232,665      |
| California . . . . .           | 404,484                      | 609,800,032     | 232,246           | 415,031,472     | 172,238               | 194,768,560     | 273,142         | 432,446,132     |
| Colorado . . . . .             | 51,272                       | 83,788,534      | 32,532            | 61,916,642      | 18,740                | 21,871,892      | 36,157          | 62,629,328      |
| Connecticut . . . . .          | 56,322                       | 73,982,363      | 34,886            | 51,392,111      | 21,436                | 22,590,252      | 40,007          | 55,532,187      |
| Delaware . . . . .             | 10,855                       | 15,464,413      | 6,123             | 10,174,331      | 4,732                 | 5,290,082       | 7,241           | 11,086,621      |
| District of Columbia . . . . . | 18,652                       | 32,720,002      | 10,678            | 22,351,264      | 7,974                 | 10,368,738      | 12,288          | 21,903,184      |
| Florida . . . . .              | 223,607                      | 385,161,780     | 124,668           | 266,709,548     | 98,939                | 118,452,232     | 155,167         | 290,997,686     |
| Georgia . . . . .              | 115,604                      | 192,820,159     | 57,413            | 116,242,900     | 58,191                | 76,577,259      | 73,185          | 134,735,455     |
| Hawaii . . . . .               | 11,092                       | 17,977,015      | 8,118             | 14,407,299      | 2,974                 | 3,569,716       | 8,033           | 13,059,105      |
| Idaho . . . . .                | 17,635                       | 27,366,777      | 9,138             | 17,142,724      | 8,497                 | 10,224,053      | 12,483          | 21,436,904      |
| Illinois . . . . .             | 183,982                      | 238,267,127     | 88,500            | 132,671,855     | 95,482                | 105,595,272     | 116,002         | 165,725,850     |
| Indiana . . . . .              | 99,618                       | 138,910,079     | 49,053            | 82,204,898      | 50,565                | 56,705,181      | 63,477          | 98,954,634      |
| Iowa . . . . .                 | 58,372                       | 84,196,556      | 26,849            | 47,810,942      | 31,523                | 36,385,614      | 37,984          | 62,204,607      |
| Kansas . . . . .               | 50,653                       | 74,281,423      | 24,437            | 43,461,484      | 26,216                | 30,819,939      | 32,742          | 52,906,200      |
| Kentucky . . . . .             | 91,713                       | 141,332,469     | 41,157            | 74,982,850      | 50,565                | 66,349,619      | 59,074          | 101,524,866     |
| Louisiana . . . . .            | 91,309                       | 144,430,080     | 40,129            | 76,574,901      | 51,180                | 67,855,179      | 56,869          | 100,099,894     |
| Maine . . . . .                | 30,321                       | 50,688,202      | 14,796            | 30,969,394      | 15,525                | 19,718,808      | 20,325          | 38,459,946      |
| Maryland . . . . .             | 76,528                       | 113,118,720     | 43,764            | 76,293,543      | 32,764                | 36,825,177      | 49,529          | 77,561,024      |
| Massachusetts . . . . .        | 170,492                      | 248,983,831     | 111,197           | 181,743,729     | 59,295                | 57,240,102      | 123,478         | 192,065,440     |
| Michigan . . . . .             | 170,348                      | 245,329,024     | 96,963            | 163,955,294     | 73,385                | 81,373,730      | 116,020         | 185,862,058     |
| Minnesota . . . . .            | 92,815                       | 134,457,182     | 48,798            | 80,154,475      | 44,017                | 54,302,707      | 64,824          | 102,940,530     |
| Mississippi . . . . .          | 67,070                       | 111,429,871     | 28,718            | 57,451,976      | 38,352                | 53,977,895      | 42,757          | 78,928,250      |
| Missouri . . . . .             | 114,716                      | 168,854,093     | 51,428            | 91,906,266      | 63,288                | 76,947,827      | 73,136          | 120,994,240     |
| Montana . . . . .              | 17,298                       | 25,785,538      | 8,813             | 16,026,782      | 8,485                 | 9,758,756       | 11,920          | 19,811,982      |
| Nebraska . . . . .             | 30,846                       | 47,453,944      | 15,385            | 28,500,818      | 15,461                | 18,953,126      | 20,805          | 35,661,492      |
| Nevada . . . . .               | 13,344                       | 19,623,962      | 8,141             | 13,766,769      | 5,203                 | 5,857,193       | 9,828           | 15,106,195      |
| New Hampshire . . . . .        | 21,335                       | 33,744,262      | 11,954            | 22,757,510      | 9,381                 | 10,986,752      | 14,753          | 25,751,061      |
| New Jersey . . . . .           | 153,361                      | 193,905,811     | 91,135            | 129,539,420     | 62,226                | 64,366,391      | 105,013         | 141,011,270     |
| New Mexico . . . . .           | 30,049                       | 54,402,624      | 17,712            | 37,679,126      | 12,337                | 16,723,498      | 21,580          | 42,301,817      |
| New York . . . . .             | 382,870                      | 529,417,985     | 219,403           | 348,869,334     | 163,467               | 180,548,651     | 264,620         | 397,731,303     |
| North Carolina . . . . .       | 121,937                      | 198,368,588     | 57,534            | 115,659,778     | 64,403                | 82,708,810      | 76,585          | 140,447,979     |
| North Dakota . . . . .         | 12,004                       | 17,240,807      | 6,456             | 10,159,694      | 5,548                 | 7,081,113       | 8,448           | 13,185,957      |
| Ohio . . . . .                 | 227,801                      | 318,889,041     | 123,913           | 200,201,223     | 103,888               | 118,687,818     | 153,550         | 236,189,726     |
| Oklahoma . . . . .             | 82,151                       | 139,599,237     | 40,729            | 83,905,636      | 41,422                | 55,693,601      | 55,394          | 105,568,866     |
| Oregon . . . . .               | 56,387                       | 85,181,014      | 26,548            | 49,822,487      | 29,839                | 35,358,527      | 38,928          | 65,498,595      |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .         | 283,916                      | 388,188,169     | 149,826           | 239,575,286     | 134,090               | 148,612,883     | 184,393         | 276,725,829     |
| Rhode Island . . . . .         | 27,183                       | 40,394,575      | 16,002            | 28,105,106      | 11,181                | 12,289,469      | 18,933          | 30,656,580      |
| South Carolina . . . . .       | 64,983                       | 101,513,924     | 28,732            | 54,530,635      | 36,251                | 46,983,289      | 38,714          | 66,757,032      |
| South Dakota . . . . .         | 16,944                       | 26,344,710      | 7,289             | 14,004,782      | 9,655                 | 12,339,928      | 11,463          | 20,090,006      |
| Tennessee . . . . .            | 105,222                      | 163,696,810     | 45,678            | 86,098,097      | 59,544                | 77,598,713      | 65,915          | 114,904,822     |
| Texas . . . . .                | 291,282                      | 487,102,046     | 155,433           | 311,584,795     | 135,849               | 175,517,251     | 194,901         | 356,051,784     |
| Utah . . . . .                 | 19,662                       | 28,188,850      | 11,694            | 19,260,613      | 7,968                 | 8,928,237       | 13,626          | 21,059,542      |
| Vermont . . . . .              | 10,511                       | 17,365,412      | 5,389             | 11,316,132      | 5,122                 | 6,049,280       | 6,922           | 12,978,415      |
| Virginia . . . . .             | 110,940                      | 187,803,591     | 60,168            | 124,956,053     | 50,772                | 62,847,538      | 72,161          | 132,107,309     |
| Washington . . . . .           | 81,794                       | 136,279,438     | 47,468            | 94,636,973      | 34,326                | 41,642,465      | 57,386          | 104,139,981     |
| West Virginia . . . . .        | 55,305                       | 85,864,479      | 24,739            | 46,253,025      | 30,566                | 39,611,454      | 35,814          | 63,021,395      |
| Wisconsin . . . . .            | 93,492                       | 131,647,788     | 47,519            | 77,950,468      | 45,973                | 53,697,320      | 64,238          | 99,615,462      |
| Wyoming . . . . .              | 7,723                        | 11,795,212      | 4,077             | 7,429,504       | 3,646                 | 4,365,708       | 5,478           | 9,214,986       |

## Estimated Selected Expenditures by State - Fiscal Year 1975

| State                          | COMPENSATION AND PENSION - CONTINUED |                  |                       |                  |                   |                  |                   |                |                       |                  |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
|                                | All Periods of Service               |                  |                       |                  |                   |                  |                   |                |                       |                  |
|                                | Living Veterans                      |                  |                       |                  | Deceased Veterans |                  |                   |                |                       |                  |
|                                | Service Connected                    |                  | Non-Service Connected |                  | Total             |                  | Service Connected |                | Non-Service Connected |                  |
|                                | Number                               | Amount           | Number                | Amount           | Number            | Amount           | Number            | Amount         | Number                | Amount           |
| Grand Total . . . . .          | 2,220,533                            | \$ 3,798,922,690 | 1,006,168             | \$ 1,572,883,833 | 1,628,146         | \$ 2,013,263,667 | 368,955           | \$ 860,167,367 | 1,259,191             | \$ 1,153,096,300 |
| Philippines . . . . .          | 12,888                               | 17,374,273       | 3,489                 | 7,471,451        | 28,966            | 41,658,681       | 23,685            | 34,570,490     | 5,281                 | 7,088,191        |
| Other foreign areas . . . . .  | 4,797                                | 11,047,875       | 6,319                 | 11,940,904       | 13,731            | 22,285,813       | 3,319             | 10,037,108     | 10,412                | 12,248,705       |
| Puerto Rico . . . . .          | 18,341                               | 67,981,617       | 11,875                | 22,289,939       | 10,811            | 16,186,340       | 2,531             | 5,997,810      | 8,280                 | 10,188,530       |
| Other U.S. areas . . . . .     | 715                                  | 1,254,530        | 116                   | 222,649          | 446               | 727,135          | 196               | 461,306        | 250                   | 265,829          |
| Total U.S. . . . .             | 2,183,792                            | 3,701,264,395    | 984,369               | 1,530,958,890    | 1,574,192         | 1,932,405,698    | 339,224           | 809,100,653    | 1,234,968             | 1,123,305,045    |
| Alabama . . . . .              | 37,502                               | 63,299,752       | 20,709                | 34,669,173       | 35,397            | 46,321,928       | 8,190             | 18,865,819     | 27,207                | 27,456,109       |
| Alaska . . . . .               | 2,611                                | 3,564,345        | 328                   | 563,042          | 773               | 1,068,973        | 194               | 525,861        | 579                   | 543,112          |
| Arizona . . . . .              | 26,851                               | 54,089,850       | 10,013                | 15,160,931       | 14,612            | 20,523,264       | 4,430             | 11,541,251     | 10,182                | 8,982,013        |
| Arkansas . . . . .             | 24,455                               | 58,577,522       | 20,404                | 34,655,143       | 22,898            | 28,977,511       | 5,455             | 11,760,704     | 17,443                | 17,216,807       |
| California . . . . .           | 197,471                              | 320,364,774      | 75,671                | 112,081,358      | 131,342           | 177,353,900      | 34,775            | 94,666,698     | 96,567                | 82,687,202       |
| Colorado . . . . .             | 28,008                               | 50,084,381       | 8,149                 | 12,544,947       | 15,115            | 21,159,206       | 4,524             | 11,832,261     | 10,591                | 9,326,945        |
| Connecticut . . . . .          | 31,782                               | 43,973,801       | 8,225                 | 11,558,386       | 16,315            | 18,450,176       | 3,104             | 7,418,310      | 13,211                | 11,031,866       |
| Delaware . . . . .             | 5,419                                | 8,371,600        | 1,822                 | 2,715,021        | 3,614             | 4,377,792        | 704               | 1,802,731      | 2,910                 | 2,575,061        |
| District of Columbia . . . . . | 8,814                                | 15,948,098       | 3,474                 | 5,955,086        | 6,364             | 10,816,818       | 1,864             | 6,403,166      | 4,500                 | 4,413,652        |
| Florida . . . . .              | 106,044                              | 216,442,438      | 49,123                | 74,555,248       | 68,440            | 94,164,094       | 18,624            | 50,267,110     | 49,816                | 43,896,984       |
| Georgia . . . . .              | 46,387                               | 89,161,687       | 26,798                | 45,573,768       | 42,419            | 58,084,704       | 11,026            | 27,081,213     | 31,393                | 31,003,491       |
| Hawaii . . . . .               | 6,903                                | 11,242,525       | 1,130                 | 1,816,580        | 3,059             | 4,917,910        | 1,215             | 3,164,774      | 1,844                 | 1,753,136        |
| Idaho . . . . .                | 8,043                                | 14,781,767       | 4,440                 | 6,655,137        | 5,152             | 9,929,873        | 1,095             | 2,360,957      | 4,057                 | 3,568,916        |
| Illinois . . . . .             | 78,025                               | 110,186,899      | 37,977                | 56,538,951       | 67,980            | 72,541,277       | 10,475            | 22,484,956     | 57,505                | 50,056,321       |
| Indiana . . . . .              | 42,665                               | 68,482,018       | 20,812                | 30,472,616       | 36,141            | 39,955,445       | 6,388             | 13,722,880     | 29,753                | 26,232,565       |
| Iowa . . . . .                 | 23,158                               | 40,199,334       | 14,826                | 22,005,273       | 20,388            | 21,991,949       | 3,691             | 7,611,608      | 16,697                | 14,380,341       |
| Kansas . . . . .               | 20,396                               | 34,366,495       | 12,346                | 18,539,705       | 17,911            | 21,375,223       | 4,041             | 9,094,989      | 13,870                | 12,280,234       |
| Kentucky . . . . .             | 33,801                               | 59,706,859       | 25,273                | 41,818,007       | 32,639            | 39,807,603       | 7,356             | 15,275,991     | 25,283                | 24,531,612       |
| Louisiana . . . . .            | 33,295                               | 60,698,501       | 23,574                | 39,401,393       | 34,440            | 44,330,186       | 6,834             | 15,876,400     | 27,606                | 28,453,786       |
| Maine . . . . .                | 12,601                               | 25,962,473       | 7,724                 | 12,497,473       | 9,996             | 12,228,256       | 2,195             | 5,006,921      | 7,801                 | 7,221,335        |
| Maryland . . . . .             | 37,676                               | 59,559,873       | 11,853                | 18,001,151       | 26,999            | 35,557,696       | 6,088             | 16,733,670     | 20,911                | 18,824,026       |
| Massachusetts . . . . .        | 101,025                              | 157,195,841      | 22,453                | 34,869,599       | 47,014            | 56,918,391       | 10,172            | 24,547,888     | 36,842                | 32,370,503       |
| Michigan . . . . .             | 87,968                               | 144,409,839      | 28,052                | 41,452,219       | 54,328            | 59,466,966       | 8,995             | 19,545,455     | 45,333                | 39,921,511       |
| Minnesota . . . . .            | 43,597                               | 69,079,497       | 21,227                | 33,861,033       | 27,991            | 31,516,652       | 5,201             | 11,074,978     | 22,790                | 20,441,674       |
| Mississippi . . . . .          | 22,915                               | 44,242,434       | 19,842                | 34,685,816       | 24,313            | 32,501,621       | 5,803             | 13,209,542     | 18,510                | 19,292,079       |
| Missouri . . . . .             | 43,489                               | 74,719,903       | 29,647                | 46,274,337       | 41,580            | 47,859,853       | 7,939             | 17,186,363     | 33,641                | 30,673,490       |
| Montana . . . . .              | 7,831                                | 13,885,522       | 4,089                 | 5,926,460        | 5,378             | 5,973,556        | 982               | 2,141,260      | 4,396                 | 3,832,296        |
| Nebraska . . . . .             | 13,234                               | 23,672,728       | 7,571                 | 11,988,764       | 10,041            | 11,792,452       | 2,151             | 4,828,090      | 7,890                 | 6,964,362        |
| Nevada . . . . .               | 7,304                                | 11,555,095       | 2,524                 | 3,551,100        | 3,516             | 4,517,767        | 837               | 2,211,674      | 2,679                 | 2,306,093        |
| New Hampshire . . . . .        | 10,520                               | 19,217,438       | 4,233                 | 6,533,623        | 6,582             | 7,993,201        | 1,434             | 3,540,072      | 5,148                 | 4,453,129        |
| New Jersey . . . . .           | 83,157                               | 110,707,571      | 21,856                | 30,303,699       | 48,348            | 52,894,541       | 7,978             | 18,831,849     | 40,370                | 34,062,692       |
| New Mexico . . . . .           | 15,125                               | 31,465,444       | 6,455                 | 10,836,373       | 8,469             | 12,100,807       | 2,587             | 6,213,682      | 5,882                 | 5,887,125        |
| New York . . . . .             | 199,781                              | 303,894,163      | 64,839                | 93,837,140       | 118,250           | 131,686,682      | 19,622            | 44,975,171     | 98,628                | 86,711,511       |
| North Carolina . . . . .       | 47,306                               | 91,881,298       | 29,279                | 48,566,681       | 45,352            | 57,920,609       | 10,228            | 23,778,480     | 35,124                | 34,142,129       |
| North Dakota . . . . .         | 5,744                                | 8,804,404        | 2,704                 | 4,381,553        | 3,556             | 4,054,850        | 712               | 1,355,290      | 2,844                 | 2,699,560        |
| Ohio . . . . .                 | 111,200                              | 172,319,194      | 42,350                | 63,870,532       | 74,251            | 82,699,315       | 12,713            | 27,882,029     | 61,538                | 54,817,286       |
| Oklahoma . . . . .             | 33,965                               | 68,854,904       | 21,429                | 36,713,962       | 26,757            | 34,030,371       | 6,764             | 15,050,732     | 19,993                | 18,979,639       |
| Oregon . . . . .               | 23,209                               | 42,081,158       | 15,719                | 23,417,437       | 17,459            | 19,682,419       | 3,339             | 7,741,329      | 14,120                | 11,941,090       |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .         | 132,403                              | 201,654,231      | 51,990                | 75,071,598       | 99,523            | 111,462,340      | 17,423            | 37,921,055     | 82,100                | 73,541,285       |
| Rhode Island . . . . .         | 14,408                               | 24,074,156       | 4,525                 | 6,582,424        | 8,250             | 9,737,995        | 1,594             | 4,030,950      | 6,656                 | 5,707,045        |
| South Carolina . . . . .       | 22,852                               | 40,320,791       | 15,862                | 26,436,241       | 26,269            | 34,756,892       | 5,880             | 14,209,844     | 20,389                | 20,547,048       |
| South Dakota . . . . .         | 6,348                                | 12,071,845       | 5,115                 | 8,018,161        | 5,481             | 6,254,704        | 941               | 1,932,937      | 4,540                 | 4,321,767        |
| Tennessee . . . . .            | 37,028                               | 67,449,085       | 28,887                | 47,455,737       | 39,307            | 48,791,988       | 8,650             | 18,649,012     | 30,657                | 30,142,976       |
| Texas . . . . .                | 129,583                              | 247,987,141      | 65,318                | 108,064,643      | 96,381            | 131,050,262      | 25,850            | 63,597,654     | 70,531                | 67,452,608       |
| Utah . . . . .                 | 10,351                               | 16,182,500       | 3,275                 | 4,877,042        | 6,036             | 7,129,308        | 1,343             | 3,078,113      | 4,693                 | 4,051,195        |
| Vermont . . . . .              | 4,582                                | 9,399,412        | 2,340                 | 3,579,003        | 3,589             | 4,386,997        | 807               | 1,916,720      | 2,782                 | 2,470,277        |
| Virginia . . . . .             | 49,619                               | 95,938,698       | 22,542                | 36,168,611       | 38,779            | 55,696,282       | 10,549            | 29,017,355     | 28,230                | 26,678,927       |
| Washington . . . . .           | 41,084                               | 78,029,074       | 16,302                | 26,110,907       | 24,408            | 32,139,457       | 6,384             | 16,607,899     | 18,024                | 15,531,558       |
| West Virginia . . . . .        | 20,485                               | 37,985,756       | 15,329                | 25,035,639       | 19,491            | 22,843,084       | 4,254             | 8,267,269      | 15,237                | 14,575,815       |
| Wisconsin . . . . .            | 42,140                               | 66,674,076       | 22,098                | 32,941,386       | 29,254            | 32,032,326       | 5,379             | 11,276,392     | 23,875                | 20,755,934       |
| Wyoming . . . . .              | 3,632                                | 6,446,205        | 1,846                 | 2,768,781        | 2,245             | 2,580,226        | 445               | 983,299        | 1,800                 | 1,596,927        |

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| State                      | COMPENSATION AND PENSION — CONTINUED |                 |                   |                 |                       |                |                   |                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                            | World War II                         |                 |                   |                 |                       |                |                   |                |
|                            | Living Veterans                      |                 |                   |                 |                       |                | Deceased Veterans |                |
|                            | Total                                |                 | Service Connected |                 | Non-Service Connected |                | Total             |                |
|                            | Number                               | Amount          | Number            | Amount          | Number                | Amount         | Number            | Amount         |
| Grand Total .....          | 1,880,007                            | \$3,006,240,456 | 1,308,914         | \$2,094,046,857 | 571,093               | \$ 912,193,599 | 731,824           | \$ 914,276,719 |
| Philippines .....          | 13,378                               | 17,512,132      | 11,557            | 14,014,199      | 1,821                 | 3,497,933      | 23,656            | 32,622,898     |
| Other foreign areas .....  | 4,108                                | 7,281,656       | 2,507             | 4,821,808       | 1,601                 | 2,459,848      | 3,012             | 4,400,242      |
| Puerto Rico .....          | 9,783                                | 25,442,606      | 3,951             | 15,147,104      | 5,832                 | 10,295,502     | 3,246             | 4,837,843      |
| Other U.S. areas .....     | 316                                  | 459,265         | 243               | 319,381         | 73                    | 139,884        | 162               | 220,309        |
| Total U.S. ....            | 1,852,422                            | 2,955,544,797   | 1,290,656         | 2,059,744,365   | 561,766               | 895,800,432    | 701,748           | 872,195,427    |
| Alabama .....              | 34,764                               | 55,866,632      | 22,157            | 35,203,919      | 12,607                | 20,662,713     | 15,721            | 19,865,664     |
| Alaska .....               | 1,381                                | 1,960,824       | 1,179             | 1,599,614       | 202                   | 361,210        | 362               | 421,010        |
| Arizona .....              | 19,936                               | 37,458,310      | 14,114            | 28,296,869      | 5,822                 | 9,161,441      | 6,480             | 8,562,139      |
| Arkansas .....             | 26,728                               | 53,576,838      | 14,455            | 33,240,427      | 12,273                | 20,336,411     | 9,332             | 11,824,207     |
| California .....           | 151,481                              | 227,768,482     | 108,332           | 161,457,922     | 43,149                | 66,310,560     | 56,845            | 73,932,599     |
| Colorado .....             | 18,298                               | 29,820,692      | 14,236            | 23,286,000      | 4,062                 | 6,534,692      | 6,099             | 7,764,443      |
| Connecticut .....          | 24,817                               | 32,466,850      | 20,626            | 26,127,240      | 4,191                 | 6,339,610      | 7,564             | 9,161,037      |
| Delaware .....             | 4,124                                | 6,040,248       | 2,991             | 4,333,040       | 1,133                 | 1,707,208      | 1,762             | 2,104,113      |
| District of Columbia ..... | 6,507                                | 10,922,566      | 4,198             | 6,895,547       | 2,309                 | 4,027,019      | 3,015             | 4,946,003      |
| Florida .....              | 83,670                               | 156,840,102     | 57,802            | 115,760,699     | 25,868                | 41,079,403     | 28,537            | 38,804,342     |
| Georgia .....              | 41,825                               | 73,842,248      | 23,834            | 43,620,382      | 17,991                | 30,221,866     | 19,149            | 24,541,549     |
| Hawaii .....               | 3,083                                | 5,039,015       | 2,543             | 4,122,648       | 540                   | 916,367        | 1,265             | 1,656,130      |
| Idaho .....                | 7,027                                | 12,180,376      | 4,748             | 8,656,463       | 2,279                 | 3,523,913      | 2,143             | 2,508,300      |
| Illinois .....             | 70,251                               | 96,616,412      | 49,979            | 65,643,391      | 20,272                | 30,973,021     | 30,921            | 35,483,069     |
| Indiana .....              | 36,220                               | 53,456,194      | 25,710            | 37,463,415      | 10,510                | 15,992,779     | 14,967            | 17,606,440     |
| Iowa .....                 | 21,048                               | 33,897,003      | 14,427            | 23,764,439      | 6,621                 | 10,132,564     | 7,991             | 9,374,349      |
| Kansas .....               | 18,308                               | 28,498,977      | 12,455            | 19,484,432      | 5,853                 | 9,014,545      | 7,126             | 8,928,093      |
| Kentucky .....             | 37,287                               | 61,789,763      | 21,273            | 34,914,740      | 16,014                | 26,875,023     | 14,728            | 17,960,256     |
| Louisiana .....            | 35,010                               | 58,987,775      | 19,659            | 33,611,402      | 15,351                | 25,376,373     | 16,312            | 20,983,752     |
| Maine .....                | 11,666                               | 21,750,941      | 7,113             | 14,338,039      | 4,553                 | 7,412,902      | 4,257             | 5,401,785      |
| Maryland .....             | 27,637                               | 41,872,199      | 20,698            | 30,889,958      | 6,939                 | 10,982,241     | 12,264            | 15,783,143     |
| Massachusetts .....        | 75,862                               | 115,992,877     | 64,071            | 96,343,025      | 11,791                | 19,649,852     | 20,895            | 27,338,918     |
| Michigan .....             | 68,587                               | 104,399,753     | 54,003            | 82,003,584      | 14,584                | 22,396,169     | 25,068            | 29,697,521     |
| Minnesota .....            | 36,411                               | 56,431,518      | 26,294            | 39,749,926      | 10,117                | 16,681,592     | 11,428            | 13,651,339     |
| Mississippi .....          | 26,863                               | 47,935,076      | 13,415            | 24,872,463      | 13,448                | 23,062,613     | 10,664            | 13,885,853     |
| Missouri .....             | 42,059                               | 67,020,055      | 26,240            | 42,017,592      | 15,819                | 25,002,463     | 16,648            | 19,985,821     |
| Montana .....              | 6,891                                | 11,308,979      | 4,563             | 7,818,642       | 2,328                 | 3,490,337      | 2,518             | 2,790,609      |
| Nebraska .....             | 11,658                               | 19,732,958      | 7,861             | 13,557,493      | 3,797                 | 6,175,465      | 4,056             | 5,003,946      |
| Nevada .....               | 5,584                                | 8,439,599       | 3,966             | 6,124,772       | 1,618                 | 2,314,827      | 1,623             | 1,902,736      |
| New Hampshire .....        | 8,046                                | 13,661,129      | 5,584             | 9,750,904       | 2,462                 | 3,910,225      | 2,947             | 3,606,597      |
| New Jersey .....           | 66,597                               | 85,529,289      | 55,304            | 69,003,897      | 11,293                | 16,525,392     | 23,060            | 27,180,359     |
| New Mexico .....           | 11,883                               | 24,102,743      | 7,808             | 17,119,227      | 4,075                 | 6,983,516      | 3,865             | 5,245,638      |
| New York .....             | 168,198                              | 247,020,008     | 131,414           | 191,349,425     | 36,784                | 55,670,583     | 57,992            | 70,031,928     |
| North Carolina .....       | 44,445                               | 78,566,358      | 25,871            | 47,927,056      | 18,574                | 30,639,302     | 20,647            | 25,351,332     |
| North Dakota .....         | 4,918                                | 7,396,411       | 3,536             | 5,150,650       | 1,382                 | 2,245,761      | 1,521             | 1,787,137      |
| Ohio .....                 | 94,243                               | 138,058,614     | 70,617            | 101,000,712     | 23,626                | 37,057,902     | 34,988            | 40,994,725     |
| Oklahoma .....             | 31,184                               | 58,031,333      | 18,624            | 36,579,788      | 12,560                | 21,451,545     | 10,672            | 13,571,987     |
| Oregon .....               | 21,428                               | 35,497,563      | 12,925            | 22,443,076      | 8,503                 | 13,054,487     | 7,104             | 8,408,833      |
| Pennsylvania .....         | 116,834                              | 170,245,656     | 87,257            | 125,822,857     | 29,577                | 44,422,799     | 49,205            | 58,699,566     |
| Rhode Island .....         | 11,614                               | 18,885,500      | 9,322             | 15,347,289      | 2,292                 | 3,538,211      | 3,581             | 4,577,768      |
| South Carolina .....       | 21,775                               | 36,735,238      | 11,160            | 19,476,915      | 10,615                | 17,258,323     | 11,731            | 14,640,555     |
| South Dakota .....         | 5,878                                | 10,098,483      | 3,440             | 6,215,463       | 2,438                 | 3,883,020      | 1,996             | 2,407,370      |
| Tennessee .....            | 40,889                               | 68,011,573      | 22,409            | 37,899,926      | 18,480                | 30,111,647     | 17,417            | 21,201,105     |
| Texas .....                | 111,817                              | 198,199,286     | 70,887            | 130,435,468     | 40,930                | 67,763,818     | 42,296            | 56,048,306     |
| Utah .....                 | 7,484                                | 11,471,461      | 5,940             | 8,983,994       | 1,544                 | 2,487,467      | 2,665             | 3,106,926      |
| Vermont .....              | 3,988                                | 7,442,901       | 2,726             | 5,458,324       | 1,262                 | 1,984,577      | 1,515             | 1,907,785      |
| Virginia .....             | 38,216                               | 67,111,964      | 24,185            | 44,432,282      | 14,031                | 22,679,682     | 16,827            | 22,364,997     |
| Washington .....           | 28,902                               | 50,796,097      | 20,531            | 36,595,402      | 8,371                 | 14,200,695     | 9,569             | 12,386,342     |
| West Virginia .....        | 22,329                               | 38,466,581      | 12,628            | 22,558,647      | 9,701                 | 15,907,934     | 9,517             | 11,583,017     |
| Wisconsin .....            | 33,761                               | 53,306,372      | 23,491            | 37,490,150      | 10,270                | 15,816,222     | 11,987            | 14,162,786     |
| Wyoming .....              | 3,010                                | 4,996,975       | 2,055             | 3,504,830       | 955                   | 1,492,145      | 906               | 1,061,202      |

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| State                | COMPENSATION AND PENSION – CONTINUED |                |                       |                |                 |                |                   |                |                       |                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                      | World War II                         |                |                       |                |                 | World War I    |                   |                |                       |                |
|                      | Deceased Veterans                    |                |                       |                | Living Veterans |                |                   |                |                       |                |
|                      | Service Connected                    |                | Non Service Connected |                | Total           |                | Service Connected |                | Non-Service Connected |                |
|                      | Number                               | Amount         | Number                | Amount         | Number          | Amount         | Number            | Amount         | Number                | Amount         |
| Grand Total          | 191,898                              | \$ 383,777,004 | 539,926               | \$ 530,499,715 | 429,756         | \$ 690,657,642 | 54,679            | \$ 133,261,644 | 374,715               | \$ 555,818,570 |
| Philippines          | 22,160                               | 30,599,176     | 1,496                 | 2,023,722      | 1,625           | 3,941,464      | 28                | 162,778        | 1,597                 | 3,778,686      |
| Other foreign areas  | 822                                  | 1,979,197      | 2,190                 | 2,421,045      | 4,879           | 10,283,964     | 268               | 996,797        | 4,609                 | 9,280,179      |
| Puerto Rico          | 614                                  | 1,518,090      | 2,632                 | 3,319,753      | 3,370           | 7,344,795      | 55                | 335,570        | 3,315                 | 7,009,225      |
| Other U.S. areas     | 46                                   | 90,682         | 116                   | 129,627        | 24              | 48,988         | 3                 | 10,380         | 21                    | 38,608         |
| Total U.S.           | 168,256                              | 349,589,859    | 533,492               | 522,605,568    | 419,858         | 669,038,431    | 54,325            | 131,756,119    | 365,173               | 535,711,872    |
| Alabama              | 3,720                                | 7,235,172      | 12,001                | 12,630,492     | 7,772           | 14,067,242     | 860               | 2,132,038      | 6,905                 | 11,903,010     |
| Alaska               | 48                                   | 119,042        | 314                   | 301,968        | 91              | 138,158        | 4                 | 3,705          | 87                    | 134,453        |
| Arizona              | 1,806                                | 4,084,723      | 4,674                 | 4,477,416      | 4,632           | 8,039,419      | 984               | 2,942,468      | 3,640                 | 5,056,667      |
| Arkansas             | 2,691                                | 4,985,542      | 6,641                 | 6,838,665      | 7,986           | 15,352,794     | 825               | 2,635,825      | 7,156                 | 12,699,998     |
| California           | 14,899                               | 35,814,871     | 41,946                | 38,117,728     | 34,643          | 53,697,504     | 6,245             | 14,962,504     | 28,345                | 38,514,701     |
| Colorado             | 1,701                                | 3,663,349      | 4,398                 | 4,101,094      | 4,600           | 8,098,734      | 949               | 2,860,286      | 3,644                 | 5,207,184      |
| Connecticut          | 1,761                                | 3,749,650      | 5,803                 | 5,411,387      | 4,336           | 6,110,525      | 847               | 1,786,716      | 3,485                 | 4,307,284      |
| Delaware             | 316                                  | 698,760        | 1,446                 | 1,405,353      | 633             | 948,680        | 55                | 119,929        | 577                   | 824,675        |
| District of Columbia | 798                                  | 2,702,812      | 2,217                 | 2,243,191      | 1,071           | 1,882,658      | 247               | 591,469        | 818                   | 1,269,417      |
| Florida              | 8,192                                | 19,549,822     | 20,345                | 19,254,520     | 24,545          | 38,570,857     | 3,688             | 9,143,395      | 20,817                | 29,251,859     |
| Georgia              | 4,715                                | 10,005,796     | 14,434                | 14,535,753     | 7,552           | 14,046,243     | 933               | 2,552,465      | 6,608                 | 11,442,213     |
| Hawaii               | 384                                  | 794,917        | 881                   | 861,213        | 540             | 860,411        | 32                | 99,878         | 508                   | 760,533        |
| Idaho                | 541                                  | 997,940        | 1,602                 | 1,510,360      | 2,194           | 3,372,547      | 209               | 549,934        | 1,985                 | 2,822,613      |
| Illinois             | 5,940                                | 11,496,440     | 24,981                | 23,986,629     | 17,585          | 24,739,760     | 1,862             | 3,408,277      | 15,712                | 21,288,244     |
| Indiana              | 3,292                                | 6,219,517      | 11,675                | 11,386,923     | 10,449          | 15,148,857     | 1,309             | 2,606,941      | 9,135                 | 12,525,422     |
| Iowa                 | 2,165                                | 3,928,902      | 5,826                 | 5,445,447      | 8,395           | 12,907,651     | 789               | 1,981,001      | 7,605                 | 10,922,120     |
| Kansas               | 2,151                                | 4,132,410      | 4,975                 | 4,795,683      | 6,638           | 10,119,875     | 643               | 1,432,011      | 5,992                 | 8,676,785      |
| Kentucky             | 3,742                                | 6,641,073      | 10,986                | 11,319,183     | 8,702           | 14,614,819     | 1,195             | 2,658,348      | 7,502                 | 11,929,629     |
| Louisiana            | 3,252                                | 6,650,198      | 13,060                | 14,333,554     | 7,404           | 13,358,894     | 583               | 1,767,825      | 6,820                 | 11,587,327     |
| Maine                | 1,153                                | 2,272,920      | 3,104                 | 3,128,865      | 2,921           | 4,972,310      | 288               | 825,388        | 2,631                 | 4,140,097      |
| Maryland             | 2,614                                | 6,427,919      | 9,650                 | 9,355,224      | 4,967           | 7,585,734      | 814               | 1,789,709      | 4,145                 | 5,741,796      |
| Massachusetts        | 5,783                                | 12,631,041     | 15,112                | 14,707,877     | 11,518          | 18,579,801     | 2,445             | 6,198,184      | 9,060                 | 12,329,760     |
| Michigan             | 5,166                                | 10,158,544     | 19,902                | 19,538,977     | 13,011          | 18,698,096     | 1,548             | 3,014,564      | 11,460                | 15,669,062     |
| Minnesota            | 2,872                                | 5,418,450      | 8,556                 | 8,232,889      | 12,004          | 20,468,966     | 1,731             | 4,872,959      | 10,267                | 15,573,881     |
| Mississippi          | 2,705                                | 5,232,619      | 7,959                 | 8,653,234      | 6,332           | 12,315,140     | 954               | 2,464,008      | 5,378                 | 9,850,253      |
| Missouri             | 4,125                                | 7,730,794      | 12,523                | 12,255,027     | 13,917          | 22,339,146     | 1,437             | 3,381,986      | 12,467                | 18,892,121     |
| Montana              | 490                                  | 913,525        | 2,028                 | 1,877,084      | 1,918           | 2,956,934      | 335               | 794,127        | 1,582                 | 2,157,595      |
| Nebraska             | 1,189                                | 2,321,152      | 2,867                 | 2,682,794      | 3,839           | 6,322,126      | 405               | 1,099,664      | 3,433                 | 5,220,458      |
| Nevada               | 310                                  | 730,210        | 1,313                 | 1,172,526      | 916             | 1,375,186      | 139               | 339,579        | 777                   | 1,035,607      |
| New Hampshire        | 702                                  | 1,513,448      | 2,245                 | 2,093,149      | 1,683           | 2,661,042      | 230               | 602,377        | 1,451                 | 2,051,994      |
| New Jersey           | 4,717                                | 10,021,652     | 18,343                | 17,158,707     | 10,468          | 14,134,074     | 1,155             | 2,329,148      | 9,305                 | 11,770,648     |
| New Mexico           | 1,187                                | 2,399,819      | 2,678                 | 2,845,819      | 2,299           | 4,219,465      | 397               | 1,213,281      | 1,900                 | 2,995,267      |
| New York             | 12,200                               | 25,834,647     | 45,792                | 44,197,281     | 27,176          | 38,472,548     | 3,388             | 7,528,430      | 23,761                | 30,830,494     |
| North Carolina       | 4,690                                | 9,259,080      | 15,957                | 16,092,252     | 9,724           | 17,137,050     | 821               | 2,351,500      | 8,897                 | 14,758,129     |
| North Dakota         | 375                                  | 622,545        | 1,146                 | 1,164,592      | 1,382           | 2,385,713      | 185               | 482,272        | 1,196                 | 1,900,692      |
| Ohio                 | 6,885                                | 13,701,404     | 28,103                | 27,293,321     | 18,424          | 27,354,924     | 2,590             | 5,461,640      | 15,824                | 21,852,029     |
| Oklahoma             | 3,345                                | 6,294,503      | 7,327                 | 7,277,484      | 8,600           | 15,646,578     | 892               | 2,544,433      | 7,705                 | 13,090,367     |
| Oregon               | 1,677                                | 3,428,728      | 5,427                 | 4,980,105      | 7,264           | 11,094,721     | 764               | 1,970,101      | 6,494                 | 9,100,576      |
| Pennsylvania         | 10,423                               | 20,231,709     | 38,782                | 38,467,857     | 22,423          | 32,137,550     | 2,957             | 6,377,167      | 19,450                | 25,690,688     |
| Rhode Island         | 876                                  | 1,978,723      | 2,705                 | 2,599,045      | 2,237           | 3,241,517      | 251               | 597,480        | 1,985                 | 2,641,068      |
| South Carolina       | 2,391                                | 4,905,086      | 9,340                 | 9,735,469      | 4,613           | 8,270,143      | 405               | 919,422        | 4,200                 | 7,309,466      |
| South Dakota         | 488                                  | 866,706        | 1,508                 | 1,540,664      | 2,634           | 4,242,408      | 270               | 639,256        | 2,364                 | 3,603,152      |
| Tennessee            | 4,201                                | 7,767,799      | 13,216                | 13,433,306     | 9,761           | 16,967,304     | 991               | 2,450,388      | 8,761                 | 14,487,659     |
| Texas                | 12,011                               | 25,369,797     | 30,285                | 30,678,509     | 23,661          | 41,809,502     | 2,549             | 7,308,762      | 21,093                | 34,413,256     |
| Utah                 | 643                                  | 1,227,574      | 2,022                 | 1,879,352      | 1,835           | 2,737,637      | 264               | 623,502        | 1,571                 | 2,114,135      |
| Vermont              | 419                                  | 870,680        | 1,096                 | 1,037,105      | 1,079           | 1,799,487      | 148               | 440,898        | 931                   | 1,357,710      |
| Virginia             | 4,177                                | 9,735,808      | 12,650                | 12,629,189     | 7,727           | 12,764,668     | 829               | 2,122,350      | 6,887                 | 10,590,070     |
| Washington           | 2,702                                | 6,067,066      | 6,867                 | 6,319,276      | 7,929           | 12,683,153     | 958               | 2,567,697      | 6,963                 | 10,076,619     |
| West Virginia        | 2,410                                | 4,255,631      | 7,107                 | 7,327,386      | 4,884           | 8,019,437      | 461               | 1,078,603      | 4,422                 | 6,932,048      |
| Wisconsin            | 3,013                                | 5,530,588      | 8,974                 | 8,632,198      | 12,040          | 18,181,487     | 1,346             | 2,841,687      | 10,686                | 15,313,446     |
| Wyoming              | 203                                  | 398,756        | 703                   | 662,446        | 904             | 1,388,956      | 117               | 290,342        | 786                   | 1,095,865      |

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| State                          | COMPENSATION AND PENSION — CONTINUED |              |                   |                |                   |               |                       |                |                 |                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                                | World War I                          |              |                   |                |                   |               |                       |                | Korean Conflict |                |
|                                | Living Veterans                      |              | Deceased Veterans |                |                   |               |                       |                | Living Veterans |                |
|                                | Emer. Off. Retire. Pay               |              | Total             |                | Service Connected |               | Non-service Connected |                | Total           |                |
|                                | Number                               | Amount       | Number            | Amount         | Number            | Amount        | Number                | Amount         | Number          | Amount         |
| Grand total . . . . .          | 362                                  | \$ 1,577,428 | 615,817           | \$ 570,026,183 | 35,015            | \$ 97,462,343 | 580,802               | \$ 472,563,840 | 291,698         | \$ 552,493,210 |
| Philippines . . . . .          |                                      |              | 2,937             | 4,107,556      | 164               | 486,684       | 2,773                 | 3,620,872      | 253             | 567,362        |
| Other foreign areas . . . . .  | 2                                    | 6,988        | 7,741             | 9,827,094      | 340               | 975,898       | 7,401                 | 8,851,196      | 669             | 1,784,775      |
| Puerto Rico . . . . .          |                                      |              | 4,270             | 5,191,367      | 135               | 396,387       | 4,135                 | 4,794,980      | 7,612           | 23,095,355     |
| Other U.S. areas . . . . .     |                                      |              | 77                | 77,040         | 3                 | 8,189         | 74                    | 68,851         | 159             | 279,969        |
| Total U.S. . . . .             | 360                                  | 1,570,440    | 600,792           | 550,823,126    | 34,373            | 95,595,185    | 566,419               | 455,227,941    | 283,005         | 526,765,749    |
| Alabama . . . . .              | 7                                    | 32,194       | 13,022            | 13,551,312     | 704               | 1,948,516     | 12,318                | 11,602,796     | 5,417           | 10,183,915     |
| Alaska . . . . .               |                                      |              | 91                | 87,434         | 5                 | 16,971        | 86                    | 70,463         | 362             | 534,272        |
| Arizona . . . . .              | 8                                    | 40,284       | 4,623             | 4,660,675      | 602               | 1,670,095     | 4,021                 | 2,990,580      | 3,511           | 7,810,322      |
| Arkansas . . . . .             | 5                                    | 16,971       | 10,073            | 10,815,947     | 722               | 1,965,592     | 9,351                 | 8,850,355      | 3,337           | 8,440,204      |
| California . . . . .           | 53                                   | 220,299      | 44,135            | 40,445,138     | 3,493             | 10,013,556    | 40,642                | 30,431,582     | 27,591          | 50,250,430     |
| Colorado . . . . .             | 7                                    | 31,264       | 5,208             | 5,296,563      | 586               | 1,653,820     | 4,622                 | 3,642,743      | 3,620           | 6,870,477      |
| Connecticut . . . . .          | 4                                    | 16,525       | 6,353             | 5,211,816      | 409               | 1,147,688     | 5,944                 | 4,064,128      | 3,481           | 5,418,370      |
| Delaware . . . . .             | 1                                    | 4,076        | 1,134             | 922,811        | 41                | 126,807       | 1,093                 | 796,004        | 703             | 1,266,444      |
| District of Columbia . . . . . | 6                                    | 21,772       | 1,787             | 2,017,878      | 199               | 609,254       | 1,588                 | 1,408,624      | 1,595           | 3,285,611      |
| Florida . . . . .              | 40                                   | 175,603      | 25,506            | 23,555,659     | 1,685             | 4,793,584     | 23,821                | 18,762,075     | 13,340          | 30,367,546     |
| Georgia . . . . .              | 11                                   | 51,565       | 14,287            | 15,361,865     | 981               | 2,699,810     | 13,306                | 12,662,055     | 6,822           | 14,188,671     |
| Hawaii . . . . .               |                                      |              | 614               | 565,928        | 18                | 56,365        | 596                   | 509,563        | 1,259           | 2,385,769      |
| Idaho . . . . .                |                                      |              | 2,012             | 1,757,792      | 101               | 293,004       | 1,911                 | 1,464,788      | 981             | 1,874,162      |
| Illinois . . . . .             | 11                                   | 43,239       | 27,359            | 22,274,948     | 1,054             | 2,889,629     | 26,305                | 19,385,319     | 9,347           | 14,916,718     |
| Indiana . . . . .              | 5                                    | 16,494       | 15,455            | 13,354,683     | 814               | 2,221,467     | 14,641                | 11,133,216     | 5,323           | 9,242,068      |
| Iowa . . . . .                 | 1                                    | 4,530        | 9,746             | 8,420,381      | 449               | 1,213,070     | 9,297                 | 7,207,311      | 2,798           | 5,170,053      |
| Kansas . . . . .               | 3                                    | 11,079       | 7,795             | 6,907,175      | 375               | 1,019,266     | 7,420                 | 5,887,909      | 2,473           | 5,154,021      |
| Kentucky . . . . .             | 5                                    | 26,842       | 12,432            | 12,463,237     | 824               | 2,228,602     | 11,608                | 10,234,635     | 4,987           | 9,335,275      |
| Louisiana . . . . .            | 1                                    | 3,742        | 12,744            | 13,222,840     | 704               | 1,934,189     | 12,040                | 11,288,651     | 5,222           | 9,991,094      |
| Maine . . . . .                | 2                                    | 6,825        | 4,123             | 3,763,844      | 196               | 548,148       | 3,927                 | 3,215,696      | 1,887           | 3,918,927      |
| Maryland . . . . .             | 8                                    | 54,229       | 9,278             | 8,262,364      | 544               | 1,521,673     | 8,734                 | 6,740,691      | 5,097           | 8,815,433      |
| Massachusetts . . . . .        | 13                                   | 51,857       | 20,009            | 18,193,284     | 1,439             | 4,100,000     | 18,570                | 14,093,284     | 13,960          | 22,371,295     |
| Michigan . . . . .             | 3                                    | 14,470       | 20,831            | 16,573,531     | 831               | 2,241,549     | 20,000                | 14,331,982     | 10,226          | 18,995,641     |
| Minnesota . . . . .            | 6                                    | 22,126       | 12,816            | 11,944,595     | 828               | 2,254,179     | 11,988                | 9,690,416      | 5,154           | 8,836,532      |
| Mississippi . . . . .          |                                      | 879          | 9,859             | 11,394,597     | 922               | 2,568,513     | 8,937                 | 8,826,084      | 3,351           | 6,770,381      |
| Missouri . . . . .             | 13                                   | 65,039       | 18,613            | 17,183,050     | 909               | 2,468,104     | 17,704                | 14,714,946     | 5,881           | 11,108,400     |
| Montana . . . . .              | 1                                    | 5,212        | 1,861             | 1,620,237      | 108               | 309,337       | 1,753                 | 1,310,900      | 930             | 1,637,072      |
| Nebraska . . . . .             | 1                                    | 2,004        | 4,284             | 3,835,075      | 211               | 601,665       | 4,073                 | 3,233,410      | 1,846           | 3,385,480      |
| Nevada . . . . .               |                                      |              | 975               | 849,803        | 74                | 183,965       | 901                   | 665,938        | 930             | 1,632,583      |
| New Hampshire . . . . .        | 2                                    | 6,671        | 2,510             | 2,238,109      | 167               | 464,622       | 2,343                 | 1,773,487      | 1,345           | 2,628,459      |
| New Jersey . . . . .           | 8                                    | 34,278       | 18,816            | 14,666,448     | 681               | 1,893,366     | 18,135                | 12,773,082     | 9,783           | 14,296,217     |
| New Mexico . . . . .           | 2                                    | 9,917        | 2,570             | 2,845,391      | 293               | 835,960       | 2,277                 | 2,009,431      | 2,166           | 4,645,080      |
| New York . . . . .             | 27                                   | 113,624      | 45,780            | 38,122,376     | 2,002             | 5,642,209     | 43,778                | 32,480,167     | 22,719          | 38,156,757     |
| North Carolina . . . . .       | 6                                    | 27,421       | 16,214            | 16,214,286     | 768               | 2,089,923     | 15,446                | 14,124,363     | 6,842           | 13,988,545     |
| North Dakota . . . . .         | 1                                    | 2,749        | 1,398             | 1,311,327      | 71                | 200,055       | 1,327                 | 1,111,272      | 617             | 1,112,616      |
| Ohio . . . . .                 | 10                                   | 41,255       | 27,949            | 24,019,643     | 1,462             | 4,017,261     | 26,487                | 20,002,382     | 13,469          | 22,708,003     |
| Oklahoma . . . . .             | 3                                    | 11,778       | 11,359            | 11,423,285     | 640               | 1,729,501     | 10,719                | 9,693,784      | 4,658           | 10,346,354     |
| Oregon . . . . .               | 6                                    | 23,944       | 7,327             | 6,299,278      | 409               | 1,171,959     | 6,918                 | 5,127,319      | 2,731           | 5,369,697      |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .         | 16                                   | 69,695       | 37,546            | 31,445,411     | 1,686             | 4,724,213     | 35,860                | 26,721,198     | 15,613          | 26,302,282     |
| Rhode Island . . . . .         | 1                                    | 2,969        | 3,523             | 2,841,966      | 131               | 368,026       | 3,392                 | 2,473,940      | 1,547           | 2,727,061      |
| South Carolina . . . . .       | 8                                    | 41,255       | 9,335             | 9,728,725      | 520               | 1,424,263     | 8,815                 | 8,304,462      | 3,503           | 6,957,172      |
| South Dakota . . . . .         |                                      |              | 2,634             | 2,495,984      | 111               | 315,494       | 2,523                 | 2,180,490      | 1,012           | 2,002,184      |
| Tennessee . . . . .            | 9                                    | 29,257       | 15,040            | 15,560,792     | 865               | 2,411,097     | 14,175                | 13,149,695     | 5,103           | 10,086,683     |
| Texas . . . . .                | 19                                   | 86,854       | 34,826            | 34,485,007     | 2,167             | 5,911,776     | 32,659                | 28,573,231     | 16,350          | 34,272,340     |
| Utah . . . . .                 |                                      |              | 2,131             | 1,825,895      | 137               | 379,609       | 1,994                 | 1,446,286      | 1,249           | 2,304,195      |
| Vermont . . . . .              |                                      | 879          | 1,489             | 1,393,142      | 106               | 295,206       | 1,383                 | 1,097,936      | 639             | 1,309,072      |
| Virginia . . . . .             | 11                                   | 52,248       | 12,986            | 12,527,732     | 704               | 1,985,382     | 12,282                | 10,542,350     | 7,146           | 14,829,265     |
| Washington . . . . .           | 8                                    | 38,837       | 9,117             | 8,021,207      | 544               | 1,488,824     | 8,573                 | 6,532,383      | 5,581           | 11,679,210     |
| West Virginia . . . . .        | 1                                    | 8,786        | 7,015             | 6,459,719      | 302               | 814,021       | 6,713                 | 5,645,698      | 3,395           | 6,773,863      |
| Wisconsin . . . . .            | 6                                    | 26,154       | 13,307            | 11,576,488     | 724               | 1,985,531     | 12,583                | 9,590,957      | 5,654           | 9,254,634      |
| Wyoming . . . . .              | 1                                    | 2,749        | 895               | 806,453        | 55                | 148,469       | 840                   | 657,984        | 452             | 858,894        |



## Estimated Selected Expenditures by State — Fiscal Year 1975

| State                          | COMPENSATION AND PENSION — CONTINUED |                |                       |               |         |                   |                   |            |                       |                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                                | Korean Conflict                      |                |                       |               |         |                   |                   |            |                       |                |
|                                | Living Veterans                      |                |                       |               |         | Deceased Veterans |                   |            |                       |                |
|                                | Service Connected                    |                | Non-Service Connected |               | Total   |                   | Service Connected |            | Non-Service Connected |                |
|                                | Number                               | Amount         | Number                | Amount        | Number  | Amount            | Number            | Amount     | Number                | Amount         |
| Grand Total . . . . .          | 240,038                              | \$ 463,762,424 | 51,660                | \$ 88,730,786 | 135,876 | \$ 193,720,287    | 39,350            | 88,391,737 | 96,526                | \$ 105,328,550 |
| Philippines . . . . .          | 231                                  | 533,522        | 22                    | 33,840        | 209     | 449,283           | 138               | 385,659    | 71                    | 63,624         |
| Other foreign areas . . . . .  | 584                                  | 1,627,884      | 85                    | 156,891       | 763     | 1,476,018         | 341               | 968,434    | 422                   | 507,584        |
| Puerto Rico . . . . .          | 5,123                                | 18,528,636     | 2,489                 | 4,566,719     | 2,114   | 3,484,635         | 898               | 1,775,636  | 1,216                 | 1,708,999      |
| Other U.S. areas . . . . .     | 140                                  | 242,964        | 19                    | 37,005        | 70      | 107,112           | 28                | 54,375     | 42                    | 52,737         |
| Total U.S. . . . .             | 233,960                              | 442,829,418    | 49,045                | 83,936,331    | 132,720 | 188,203,239       | 37,945            | 85,207,633 | 94,775                | 102,995,606    |
| Alabama . . . . .              | 4,326                                | 8,285,737      | 1,091                 | 1,898,178     | 3,232   | 4,616,898         | 1,052             | 2,152,706  | 2,180                 | 2,464,192      |
| Alaska . . . . .               | 333                                  | 481,201        | 29                    | 53,071        | 143     | 165,937           | 14                | 38,349     | 129                   | 127,588        |
| Arizona . . . . .              | 3,029                                | 7,002,559      | 482                   | 807,763       | 1,530   | 2,297,277         | 483               | 1,232,486  | 1,047                 | 1,064,791      |
| Arkansas . . . . .             | 2,498                                | 7,068,359      | 839                   | 1,371,845     | 1,548   | 2,144,242         | 615               | 1,151,014  | 933                   | 993,228        |
| California . . . . .           | 24,169                               | 44,420,543     | 3,422                 | 5,829,887     | 12,907  | 20,363,687        | 4,149             | 11,489,529 | 8,758                 | 8,874,158      |
| Colorado . . . . .             | 3,259                                | 6,218,668      | 361                   | 651,809       | 1,546   | 2,273,620         | 462               | 1,190,106  | 1,084                 | 1,083,514      |
| Connecticut . . . . .          | 3,027                                | 4,683,897      | 454                   | 734,473       | 1,392   | 1,854,838         | 278               | 659,283    | 1,114                 | 1,195,555      |
| Delaware . . . . .             | 601                                  | 1,103,392      | 102                   | 163,052       | 335     | 455,252           | 67                | 176,936    | 268                   | 278,316        |
| District of Columbia . . . . . | 1,295                                | 2,720,638      | 300                   | 564,973       | 689     | 1,441,573         | 265               | 947,906    | 424                   | 493,667        |
| Florida . . . . .              | 11,302                               | 26,900,183     | 2,038                 | 3,467,363     | 5,784   | 10,019,479        | 2,286             | 6,418,760  | 3,498                 | 3,600,719      |
| Georgia . . . . .              | 4,884                                | 10,765,315     | 1,938                 | 3,423,356     | 3,842   | 5,469,148         | 1,251             | 2,774,343  | 2,591                 | 2,694,805      |
| Hawaii . . . . .               | 1,188                                | 2,268,817      | 71                    | 116,952       | 507     | 762,934           | 223               | 475,383    | 284                   | 287,551        |
| Idaho . . . . .                | 835                                  | 1,613,505      | 146                   | 260,657       | 497     | 662,367           | 119               | 242,405    | 378                   | 419,962        |
| Illinois . . . . .             | 7,686                                | 12,217,347     | 1,661                 | 2,699,371     | 5,781   | 7,090,649         | 1,114             | 2,044,885  | 4,667                 | 5,045,764      |
| Indiana . . . . .              | 4,321                                | 7,596,624      | 1,002                 | 1,645,444     | 3,008   | 3,767,965         | 678               | 1,247,005  | 2,330                 | 2,520,960      |
| Iowa . . . . .                 | 2,309                                | 4,396,618      | 489                   | 773,435       | 1,514   | 1,914,024         | 386               | 669,441    | 1,128                 | 1,244,583      |
| Kansas . . . . .               | 2,063                                | 4,465,674      | 410                   | 688,347       | 1,364   | 1,855,134         | 442               | 877,849    | 922                   | 977,285        |
| Kentucky . . . . .             | 3,429                                | 6,654,415      | 1,558                 | 2,680,860     | 2,581   | 3,415,900         | 860               | 1,472,733  | 1,721                 | 1,943,167      |
| Louisiana . . . . .            | 3,984                                | 7,827,562      | 1,238                 | 2,163,532     | 2,708   | 3,877,550         | 864               | 1,779,391  | 1,844                 | 2,098,159      |
| Maine . . . . .                | 1,438                                | 3,125,827      | 449                   | 793,100       | 780     | 1,142,890         | 253               | 524,821    | 527                   | 618,069        |
| Maryland . . . . .             | 4,428                                | 7,717,848      | 669                   | 1,097,585     | 2,448   | 3,843,604         | 680               | 1,884,035  | 1,768                 | 1,959,569      |
| Massachusetts . . . . .        | 12,605                               | 19,934,469     | 1,355                 | 2,436,826     | 3,285   | 4,850,464         | 956               | 2,152,715  | 2,329                 | 2,697,749      |
| Michigan . . . . .             | 8,554                                | 16,235,627     | 1,672                 | 2,760,014     | 4,943   | 6,358,417         | 895               | 1,794,918  | 4,048                 | 4,563,499      |
| Minnesota . . . . .            | 4,455                                | 7,505,046      | 699                   | 1,331,486     | 2,161   | 2,882,563         | 509               | 996,541    | 1,652                 | 1,886,022      |
| Mississippi . . . . .          | 2,425                                | 5,161,378      | 926                   | 1,609,003     | 1,851   | 2,720,107         | 676               | 1,374,963  | 1,175                 | 1,345,144      |
| Missouri . . . . .             | 4,672                                | 9,026,159      | 1,209                 | 2,082,241     | 3,202   | 4,306,666         | 901               | 1,781,914  | 2,301                 | 2,524,752      |
| Montana . . . . .              | 793                                  | 1,430,571      | 137                   | 266,501       | 519     | 652,496           | 98                | 196,456    | 421                   | 456,040        |
| Nebraska . . . . .             | 1,561                                | 2,892,749      | 285                   | 492,731       | 883     | 1,173,870         | 212               | 435,867    | 671                   | 738,003        |
| Nevada . . . . .               | 816                                  | 1,465,853      | 114                   | 166,730       | 425     | 560,497           | 80                | 219,141    | 345                   | 341,356        |
| New Hampshire . . . . .        | 1,084                                | 2,159,294      | 261                   | 469,165       | 555     | 799,277           | 156               | 367,650    | 399                   | 431,627        |
| New Jersey . . . . .           | 8,672                                | 12,570,653     | 1,111                 | 1,725,564     | 3,721   | 4,990,238         | 778               | 1,797,206  | 2,943                 | 3,193,032      |
| New Mexico . . . . .           | 1,756                                | 3,908,829      | 410                   | 736,251       | 931     | 1,410,276         | 273               | 661,156    | 658                   | 749,120        |
| New York . . . . .             | 19,055                               | 31,956,256     | 3,664                 | 6,200,501     | 8,681   | 11,600,560        | 1,838             | 3,894,339  | 6,843                 | 7,706,221      |
| North Carolina . . . . .       | 5,259                                | 11,233,818     | 1,583                 | 2,754,727     | 3,873   | 5,131,469         | 1,168             | 2,326,361  | 2,705                 | 2,805,108      |
| North Dakota . . . . .         | 518                                  | 926,290        | 99                    | 186,326       | 388     | 484,775           | 91                | 137,206    | 297                   | 347,569        |
| Ohio . . . . .                 | 11,028                               | 18,605,109     | 2,441                 | 4,102,894     | 6,360   | 7,860,167         | 1,306             | 2,345,626  | 5,054                 | 5,514,541      |
| Oklahoma . . . . .             | 3,681                                | 8,554,611      | 977                   | 1,791,743     | 2,083   | 2,927,108         | 791               | 1,614,928  | 1,292                 | 1,312,180      |
| Oregon . . . . .               | 2,153                                | 4,389,230      | 578                   | 980,467       | 1,391   | 1,803,788         | 326               | 711,729    | 1,065                 | 1,092,059      |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .         | 13,073                               | 22,085,773     | 2,540                 | 4,216,509     | 7,451   | 9,906,379         | 1,810             | 3,496,735  | 5,641                 | 6,409,644      |
| Rhode Island . . . . .         | 1,334                                | 2,380,254      | 213                   | 346,807       | 567     | 829,067           | 159               | 362,730    | 408                   | 466,337        |
| South Carolina . . . . .       | 2,590                                | 5,351,847      | 913                   | 1,605,325     | 2,350   | 3,415,558         | 737               | 1,578,323  | 1,613                 | 1,837,235      |
| South Dakota . . . . .         | 746                                  | 1,558,183      | 266                   | 444,001       | 481     | 662,636           | 100               | 201,608    | 381                   | 461,028        |
| Tennessee . . . . .            | 3,652                                | 7,609,074      | 1,451                 | 2,477,609     | 3,172   | 4,148,609         | 1,039             | 1,843,944  | 2,133                 | 2,304,665      |
| Texas . . . . .                | 13,536                               | 29,319,832     | 2,814                 | 4,952,508     | 8,156   | 12,814,891        | 2,909             | 7,151,268  | 5,247                 | 5,663,623      |
| Utah . . . . .                 | 1,122                                | 2,089,674      | 127                   | 214,521       | 634     | 826,516           | 114               | 265,618    | 520                   | 560,898        |
| Vermont . . . . .              | 517                                  | 1,116,687      | 122                   | 192,385       | 274     | 398,058           | 84                | 174,627    | 190                   | 223,431        |
| Virginia . . . . .             | 5,713                                | 12,277,490     | 1,433                 | 2,551,775     | 3,693   | 6,090,894         | 1,394             | 3,627,553  | 2,299                 | 2,463,341      |
| Washington . . . . .           | 4,837                                | 10,293,233     | 744                   | 1,385,977     | 2,402   | 3,783,320         | 775               | 2,112,191  | 1,627                 | 1,671,129      |
| West Virginia . . . . .        | 2,288                                | 4,775,638      | 1,107                 | 1,998,225     | 1,612   | 2,106,368         | 584               | 936,998    | 1,028                 | 1,168,370      |
| Wisconsin . . . . .            | 4,692                                | 7,755,595      | 962                   | 1,499,039     | 2,320   | 2,984,129         | 597               | 1,093,104  | 1,723                 | 1,891,025      |
| Wyoming . . . . .              | 369                                  | 725,467        | 83                    | 133,427       | 220     | 290,108           | 48                | 104,852    | 172                   | 185,256        |

## Estimated Selected Expenditures by State Fiscal Year 1975

| State                | COMPENSATION AND PENSION - CONTINUED |                |                   |                |                       |                   |        |               |                   |                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                      | Viet Nam Conflict                    |                |                   |                |                       |                   |        |               |                   |                |
|                      | Living Veterans                      |                |                   |                |                       | Deceased Veterans |        |               |                   |                |
|                      | Total                                |                | Service Connected |                | Non-Service Connected |                   | Total  |               | Service Connected |                |
|                      | Number                               | Amount         | Number            | Amount         | Number                | Amount            | Number | Amount        | Number            | Amount         |
| Grand Total          | 429,835                              | \$ 753,373,476 | 422,536           | \$ 739,926,361 | 7,299                 | \$ 13,447,115     | 70,465 | \$170,431,290 | 53,985            | \$ 153,129,249 |
| Philippines          | 501                                  | 880,326        | 493               | 865,698        | 8                     | 14,628            | 396    | 794,954       | 354               | 750,312        |
| Other foreign areas  | 814                                  | 2,021,428      | 804               | 1,999,645      | 10                    | 21,783            | 1,148  | 3,704,104     | 1,017             | 3,545,347      |
| Puerto Rico          | 6,907                                | 25,948,760     | 6,676             | 25,548,321     | 231                   | 400,439           | 686    | 1,561,771     | 560               | 1,411,958      |
| Other U.S. areas     | 225                                  | 480,253        | 222               | 473,101        | 3                     | 7,152             | 69     | 178,714       | 62                | 171,664        |
| Total U.S.           | 421,388                              | 724,042,709    | 414,341           | 711,039,596    | 7,047                 | 13,003,113        | 68,166 | 164,191,747   | 51,992            | 147,249,968    |
| Alabama              | 6,814                                | 11,299,882     | 6,714             | 11,107,136     | 100                   | 192,746           | 1,827  | 4,494,924     | 1,451             | 4,102,271      |
| Alaska               | 780                                  | 1,061,998      | 771               | 1,049,232      | 9                     | 12,766            | 134    | 287,941       | 91                | 251,367        |
| Arizona              | 5,970                                | 10,099,671     | 5,916             | 9,991,374      | 54                    | 108,297           | 1,034  | 2,660,944     | 805               | 2,417,832      |
| Arkansas             | 4,423                                | 9,516,459      | 4,300             | 9,305,617      | 123                   | 210,842           | 982    | 2,252,902     | 774               | 2,051,139      |
| California           | 38,765                               | 63,487,994     | 38,199            | 62,426,564     | 566                   | 1,061,430         | 7,433  | 19,113,457    | 5,830             | 17,498,740     |
| Colorado             | 6,520                                | 11,888,996     | 6,452             | 11,762,616     | 68                    | 126,380           | 1,210  | 3,260,872     | 985               | 3,039,618      |
| Connecticut          | 4,786                                | 7,572,968      | 4,713             | 7,425,812      | 73                    | 147,156           | 409    | 1,006,484     | 312               | 895,479        |
| Delaware             | 1,274                                | 1,884,084      | 1,265             | 1,865,671      | 9                     | 18,413            | 220    | 537,777       | 172               | 497,977        |
| District of Columbia | 1,979                                | 3,253,983      | 1,953             | 3,194,813      | 26                    | 59,170            | 265    | 659,184       | 197               | 597,494        |
| Florida              | 22,682                               | 42,116,639     | 22,381            | 41,551,761     | 301                   | 564,878           | 3,726  | 9,854,265     | 3,055             | 9,150,380      |
| Georgia              | 12,358                               | 22,916,148     | 12,114            | 22,465,840     | 244                   | 450,308           | 2,906  | 7,352,465     | 2,345             | 6,796,214      |
| Hawaii               | 2,239                                | 3,404,774      | 2,229             | 3,385,335      | 10                    | 19,439            | 391    | 1,158,349     | 335               | 1,090,830      |
| Idaho                | 1,487                                | 2,554,014      | 1,460             | 2,514,130      | 27                    | 39,884            | 244    | 521,352       | 167               | 445,841        |
| Illinois             | 13,289                               | 20,623,414     | 13,001            | 20,134,952     | 288                   | 488,462           | 1,983  | 4,139,446     | 1,345             | 3,473,408      |
| Indiana              | 8,278                                | 15,126,878     | 8,157             | 14,899,982     | 121                   | 226,896           | 1,268  | 2,649,462     | 884               | 2,248,250      |
| Iowa                 | 4,149                                | 6,985,963      | 4,068             | 6,863,779      | 81                    | 122,184           | 528    | 1,120,898     | 363               | 945,039        |
| Kansas               | 3,669                                | 5,884,980      | 3,610             | 5,791,289      | 59                    | 93,691            | 744    | 1,839,143     | 551               | 1,637,692      |
| Kentucky             | 5,494                                | 10,303,365     | 5,331             | 10,030,211     | 163                   | 273,154           | 1,416  | 3,162,910     | 1,095             | 2,852,538      |
| Louisiana            | 5,998                                | 11,338,176     | 5,843             | 11,083,551     | 155                   | 254,625           | 1,490  | 3,482,697     | 1,118             | 3,068,702      |
| Maine                | 2,639                                | 5,344,821      | 2,552             | 5,203,435      | 87                    | 141,386           | 422    | 1,029,733     | 330               | 932,539        |
| Maryland             | 7,848                                | 12,847,401     | 7,761             | 12,682,864     | 87                    | 164,537           | 1,409  | 3,654,781     | 1,133             | 3,374,849      |
| Massachusetts        | 14,121                               | 22,972,177     | 13,913            | 22,595,900     | 208                   | 376,277           | 1,137  | 2,818,459     | 878               | 2,538,895      |
| Michigan             | 17,765                               | 32,150,776     | 17,461            | 31,590,676     | 304                   | 560,100           | 1,930  | 3,837,911     | 1,215             | 3,058,204      |
| Minnesota            | 8,035                                | 11,950,200     | 7,914             | 11,727,257     | 121                   | 222,943           | 770    | 1,553,545     | 531               | 1,309,022      |
| Mississippi          | 4,206                                | 7,602,929      | 4,122             | 7,455,744      | 84                    | 147,185           | 1,030  | 2,458,014     | 803               | 2,232,027      |
| Missouri             | 7,758                                | 13,365,590     | 7,635             | 13,123,583     | 123                   | 242,007           | 1,516  | 3,274,123     | 1,079             | 2,820,223      |
| Montana              | 1,522                                | 2,682,561      | 1,486             | 2,618,820      | 36                    | 63,741            | 244    | 481,280       | 164               | 402,563        |
| Nebraska             | 2,330                                | 3,951,988      | 2,288             | 3,881,695      | 42                    | 70,293            | 400    | 906,360       | 281               | 780,137        |
| Nevada               | 1,534                                | 2,223,403      | 1,521             | 2,193,143      | 13                    | 30,260            | 288    | 707,660       | 214               | 631,257        |
| New Hampshire        | 2,657                                | 4,802,692      | 2,619             | 4,731,781      | 38                    | 70,911            | 268    | 654,733       | 205               | 592,452        |
| New Jersey           | 11,947                               | 18,303,336     | 11,832            | 18,075,989     | 115                   | 227,347           | 1,259  | 3,040,221     | 925               | 2,704,372      |
| New Mexico           | 3,779                                | 6,545,689      | 3,714             | 6,433,348      | 65                    | 112,341           | 631    | 1,504,338     | 470               | 1,330,918      |
| New York             | 32,162                               | 49,804,151     | 31,604            | 48,790,565     | 558                   | 1,013,586         | 2,671  | 5,840,986     | 1,892             | 4,954,364      |
| North Carolina       | 10,970                               | 20,979,035     | 10,770            | 20,610,586     | 200                   | 368,449           | 2,674  | 6,832,626     | 2,156             | 6,278,469      |
| North Dakota         | 1,117                                | 1,504,167      | 1,094             | 1,462,719      | 23                    | 41,448            | 138    | 267,710       | 95                | 229,010        |
| Ohio                 | 19,617                               | 34,021,932     | 19,208            | 33,269,908     | 409                   | 752,024           | 2,635  | 5,529,334     | 1,818             | 4,678,901      |
| Oklahoma             | 7,531                                | 14,526,119     | 7,354             | 14,165,895     | 177                   | 360,224           | 1,356  | 3,227,103     | 1,075             | 2,936,849      |
| Oregon               | 5,168                                | 9,016,921      | 5,047             | 8,776,299      | 121                   | 240,622           | 701    | 1,472,971     | 466               | 1,230,647      |
| Pennsylvania         | 19,577                               | 30,549,339     | 19,241            | 29,950,533     | 336                   | 598,806           | 2,550  | 5,659,592     | 1,793             | 4,812,825      |
| Rhode Island         | 2,433                                | 3,940,058      | 2,405             | 3,894,665      | 28                    | 45,393            | 249    | 626,191       | 187               | 556,552        |
| South Carolina       | 6,370                                | 10,227,876     | 6,254             | 9,995,802      | 116                   | 232,074           | 1,642  | 4,142,827     | 1,301             | 3,783,292      |
| South Dakota         | 1,440                                | 2,664,656      | 1,398             | 2,585,895      | 42                    | 78,761            | 195    | 396,311       | 138               | 340,994        |
| Tennessee            | 7,059                                | 12,973,175     | 6,903             | 12,672,314     | 156                   | 300,861           | 1,840  | 4,203,893     | 1,403             | 3,743,508      |
| Texas                | 30,892                               | 56,946,716     | 30,461            | 56,115,156     | 431                   | 831,560           | 5,818  | 14,680,591    | 4,683             | 13,467,437     |
| Utah                 | 2,134                                | 3,003,600      | 2,104             | 2,949,437      | 30                    | 54,163            | 335    | 788,706       | 239               | 696,162        |
| Vermont              | 805                                  | 1,616,988      | 784               | 1,577,849      | 21                    | 39,139            | 134    | 307,221       | 102               | 277,753        |
| Virginia             | 13,599                               | 26,295,888     | 13,442            | 26,001,212     | 157                   | 294,676           | 2,639  | 7,588,719     | 2,227             | 7,164,484      |
| Washington           | 10,414                               | 19,656,882     | 10,231            | 19,286,819     | 183                   | 370,063           | 1,454  | 3,765,090     | 1,166             | 3,453,333      |
| West Virginia        | 3,467                                | 6,440,314      | 3,375             | 6,260,731      | 92                    | 179,583           | 703    | 1,456,352     | 526               | 1,269,476      |
| Wisconsin            | 8,743                                | 12,470,782     | 8,595             | 12,211,332     | 148                   | 259,450           | 795    | 1,680,386     | 539               | 1,402,791      |
| Wyoming              | 795                                  | 1,340,161      | 776               | 1,297,979      | 19                    | 42,182            | 123    | 248,508       | 83                | 204,852        |

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## Estimated Selected Expenditures by State — Fiscal Year 1975

| State                | COMPENSATION AND PENSION — CONTINUED |               |                       |            |                   |           |                       |            |                   |            |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|                      | Vietnam Conflict                     |               | Mexican Border Period |            |                   |           |                       |            |                   |            |
|                      | Deceased Veterans                    |               | Living Veterans       |            |                   |           |                       |            | Deceased Veterans |            |
|                      | Non-Service Connected                |               | Total                 |            | Service Connected |           | Non-Service Connected |            | Total             |            |
|                      | Number                               | Amount        | Number                | Amount     | Number            | Amount    | Number                | Amount     | Number            | Amount     |
|                      |                                      |               |                       |            |                   |           |                       |            |                   |            |
| Grand Total          | 16,480                               | \$ 17,302,041 | 383                   | \$ 630,400 | 11                | \$ 88,444 | 372                   | \$ 541,956 | 557               | \$ 419,423 |
| Philippines          | 42                                   | 44,642        |                       |            |                   |           | 1                     | 593        |                   |            |
| Other foreign areas  | 131                                  | 158,757       | 1                     | 593        |                   |           |                       |            |                   |            |
| Puerto Rico          | 126                                  | 149,813       |                       |            |                   |           |                       |            |                   |            |
| Other U.S. areas     | 7                                    | 7,050         |                       |            |                   |           |                       |            |                   |            |
| Total U.S.           | 16,174                               | 16,941,779    | 382                   | 629,807    | 11                | 88,444    | 371                   | 541,363    | 557               | 419,423    |
| Alabama              | 376                                  | 392,653       | 3                     | 5,260      |                   |           | 3                     | 5,260      | 7                 | 6,729      |
| Alaska               | 43                                   | 36,574        |                       |            |                   |           |                       |            |                   |            |
| Arizona              | 229                                  | 243,112       | 6                     | 12,869     | 1                 | 9,151     | 5                     | 3,718      | 6                 | 3,974      |
| Arkansas             | 208                                  | 201,763       | 4                     | 5,871      |                   |           | 4                     | 5,871      | 8                 | 5,096      |
| California           | 1,603                                | 1,614,717     | 28                    | 41,224     | 1                 | 4,620     | 27                    | 36,604     | 22                | 15,806     |
| Colorado             | 225                                  | 221,254       | 2                     | 1,692      |                   |           | 2                     | 1,692      | 2                 | 2,373      |
| Connecticut          | 97                                   | 111,005       | 11                    | 11,768     |                   |           | 11                    | 11,768     | 15                | 7,890      |
| Delaware             | 48                                   | 39,800        |                       |            |                   | 278       |                       |            | 3                 | 1,376      |
| District of Columbia | 68                                   | 61,690        | 1                     | 1,507      |                   |           | 1                     | 1,507      |                   |            |
| Florida              | 671                                  | 703,885       | 25                    | 44,842     | 1                 | 1,172     | 24                    | 43,670     | 35                | 20,446     |
| Georgia              | 561                                  | 556,251       | 4                     | 10,684     |                   |           | 4                     | 10,684     | 7                 | 5,171      |
| Hawaii               | 56                                   | 67,519        |                       |            |                   |           |                       |            |                   |            |
| Idaho                | 77                                   | 75,511        | 1                     | 2,608      |                   |           | 1                     | 2,608      |                   | 611        |
| Illinois             | 638                                  | 666,038       | 10                    | 14,136     | 1                 | 1,461     | 9                     | 12,675     | 11                | 9,225      |
| Indiana              | 384                                  | 401,212       | 7                     | 7,924      |                   |           | 7                     | 7,924      | 23                | 13,974     |
| Iowa                 | 165                                  | 175,859       | 15                    | 26,930     |                   | 1,083     | 15                    | 25,847     | 15                | 13,045     |
| Kansas               | 193                                  | 201,451       | 4                     | 9,703      |                   |           | 4                     | 9,703      | 10                | 13,675     |
| Kentucky             | 321                                  | 310,372       | 5                     | 9,383      |                   |           | 5                     | 9,383      | 7                 | 5,974      |
| Louisiana            | 372                                  | 413,995       | 2                     | 2,141      |                   |           | 2                     | 2,141      | 1                 | 900        |
| Maine                | 92                                   | 97,194        |                       |            |                   |           |                       |            | 7                 | 5,572      |
| Maryland             | 276                                  | 279,932       | 6                     | 4,661      |                   |           | 6                     | 4,661      | 23                | 19,482     |
| Massachusetts        | 259                                  | 279,564       | 13                    | 23,187     | 1                 | 4,879     | 12                    | 18,308     | 23                | 17,987     |
| Michigan             | 715                                  | 779,707       | 9                     | 16,172     | 1                 | 2,583     | 8                     | 13,589     | 17                | 11,759     |
| Minnesota            | 239                                  | 244,523       | 9                     | 40,043     | 1                 | 28,131    | 8                     | 11,912     | 19                | 17,022     |
| Mississippi          | 227                                  | 225,987       |                       |            |                   |           |                       |            | 1                 | 367        |
| Missouri             | 437                                  | 453,900       | 7                     | 8,711      |                   |           | 7                     | 8,711      | 16                | 12,009     |
| Montana              | 80                                   | 78,717        |                       |            |                   |           |                       |            | 1                 | 1,003      |
| Nebraska             | 119                                  | 126,223       | 6                     | 6,144      |                   |           | 6                     | 6,144      | 4                 | 5,196      |
| Nevada               | 74                                   | 76,403        |                       |            |                   |           |                       |            |                   |            |
| New Hampshire        | 63                                   | 62,281        | 14                    | 19,404     |                   |           | 14                    | 19,404     | 10                | 5,919      |
| New Jersey           | 334                                  | 335,849       | 11                    | 12,928     |                   |           | 11                    | 12,928     | 12                | 9,624      |
| New Mexico           | 161                                  | 173,420       | 4                     | 5,521      |                   |           | 4                     | 5,521      | 5                 | 3,707      |
| New York             | 779                                  | 886,622       | 19                    | 27,156     |                   |           | 278                   | 26,878     | 43                | 25,861     |
| North Carolina       | 518                                  | 554,157       | 14                    | 21,431     |                   | 547       | 14                    | 20,884     | 10                | 6,993      |
| North Dakota         | 43                                   | 38,700        |                       |            |                   |           |                       |            | 2                 | 1,672      |
| Ohio                 | 817                                  | 850,433       | 7                     | 10,202     | 1                 | 1,421     | 6                     | 8,781      | 19                | 14,257     |
| Oklahoma             | 281                                  | 290,254       | 4                     | 33,634     | 1                 | 28,130    | 3                     | 5,504      | 7                 | 6,717      |
| Oregon               | 235                                  | 242,324       | 9                     | 10,036     | 1                 | 318       | 8                     | 9,718      | 11                | 8,791      |
| Pennsylvania         | 757                                  | 846,767       | 30                    | 40,055     |                   |           | 30                    | 40,055     | 53                | 37,885     |
| Rhode Island         | 62                                   | 69,639        | 4                     | 5,363      |                   |           | 4                     | 5,363      | 4                 | 1,749      |
| South Carolina       | 341                                  | 359,535       | 12                    | 20,058     |                   |           | 12                    | 20,058     | 12                | 7,659      |
| South Dakota         | 57                                   | 55,317        | 4                     | 6,966      |                   |           | 4                     | 6,966      | 1                 | 592        |
| Tennessee            | 437                                  | 460,385       | 4                     | 7,474      |                   |           | 4                     | 7,474      | 13                | 15,176     |
| Texas                | 1,135                                | 1,213,154     | 28                    | 48,928     | 1                 | 4,074     | 27                    | 44,854     | 24                | 22,265     |
| Utah                 | 96                                   | 92,544        | 1                     | 3,421      |                   |           | 1                     | 3,421      | 2                 | 408        |
| Vermont              | 32                                   | 29,468        | 3                     | 3,275      |                   |           | 3                     | 3,275      | 5                 | 3,952      |
| Virginia             | 412                                  | 424,235       | 12                    | 16,887     |                   | 318       | 12                    | 16,569     | 7                 | 2,653      |
| Washington           | 288                                  | 311,757       | 8                     | 9,556      |                   |           | 8                     | 9,556      | 11                | 9,842      |
| West Virginia        | 177                                  | 186,876       | 1                     | 1,868      |                   |           | 1                     | 1,868      | 5                 | 3,823      |
| Wisconsin            | 256                                  | 277,595       | 14                    | 15,703     |                   |           | 14                    | 15,703     | 17                | 13,132     |
| Wyoming              | 40                                   | 43,656        | 1                     | 1,492      |                   |           | 1                     | 1,492      | 1                 | 84         |

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| State                      | COMPENSATION AND PENSION - CONTINUED |        |                       |            |                       |                |                   |                |              |        |                  |        |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|--------|------------------|--------|
|                            | Mexican Border Period                |        |                       |            | Regular Establishment |                |                   |                |              |        |                  |        |
|                            | Deceased Veterans                    |        |                       |            | Living Veterans       |                |                   |                |              |        |                  |        |
|                            | Service Connected                    |        | Non-Service Connected |            | Total                 |                | Service Connected |                | Special Acts |        | Reserve Officers |        |
|                            | Number                               | Amount | Number                | Amount     | Number                | Amount         | Number            | Amount         | Number       | Amount | Number           | Amount |
|                            | Number                               | Amount | Number                | Amount     | Number                | Amount         | Number            | Amount         | Number       | Amount | Number           | Amount |
| Grand Total .....          | 3                                    | 6,031  | 554                   | \$ 413,392 | 194,025               | \$ 366,188,658 | 193,983           | \$ 366,165,708 | 40           | 7,654  | 2                | 15,296 |
| Philippines .....          |                                      |        |                       |            | 579                   | 1,798,076      | 579               | 1,798,076      |              |        |                  |        |
| Other foreign areas .....  |                                      |        |                       |            | 632                   | 1,594,753      | 632               | 1,594,753      |              |        |                  |        |
| Puerto Rico .....          |                                      |        |                       |            | 2,536                 | 8,421,986      | 2,536             | 8,421,986      |              |        |                  |        |
| Other U.S. areas .....     |                                      |        |                       |            | 107                   | 208,704        | 107               | 208,704        |              |        |                  |        |
| Total U.S. ....            | 3                                    | 6,031  | 554                   | 413,392    | 190,171               | 354,165,139    | 190,129           | 354,142,189    | 40           | 7,654  | 2                | 15,296 |
| Alabama .....              | 1                                    | 3,173  | 6                     | 3,556      | 3,438                 | 6,538,728      | 3,438             | 6,538,728      |              |        |                  |        |
| Alaska .....               |                                      |        |                       |            | 324                   | 430,593        | 324               | 430,593        |              |        |                  |        |
| Arizona .....              |                                      |        | 6                     | 3,974      | 2,800                 | 5,807,313      | 2,799             | 5,807,145      | 1            | 168    |                  |        |
| Arkansas .....             |                                      |        | 8                     | 5,096      | 2,373                 | 6,310,291      | 2,372             | 6,310,224      | 1            | 67     |                  |        |
| California .....           | 128                                  |        | 22                    | 15,678     | 20,473                | 36,860,237     | 20,470            | 36,855,998     | 2            | 402    | 1                | 3,837  |
| Colorado .....             |                                      |        | 2                     | 2,373      | 3,105                 | 5,917,265      | 3,105             | 5,916,930      |              | 335    |                  |        |
| Connecticut .....          |                                      |        | 15                    | 7,890      | 2,565                 | 3,933,700      | 2,565             | 3,933,611      |              | 89     |                  |        |
| Delaware .....             |                                      |        | 3                     | 1,376      | 506                   | 945,214        | 506               | 945,214        |              |        |                  |        |
| District of Columbia ..... |                                      |        |                       |            | 1,116                 | 2,523,943      | 1,115             | 2,523,859      | 1            | 84     |                  |        |
| Florida .....              |                                      |        | 35                    | 20,446     | 10,830                | 22,902,741     | 10,829            | 22,902,573     | 1            | 168    |                  |        |
| Georgia .....              | 136                                  |        | 7                     | 5,035      | 4,614                 | 9,706,777      | 4,611             | 9,706,120      | 3            | 657    |                  |        |
| Hawaii .....               |                                      |        |                       |            | 911                   | 1,365,847      | 911               | 1,365,847      |              |        |                  |        |
| Idaho .....                |                                      |        |                       | 611        | 791                   | 1,447,735      | 791               | 1,447,735      |              |        |                  |        |
| Illinois .....             |                                      |        | 11                    | 9,225      | 5,486                 | 8,738,299      | 5,485             | 8,738,232      | 1            | 67     |                  |        |
| Indiana .....              |                                      |        | 23                    | 13,974     | 3,167                 | 5,878,670      | 3,162             | 5,877,684      | 5            | 986    |                  |        |
| Iowa .....                 |                                      |        | 15                    | 13,045     | 1,564                 | 3,187,884      | 1,564             | 3,187,884      |              |        |                  |        |
| Kansas .....               |                                      |        | 10                    | 13,675     | 1,622                 | 3,182,010      | 1,622             | 3,182,010      |              |        |                  |        |
| Kentucky .....             |                                      |        | 7                     | 5,974      | 2,575                 | 5,423,890      | 2,568             | 5,422,303      | 7            | 1,587  |                  |        |
| Louisiana .....            | 122                                  |        | 1                     | 778        | 3,225                 | 6,404,419      | 3,225             | 6,404,419      |              |        |                  |        |
| Maine .....                |                                      |        | 7                     | 5,572      | 1,209                 | 2,463,127      | 1,208             | 2,462,959      | 1            | 168    |                  |        |
| Maryland .....             |                                      |        | 23                    | 19,482     | 3,967                 | 6,425,265      | 3,967             | 6,420,211      |              |        |                  | 5,054  |
| Massachusetts .....        |                                      |        | 23                    | 17,987     | 7,977                 | 12,067,527     | 7,977             | 12,067,527     |              |        |                  |        |
| Michigan .....             |                                      |        | 17                    | 11,759     | 6,398                 | 11,547,971     | 6,398             | 11,547,971     |              |        |                  |        |
| Minnesota .....            |                                      |        | 19                    | 17,022     | 3,196                 | 5,174,052      | 3,196             | 5,174,052      |              |        |                  |        |
| Mississippi .....          |                                      |        | 1                     | 367        | 2,000                 | 4,288,130      | 1,999             | 4,287,962      | 1            | 168    |                  |        |
| Missouri .....             |                                      |        | 16                    | 12,009     | 3,492                 | 7,105,544      | 3,492             | 7,105,544      |              |        |                  |        |
| Montana .....              |                                      |        | 1                     | 1,003      | 653                   | 1,218,051      | 653               | 1,218,051      |              |        |                  |        |
| Nebraska .....             |                                      |        | 4                     | 5,196      | 1,118                 | 2,234,590      | 1,117             | 2,234,422      | 1            | 168    |                  |        |
| Nevada .....               |                                      |        |                       |            | 862                   | 1,431,748      | 862               | 1,431,748      |              |        |                  |        |
| New Hampshire .....        |                                      |        | 10                    | 5,919      | 1,001                 | 1,966,411      | 1,001             | 1,966,411      |              |        |                  |        |
| New Jersey .....           |                                      |        | 12                    | 9,624      | 6,186                 | 8,693,606      | 6,186             | 8,693,606      |              |        |                  |        |
| New Mexico .....           |                                      |        | 5                     | 3,707      | 1,448                 | 2,780,842      | 1,448             | 2,780,842      |              |        |                  |        |
| New York .....             |                                      |        | 43                    | 25,861     | 14,295                | 24,155,853     | 14,293            | 24,155,585     | 2            | 268    |                  |        |
| North Carolina .....       |                                      |        | 10                    | 6,993      | 4,581                 | 9,729,987      | 4,579             | 9,729,677      | 2            | 310    |                  |        |
| North Dakota .....         |                                      |        | 2                     | 1,672      | 410                   | 779,724        | 410               | 779,724        |              |        |                  |        |
| Ohio .....                 | 1                                    | 1,666  | 18                    | 12,591     | 7,747                 | 13,930,290     | 7,745             | 13,929,888     | 2            | 402    |                  |        |
| Oklahoma .....             |                                      |        | 7                     | 6,717      | 3,410                 | 6,970,381      | 3,410             | 6,970,269      |              | 112    |                  |        |
| Oregon .....               |                                      |        | 11                    | 8,791      | 2,312                 | 4,469,724      | 2,312             | 4,469,724      |              |        |                  |        |
| Pennsylvania .....         |                                      |        | 53                    | 37,885     | 9,860                 | 17,348,346     | 9,859             | 17,348,206     | 1            | 140    |                  |        |
| Rhode Island .....         |                                      |        | 4                     | 1,749      | 1,095                 | 1,851,499      | 1,095             | 1,851,499      |              |        |                  |        |
| South Carolina .....       |                                      |        | 12                    | 7,659      | 2,435                 | 4,535,606      | 2,435             | 4,535,550      |              | 56     |                  |        |
| South Dakota .....         |                                      |        | 1                     | 592        | 494                   | 1,073,048      | 494               | 1,073,048      |              |        |                  |        |
| Tennessee .....            |                                      |        | 13                    | 15,176     | 3,069                 | 6,788,780      | 3,064             | 6,788,126      | 5            | 654    |                  |        |
| Texas .....                | 722                                  |        | 24                    | 21,543     | 12,130                | 24,716,995     | 12,129            | 24,710,590     |              |        | 1                | 6,405  |
| Utah .....                 |                                      |        | 2                     | 408        | 921                   | 1,535,893      | 921               | 1,535,893      |              |        |                  |        |
| Vermont .....              |                                      |        | 5                     | 3,952      | 407                   | 804,775        | 407               | 804,775        |              |        |                  |        |
| Virginia .....             |                                      |        | 7                     | 2,653      | 5,441                 | 11,053,284     | 5,439             | 11,052,798     | 2            | 486    |                  |        |
| Washington .....           |                                      |        | 11                    | 9,842      | 4,520                 | 9,247,198      | 4,519             | 9,247,086      | 1            | 112    |                  |        |
| West Virginia .....        |                                      |        | 5                     | 3,823      | 1,731                 | 3,300,692      | 1,731             | 3,300,692      |              |        |                  |        |
| Wisconsin .....            |                                      |        | 17                    | 13,132     | 4,007                 | 6,345,806      | 4,007             | 6,345,806      |              |        |                  |        |
| Wyoming .....              | 1                                    | 84     |                       |            | 314                   | 624,838        | 314               | 624,838        |              |        |                  |        |

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| State                      | COMPENSATION AND PENSION -- CONTINUED |                |                   |                |              |          |                      |              |                   |           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|----------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|
|                            | Regular Establishment                 |                |                   |                |              |          | Spanish-American War |              |                   |           |
|                            | Deceased Veterans                     |                |                   |                |              |          | Living Veterans      |              |                   |           |
|                            | Total                                 |                | Service Connected |                | Special Acts |          | Total                |              | Service Connected |           |
|                            | Number                                | Amount         | Number            | Amount         | Number       | Amount   | Number               | Amount       | Number            | Amount    |
| Grand Total . . .          | 48,453                                | \$ 136,652,988 | 48,441            | \$ 136,650,036 | 12           | \$ 2,952 | 997                  | \$ 2,222,681 | 8                 | \$ 78,528 |
| Philippines . . . . .      | 864                                   | 2,327,320      | 864               | 2,327,320      |              |          | 41                   | 146,364      |                   |           |
| Other foreign areas . . .  | 798                                   | 2,565,590      | 798               | 2,565,590      |              |          | 13                   | 21,610       |                   |           |
| Puerto Rico . . . . .      | 323                                   | 893,097        | 323               | 893,097        |              |          | 8                    | 18,054       |                   |           |
| Other U.S. areas . . . . . | 57                                    | 136,396        | 57                | 136,396        |              |          |                      |              |                   |           |
| Total U.S. . . . .         | 46,411                                | 130,730,585    | 46,399            | 130,727,633    | 12           | 2,952    | 935                  | 2,036,653    | 8                 | 78,528    |
| Alabama . . . . .          | 1,258                                 | 3,408,510      | 1,258             | 3,408,510      |              |          | 3                    | 7,266        |                   |           |
| Alaska . . . . .           | 36                                    | 100,132        | 36                | 100,132        |              |          | 1                    | 1,542        |                   |           |
| Arizona . . . . .          | 734                                   | 2,135,168      | 733               | 2,134,951      | 1            | 217      | 9                    | 22,877       |                   |           |
| Arkansas . . . . .         | 650                                   | 1,600,651      | 650               | 1,600,651      |              |          | 8                    | 30,208       |                   | 99        |
| California . . . . .       | 6,379                                 | 19,778,546     | 6,378             | 19,778,184     | 1            | 362      | 161                  | 340,261      | 1                 | 12,487    |
| Colorado . . . . .         | 789                                   | 2,284,063      | 789               | 2,284,063      |              |          | 12                   | 31,472       |                   | 8,617     |
| Connecticut . . . . .      | 344                                   | 965,712        | 344               | 965,712        |              |          | 11                   | 18,006       |                   |           |
| Delaware . . . . .         | 108                                   | 302,251        | 108               | 302,251        |              |          | 1                    | 1,673        |                   |           |
| District of Columbia . .   | 402                                   | 1,535,787      | 402               | 1,535,787      |              |          | 19                   | 32,916       |                   |           |
| Florida . . . . .          | 3,373                                 | 10,266,571     | 3,373             | 10,266,571     |              |          | 75                   | 154,959      | 1                 | 7,052     |
| Georgia . . . . .          | 1,729                                 | 4,790,142      | 1,729             | 4,790,142      |              |          | 10                   | 24,684       |                   |           |
| Hawaii . . . . .           | 254                                   | 744,111        | 254               | 744,111        |              |          | 1                    | 3,289        |                   |           |
| Idaho . . . . .            | 166                                   | 379,926        | 166               | 379,926        |              |          | 2                    | 5,462        |                   |           |
| Illinois . . . . .         | 1,014                                 | 2,561,926      | 1,014             | 2,561,926      |              |          | 34                   | 77,111       |                   |           |
| Indiana . . . . .          | 710                                   | 1,750,526      | 708               | 1,750,092      | 2            | 434      | 33                   | 94,043       | 1                 | 20,878    |
| Iowa . . . . .             | 318                                   | 824,666        | 318               | 824,666        |              |          | 15                   | 29,123       |                   |           |
| Kansas . . . . .           | 521                                   | 1,421,504      | 521               | 1,421,504      |              |          | 28                   | 56,634       |                   |           |
| Kentucky . . . . .         | 826                                   | 2,052,479      | 824               | 2,052,305      | 2            | 174      | 24                   | 48,371       |                   |           |
| Louisiana . . . . .        | 896                                   | 2,443,798      | 896               | 2,443,798      |              |          | 8                    | 17,395       |                   |           |
| Maine . . . . .            | 261                                   | 722,840        | 261               | 722,840        |              |          | 3                    | 9,109        |                   |           |
| Maryland . . . . .         | 1,109                                 | 3,497,134      | 1,108             | 3,496,917      | 1            | 217      | 7                    | 10,331       |                   |           |
| Massachusetts . . . . .    | 1,112                                 | 3,110,306      | 1,111             | 3,110,089      | 1            | 217      | 27                   | 58,576       |                   |           |
| Michigan . . . . .         | 882                                   | 2,272,470      | 881               | 2,272,253      | 1            | 217      | 24                   | 53,649       |                   | 364       |
| Minnesota . . . . .        | 457                                   | 1,085,253      | 457               | 1,085,253      |              |          | 15                   | 39,219       |                   |           |
| Mississippi . . . . .      | 695                                   | 1,795,767      | 695               | 1,795,767      |              |          | 5                    | 16,594       |                   |           |
| Missouri . . . . .         | 922                                   | 2,377,151      | 922               | 2,377,151      |              |          | 22                   | 46,794       |                   |           |
| Montana . . . . .          | 120                                   | 316,739        | 120               | 316,739        |              |          | 6                    | 8,385        |                   | 99        |
| Nebraska . . . . .         | 256                                   | 682,127        | 256               | 682,127        |              |          | 8                    | 28,206       | 1                 | 4,701     |
| Nevada . . . . .           | 159                                   | 447,101        | 159               | 447,101        |              |          | 2                    | 3,676        |                   |           |
| New Hampshire . . . . .    | 200                                   | 592,223        | 200               | 592,223        |              |          | 7                    | 11,924       |                   |           |
| New Jersey . . . . .       | 875                                   | 2,409,102      | 875               | 2,409,102      |              |          | 21                   | 41,820       |                   |           |
| New Mexico . . . . .       | 362                                   | 977,707        | 362               | 977,707        |              |          | 1                    | 2,477        |                   |           |
| New York . . . . .         | 1,677                                 | 4,617,474      | 1,676             | 4,616,968      | 1            | 506      | 51                   | 94,830       |                   |           |
| North Carolina . . . . .   | 1,442                                 | 3,812,672      | 1,442             | 3,812,498      |              | 174      | 9                    | 25,573       |                   | 693       |
| North Dakota . . . . .     | 80                                    | 166,474        | 80                | 166,474        |              |          | 4                    | 7,326        |                   |           |
| Ohio . . . . .             | 1,229                                 | 3,106,105      | 1,229             | 3,106,105      |              |          | 43                   | 105,761      | 1                 | 9,261     |
| Oklahoma . . . . .         | 911                                   | 2,468,456      | 911               | 2,468,456      |              |          | 7                    | 14,467       |                   |           |
| Oregon . . . . .           | 458                                   | 1,188,893      | 458               | 1,188,893      |              |          | 16                   | 39,933       | 1                 | 8,466     |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .     | 1,704                                 | 4,632,679      | 1,704             | 4,632,679      |              |          | 56                   | 102,601      |                   |           |
| Rhode Island . . . . .     | 240                                   | 762,092        | 240               | 762,092        |              |          | 3                    | 5,582        |                   |           |
| South Carolina . . . . .   | 928                                   | 2,513,627      | 928               | 2,513,627      |              |          | 6                    | 10,939       |                   |           |
| South Dakota . . . . .     | 104                                   | 208,135        | 104               | 208,135        |              |          | 1                    | 2,261        |                   |           |
| Tennessee . . . . .        | 1,127                                 | 2,837,443      | 1,126             | 2,837,226      | 1            | 217      | 30                   | 69,833       |                   |           |
| Texas . . . . .            | 4,069                                 | 11,661,392     | 4,068             | 11,661,175     | 1            | 217      | 23                   | 58,017       |                   |           |
| Utah . . . . .             | 209                                   | 505,812        | 209               | 505,812        |              |          | 2                    | 3,335        |                   |           |
| Vermont . . . . .          | 94                                    | 291,382        | 94                | 291,382        |              |          | 1                    | 1,917        |                   |           |
| Virginia . . . . .         | 2,042                                 | 6,485,842      | 2,042             | 6,485,842      |              |          | 20                   | 35,353       |                   |           |
| Washington . . . . .       | 1,189                                 | 3,464,747      | 1,189             | 3,464,747      |              |          | 32                   | 67,885       |                   |           |
| West Virginia . . . . .    | 432                                   | 991,143        | 432               | 991,143        |              |          | 7                    | 18,640       | 1                 | 2,659     |
| Wisconsin . . . . .        | 504                                   | 1,257,542      | 504               | 1,257,542      |              |          | 19                   | 40,678       | 1                 | 3,152     |
| Wyoming . . . . .          | 55                                    | 126,286        | 55                | 126,286        |              |          | 2                    | 3,670        |                   |           |

## Estimated Selected Expenditures by State — Fiscal Year 1975

| State                      | COMPENSATION AND PENSION — CONTINUED |              |                   |               |                   |            |                       |               |                   |            |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|
|                            | Spanish-American War                 |              |                   |               |                   |            |                       |               | Civil War         |            |
|                            | Living Veterans                      |              | Deceased Veterans |               |                   |            |                       |               | Deceased Veterans |            |
|                            | Non-Service Connected                |              | Total             |               | Service Connected |            | Non-Service Connected |               | Total             |            |
|                            | Number                               | Amount       | Number            | Amount        | Number            | Amount     | Number                | Amount        | Number            | Amount     |
| Grand Total . . .          | 989                                  | \$ 2,144,153 | 24,668            | \$ 27,182,868 | 253               | \$ 726,889 | 24,415                | \$ 26,455,979 | 399               | \$ 469,777 |
| Philippines . . . . .      | 41                                   | 146,364      | 904               | 1,356,670     | 5                 | 21,339     | 899                   | 1,335,331     | .....             | .....      |
| Other foreign areas . . .  | 13                                   | 21,610       | 267               | 310,333       | 1                 | 2,642      | 266                   | 307,691       | 2                 | 2,432      |
| Puerto Rico . . . . .      | 8                                    | 18,054       | 172               | 217,627       | 1                 | 2,642      | 171                   | 214,985       | .....             | .....      |
| Other U.S. areas . . . . . | .....                                | .....        | 11                | 7,564         | .....             | .....      | 11                    | 7,564         | .....             | .....      |
| Total U.S. . . . .         | 927                                  | 1,958,125    | 23,314            | 25,290,674    | 246               | 700,266    | 23,068                | 24,590,408    | 397               | 467,345    |
| Alabama . . . . .          | 3                                    | 7,266        | 313               | 357,283       | 4                 | 15,471     | 309                   | 341,812       | 16                | 20,027     |
| Alaska . . . . .           | 1                                    | 1,542        | 7                 | 6,519         | .....             | .....      | 7                     | 6,519         | .....             | .....      |
| Arizona . . . . .          | 9                                    | 22,877       | 199               | 196,405       | 1                 | 1,164      | 198                   | 195,241       | 2                 | 1,957      |
| Arkansas . . . . .         | 8                                    | 30,109       | 292               | 318,919       | 3                 | 6,766      | 289                   | 312,153       | 12                | 14,460     |
| California . . . . .       | 160                                  | 327,774      | 3,593             | 3,673,120     | 25                | 70,720     | 3,568                 | 3,602,400     | 18                | 22,401     |
| Colorado . . . . .         | 12                                   | 22,855       | 256               | 272,271       | 1                 | 1,305      | 255                   | 270,966       | 4                 | 4,033      |
| Connecticut . . . . .      | 11                                   | 18,006       | 235               | 238,232       | .....             | 498        | 235                   | 237,734       | 3                 | 4,167      |
| Delaware . . . . .         | 1                                    | 1,673        | 51                | 53,233        | .....             | .....      | 51                    | 53,233        | 1                 | 979        |
| District of Columbia . .   | 19                                   | 32,916       | 198               | 206,673       | 2                 | 7,849      | 196                   | 198,824       | 4                 | 5,944      |
| Florida . . . . .          | 74                                   | 147,907      | 1,453             | 1,607,844     | 32                | 84,332     | 1,421                 | 1,523,512     | 21                | 31,122     |
| Georgia . . . . .          | 10                                   | 24,684       | 485               | 545,675       | 5                 | 14,772     | 480                   | 530,903       | 13                | 17,721     |
| Hawaii . . . . .           | 1                                    | 3,289        | 27                | 29,877        | 1                 | 3,168      | 26                    | 26,709        | .....             | .....      |
| Idaho . . . . .            | 2                                    | 5,462        | 88                | 97,462        | 1                 | 1,841      | 87                    | 95,621        | 1                 | 215        |
| Illinois . . . . .         | 34                                   | 77,111       | 894               | 966,543       | 7                 | 17,285     | 887                   | 949,258       | 15                | 14,334     |
| Indiana . . . . .          | 32                                   | 73,165       | 690               | 791,328       | 11                | 34,198     | 679                   | 757,130       | 18                | 19,131     |
| Iowa . . . . .             | 15                                   | 29,123       | 265               | 311,520       | 9                 | 28,139     | 256                   | 283,381       | 10                | 12,098     |
| Kansas . . . . .           | 28                                   | 56,634       | 340               | 397,582       | 1                 | 6,268      | 339                   | 391,314       | 9                 | 11,567     |
| Kentucky . . . . .         | 24                                   | 48,371       | 635               | 731,024       | 11                | 28,740     | 624                   | 702,284       | 13                | 15,436     |
| Louisiana . . . . .        | 8                                    | 17,395       | 285               | 314,662       | .....             | .....      | 285                   | 314,662       | 3                 | 3,019      |
| Maine . . . . .            | 3                                    | 9,109        | 140               | 153,712       | 2                 | 5,653      | 138                   | 148,059       | 6                 | 7,880      |
| Maryland . . . . .         | 7                                    | 10,331       | 462               | 489,227       | 8                 | 24,982     | 454                   | 464,245       | 6                 | 7,767      |
| Massachusetts . . . . .    | 27                                   | 58,576       | 541               | 576,194       | 5                 | 15,148     | 536                   | 561,046       | 10                | 10,760     |
| Michigan . . . . .         | 24                                   | 53,285       | 646               | 706,266       | 7                 | 19,987     | 639                   | 686,279       | 10                | 8,081      |
| Minnesota . . . . .        | 15                                   | 39,219       | 332               | 372,795       | 4                 | 9,289      | 328                   | 363,506       | 4                 | 4,984      |
| Mississippi . . . . .      | 5                                    | 16,594       | 198               | 228,762       | 2                 | 5,653      | 196                   | 223,109       | 14                | 16,375     |
| Missouri . . . . .         | 22                                   | 46,794       | 642               | 696,948       | 3                 | 8,177      | 639                   | 688,771       | 17                | 19,941     |
| Montana . . . . .          | 6                                    | 8,286        | 113               | 109,732       | 2                 | 2,640      | 111                   | 107,092       | 1                 | 719        |
| Nebraska . . . . .         | 7                                    | 23,505       | 157               | 183,728       | 2                 | 7,142      | 155                   | 176,586       | .....             | .....      |
| Nevada . . . . .           | 2                                    | 3,676        | 45                | 49,002        | .....             | .....      | 45                    | 49,002        | .....             | .....      |
| New Hampshire . . . . .    | 7                                    | 11,924       | 92                | 96,343        | 4                 | 9,677      | 88                    | 86,666        | .....             | .....      |
| New Jersey . . . . .       | 21                                   | 41,820       | 599               | 592,401       | 2                 | 6,151      | 597                   | 586,250       | 5                 | 4,674      |
| New Mexico . . . . .       | 1                                    | 2,477        | 100               | 108,926       | 2                 | 8,122      | 98                    | 100,804       | 1                 | 1,952      |
| New York . . . . .         | 51                                   | 94,830       | 1,393             | 1,435,073     | 14                | 32,644     | 1,379                 | 1,402,429     | 12                | 11,165     |
| North Carolina . . . . .   | 9                                    | 24,880       | 473               | 547,504       | 4                 | 12,149     | 469                   | 535,355       | 16                | 21,791     |
| North Dakota . . . . .     | 4                                    | 7,326        | 27                | 33,498        | .....             | .....      | 27                    | 33,498        | 1                 | 1,676      |
| Ohio . . . . .             | 42                                   | 96,500       | 1,051             | 1,155,441     | 12                | 31,066     | 1,039                 | 1,124,375     | 19                | 18,675     |
| Oklahoma . . . . .         | 7                                    | 14,467       | 364               | 400,141       | 2                 | 6,495      | 362                   | 393,646       | 5                 | 5,574      |
| Oregon . . . . .           | 15                                   | 31,467       | 464               | 496,229       | 3                 | 9,373      | 461                   | 486,856       | 2                 | 1,976      |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .     | 56                                   | 102,601      | 998               | 1,064,366     | 7                 | 22,480     | 991                   | 1,041,886     | 14                | 12,954     |
| Rhode Island . . . . .     | 3                                    | 5,582        | 81                | 94,464        | 1                 | 2,827      | 80                    | 91,637        | 5                 | 4,698      |
| South Carolina . . . . .   | 6                                    | 10,939       | 265               | 299,614       | 3                 | 5,253      | 262                   | 294,361       | 5                 | 7,317      |
| South Dakota . . . . .     | 1                                    | 2,261        | 65                | 78,976        | .....             | .....      | 65                    | 78,976        | .....             | .....      |
| Tennessee . . . . .        | 30                                   | 69,833       | 669               | 790,895       | 14                | 41,704     | 655                   | 749,191       | 27                | 32,139     |
| Texas . . . . .            | 23                                   | 58,017       | 1,165             | 1,308,770     | 11                | 33,868     | 1,154                 | 1,274,902     | 20                | 22,608     |
| Utah . . . . .             | 2                                    | 3,335        | 57                | 72,549        | 1                 | 3,338      | 56                    | 69,211        | 1                 | 1,724      |
| Vermont . . . . .          | 1                                    | 1,917        | 76                | 83,540        | 2                 | 7,072      | 74                    | 76,468        | 2                 | 1,917      |
| Virginia . . . . .         | 20                                   | 35,353       | 570               | 614,609       | 5                 | 18,286     | 565                   | 596,323       | 14                | 19,868     |
| Washington . . . . .       | 32                                   | 67,885       | 660               | 703,141       | 8                 | 21,738     | 652                   | 681,403       | 5                 | 4,800      |
| West Virginia . . . . .    | 6                                    | 15,981       | 197               | 228,907       | .....             | .....      | 197                   | 228,907       | 10                | 14,755     |
| Wisconsin . . . . .        | 18                                   | 37,526       | 323               | 356,884       | 2                 | 6,836      | 321                   | 350,048       | 1                 | 979        |
| Wyoming . . . . .          | 2                                    | 3,670        | 43                | 45,865        | .....             | .....      | 43                    | 45,865        | 1                 | 979        |

## Estimated Selected Expenditures by State - Fiscal Year 1975

| State                      | COMPENSATION AND PENSION - CONTINUED |           |                       |         |        |                   |                   |          |                       |        |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|--------|
|                            | Civil War                            |           |                       |         |        | Indian War        |                   |          |                       |        |
|                            | Deceased Veterans                    |           |                       |         |        | Deceased Veterans |                   |          |                       |        |
|                            | Service Connected                    |           | Non-Service Connected |         | Total  |                   | Service Connected |          | Non-Service Connected |        |
|                            | Number                               | Amount    | Number                | Amount  | Number | Amount            | Number            | Amount   | Number                | Amount |
|                            | Number                               | Amount    | Number                | Amount  | Number | Amount            | Number            | Amount   | Number                | Amount |
| Grand Total . . .          | 9                                    | \$ 22,013 | 390                   | 447,764 | 87     | 84,130            | 1                 | \$ 2,064 | 86                    | 82,066 |
| Philippines . . . . .      |                                      |           |                       |         |        |                   |                   |          |                       |        |
| Other foreign areas . . .  |                                      |           | 2                     | 2,432   |        |                   |                   |          |                       |        |
| Puerto Rico . . . . .      |                                      |           |                       |         |        |                   |                   |          |                       |        |
| Other U.S. areas . . . . . |                                      |           |                       |         |        |                   |                   |          |                       |        |
| Total U.S. . . . .         | 9                                    | 22,013    | 388                   | 445,332 | 87     | 84,130            | 1                 | 2,064    | 86                    | 82,066 |
| Alabama . . . . .          |                                      |           | 16                    | 20,027  | 1      | 581               |                   |          | 1                     | 581    |
| Alaska . . . . .           |                                      |           |                       |         |        |                   |                   |          |                       |        |
| Arizona . . . . .          |                                      |           | 2                     | 1,957   | 4      | 4,725             |                   |          | 4                     | 4,725  |
| Arkansas . . . . .         |                                      |           | 12                    | 14,460  | 1      | 1,087             |                   |          | 1                     | 1,087  |
| California . . . . .       | 1                                    | 969       | 17                    | 21,432  | 10     | 9,144             |                   |          | 10                    | 9,144  |
| Colorado . . . . .         |                                      |           | 4                     | 4,033   | 1      | 968               |                   |          | 1                     | 968    |
| Connecticut . . . . .      |                                      |           | 3                     | 4,167   |        |                   |                   |          |                       |        |
| Delaware . . . . .         |                                      |           | 1                     | 979     |        |                   |                   |          |                       |        |
| District of Columbia . .   |                                      |           | 4                     | 5,944   | 4      | 3,776             | 1                 | 2,064    | 3                     | 1,712  |
| Florida . . . . .          | 1                                    | 3,661     | 20                    | 27,467  | 5      | 4,360             |                   |          | 5                     | 4,360  |
| Georgia . . . . .          |                                      |           | 13                    | 17,721  | 1      | 968               |                   |          | 1                     | 968    |
| Hawaii . . . . .           |                                      |           |                       |         | 1      | 581               |                   |          | 1                     | 581    |
| Idaho . . . . .            |                                      |           | 1                     | 215     | 1      | 1,848             |                   |          | 1                     | 1,848  |
| Illinois . . . . .         | 1                                    | 1,383     | 14                    | 12,951  | 2      | 1,137             |                   |          | 2                     | 1,137  |
| Indiana . . . . .          | 1                                    | 2,351     | 17                    | 16,780  | 2      | 1,936             |                   |          | 2                     | 1,936  |
| Iowa . . . . .             | 1                                    | 2,351     | 9                     | 9,747   | 1      | 968               |                   |          | 1                     | 968    |
| Kansas . . . . .           |                                      |           | 9                     | 11,567  | 2      | 1,350             |                   |          | 2                     | 1,350  |
| Kentucky . . . . .         |                                      |           | 13                    | 15,436  | 1      | 387               |                   |          | 1                     | 387    |
| Louisiana . . . . .        |                                      |           | 3                     | 3,019   | 1      | 968               |                   |          | 1                     | 968    |
| Maine . . . . .            |                                      |           | 6                     | 7,880   |        |                   |                   |          |                       |        |
| Maryland . . . . .         | 1                                    | 3,295     | 5                     | 4,472   |        | 194               |                   |          |                       | 194    |
| Massachusetts . . . . .    |                                      |           | 10                    | 10,760  | 2      | 2,019             |                   |          | 2                     | 2,019  |
| Michigan . . . . .         |                                      |           | 10                    | 8,081   | 1      | 1,010             |                   |          | 1                     | 1,010  |
| Minnesota . . . . .        |                                      | 2,244     | 4                     | 2,740   | 4      | 4,556             |                   |          | 4                     | 4,556  |
| Mississippi . . . . .      |                                      |           | 14                    | 16,375  | 1      | 1,779             |                   |          | 1                     | 1,779  |
| Missouri . . . . .         |                                      |           | 17                    | 19,941  | 4      | 4,144             |                   |          | 4                     | 4,144  |
| Montana . . . . .          |                                      |           | 1                     | 719     | 1      | 741               |                   |          | 1                     | 741    |
| Nebraska . . . . .         |                                      |           |                       |         | 1      | 2,150             |                   |          | 1                     | 2,150  |
| Nevada . . . . .           |                                      |           |                       |         | 1      | 968               |                   |          | 1                     | 968    |
| New Hampshire . . . . .    |                                      |           |                       |         |        |                   |                   |          |                       |        |
| New Jersey . . . . .       |                                      |           | 5                     | 4,674   | 1      | 1,474             |                   |          | 1                     | 1,474  |
| New Mexico . . . . .       |                                      |           | 1                     | 1,952   | 4      | 2,872             |                   |          | 4                     | 2,872  |
| New York . . . . .         |                                      |           | 12                    | 11,165  | 1      | 1,259             |                   |          | 1                     | 1,259  |
| North Carolina . . . . .   |                                      |           | 16                    | 21,791  | 3      | 1,936             |                   |          | 3                     | 1,936  |
| North Dakota . . . . .     |                                      |           | 1                     | 1,676   | 1      | 581               |                   |          | 1                     | 581    |
| Ohio . . . . .             |                                      |           | 19                    | 18,675  | 1      | 968               |                   |          | 1                     | 968    |
| Oklahoma . . . . .         |                                      |           | 5                     | 5,574   |        |                   |                   |          |                       |        |
| Oregon . . . . .           |                                      |           | 2                     | 1,976   | 1      | 1,660             |                   |          | 1                     | 1,660  |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .     |                                      | 414       | 14                    | 12,540  | 2      | 3,508             |                   |          | 2                     | 3,508  |
| Rhode Island . . . . .     |                                      |           | 5                     | 4,698   |        |                   |                   |          |                       |        |
| South Carolina . . . . .   |                                      |           | 5                     | 7,317   | 1      | 1,010             |                   |          | 1                     | 1,010  |
| South Dakota . . . . .     |                                      |           |                       |         | 5      | 4,700             |                   |          | 5                     | 4,700  |
| Tennessee . . . . .        | 2                                    | 3,734     | 25                    | 28,405  | 2      | 1,936             |                   |          | 2                     | 1,936  |
| Texas . . . . .            | 1                                    | 1,611     | 19                    | 20,997  | 7      | 6,432             |                   |          | 7                     | 6,432  |
| Utah . . . . .             |                                      |           | 1                     | 1,724   | 2      | 772               |                   |          | 2                     | 772    |
| Vermont . . . . .          |                                      |           | 2                     | 1,917   |        |                   |                   |          |                       |        |
| Virginia . . . . .         |                                      |           | 14                    | 19,868  | 1      | 968               |                   |          | 1                     | 968    |
| Washington . . . . .       |                                      |           | 5                     | 4,800   | 1      | 968               |                   |          | 1                     | 968    |
| West Virginia . . . . .    |                                      |           | 10                    | 14,755  |        |                   |                   |          |                       |        |
| Wisconsin . . . . .        |                                      |           | 1                     | 979     |        |                   |                   |          |                       |        |
| Wyoming . . . . .          |                                      |           | 1                     | 979     | 1      | 741               |                   |          | 1                     | 741    |

## VA Supply Fund Comparative Balance Sheet

| Assets  | June 30, 1975            | June 30, 1974           | Increase<br>(Decrease)  |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cash  | \$ 34,755,512.67         | \$ 16,826,071.47        | \$ .....                |
| Advance payment to GSA Supply Fund                              | 5,700,000.00             | .....                   | .....                   |
| Advance payments on undelivered orders                          | 586,617.23               | 359,428.97              | .....                   |
| Advances to employees   | 21,790.26                | 17,930.37               | .....                   |
| Accounts receivable   | 11,484,223.88            | 7,523,075.41            | .....                   |
| Inventories   | 67,958,888.48            | 58,899,362.55           | .....                   |
| Work in process - service & reclamation division                | 223,486.85               | 63,936.11               | .....                   |
| Work in process - printing & reproduction                       | 16,410.51                | 33,905.50               | .....                   |
| Supply Depot operating equipment less reserve for depreciation  | 550,044.54               | 509,218.97              | .....                   |
| Printing & Reproduction equipment less reserve for depreciation | 243,298.02               | 206,679.16              | .....                   |
| Marketing center equipment less reserve for depreciation        | 23,511.43                | 25,941.00               | .....                   |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   | <b>121,563,783.87</b>    | <b>84,465,549.51</b>    | <b>37,098,234.36</b>    |
| <b>Liabilities and Capital</b>                                  |                          |                         |                         |
| Accrued salaries and wages                                      | 235,162.55               | 360,316.04              | .....                   |
| Accrued transportation and service costs                        | 225,365.54               | 254,941.15              | .....                   |
| Accounts payable  | 16,600,202.66            | 16,285,597.50           | .....                   |
| Advances from other government agencies                         | 670,877.64               | 155,020.66              | .....                   |
| Advance from V.A. appropriations                                | 62,700,000.00            | 27,000,000.00           | .....                   |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>  | <b>80,431,608.39</b>     | <b>44,055,875.35</b>    | <b>36,375,733.04</b>    |
| Capital at beginning of period                                  | 40,720,743.35            | 40,126,189.64           | .....                   |
| Transfer of inventories from HEW                                | 529,807.38               | 594,553.71              | .....                   |
| Adjusted capital  | 41,250,550.73            | 40,720,743.35           | .....                   |
| Operating profit or loss* - current fiscal year                 | 192,693.94               | 93,340.88*              | .....                   |
| Operating profit or loss* - prior fiscal year                   | 311,069.19*              | 217,728.31*             | .....                   |
| <b>Capital at end of period</b>                                 | <b>41,132,175.48</b>     | <b>40,409,674.16</b>    | <b>722,501.32</b>       |
| <b>Total Liabilities and capital</b>                            | <b>\$ 121,563,783.87</b> | <b>\$ 84,465,549.51</b> | <b>\$ 37,098,234.36</b> |

## VA Supply Fund - Statement of Income and Expense - Fiscal Year 1975

| INCOME                                     |                |                      |
|--|----------------|----------------------|
| Sale of supplies and equipment             |                | \$263,989,752.42     |
| Less: Cost of Goods sold                   |                | 259,828,767.36       |
| <b>Income on sales</b>                     |                | <b>4,160,985.06</b>  |
| <b>Other Income:</b>                       |                |                      |
| Income-station transfers                   | \$4,258,839.71 |                      |
| Discounts on purchases                     | 1,502,472.61   |                      |
| Reimbursable earnings                      | 2,380,496.98   |                      |
| Donated Income                             | 1,529,539.09   |                      |
| Credit allowances                          | 1,335,120.96   |                      |
| Variances and adjustments                  | 421,146.71     |                      |
| Increased valuation                        | 80,604.08      |                      |
| Miscellaneous income                       | 68,277.59      | 11,576,497.73        |
| <b>Total income</b>                        |                | <b>15,737,482.79</b> |
| EXPENSES                                   |                |                      |
| Maintenance and operation of supply depots |                | 5,645,799.25         |
| Other operating expenses                   |                | 6,421,301.34         |
| Net transportation costs                   |                | 1,773,611.18         |
| Completed S & R projects                   |                | 1,124,675.00         |
| Depot storage, handling, etc.              |                | 270,939.33           |
| Donations, reappraisals and Write offs     |                | 295,810.20           |
| Disposal of operating equipment            |                | 12,652.55            |
| <b>Total expense</b>                       |                | <b>15,544,788.85</b> |
| <b>Operating Profit</b>                    |                | <b>\$ 192,693.94</b> |



## Location and Status of National Cemetery Gravesites — June 30, 1975

| National Cemetery          | Grave-sites Used | Grave-sites Reserved | <sup>1</sup> Grave-sites Available | <sup>2</sup> Close Out Date (Fiscal Year) | National Cemetery            | Grave-sites Used    | Grave-sites Reserved | <sup>1</sup> Grave-sites Available | <sup>2</sup> Close Out Date (Fiscal Year) |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Alexandria, LA .....       | 5,702            | 173                  | 569                                | 1981                                      | Jefferson Barracks, MO ..... | 52,647              | 3,042                | 129,315                            | 2000 +                                    |
| Alexandria, VA .....       | 4,060            | 30                   | 2                                  | Closed                                    | Jefferson City, MO .....     | 1,538               | 86                   | 14                                 | Closed                                    |
| Alton, IL .....            | 482              | 45                   | 6                                  | Closed                                    | Keokuk, IA .....             | 2,315               | 75                   | 9,736                              | 2000 +                                    |
| Annapolis, MD .....        | 2,880            | 48                   | 0                                  | Closed                                    | Kerrville, TX .....          | 460                 | 0                    | 0                                  | Closed                                    |
| Balls Bluff, VA .....      | 25               | 0                    | 0                                  | Closed                                    | Knoxville, TN .....          | 7,178               | 287                  | 10                                 | Closed                                    |
| Baltimore, MD .....        | 31,944           | 4,314                | 196                                | Closed                                    | Leavenworth, KS .....        | 12,701              | 1                    | 1,848                              | 2000 +                                    |
| Barrancas, FL .....        | 9,494            | 657                  | 7,024                              | 1987                                      | Lebanon, KY .....            | 1,818               | 38                   | 140                                | 1976                                      |
| Bath, NY .....             | 8,003            | 0                    | 106                                | 1976                                      | Lexington, KY .....          | 1,384               | 0                    | 0                                  | Closed                                    |
| Baton Rouge, LA .....      | 4,991            | 72                   | 5                                  | Closed                                    | Little Rock, AR .....        | 14,129              | 413                  | 3,381                              | 1985                                      |
| Bay Pines, FL .....        | 4,198            | 0                    | 2                                  | Closed                                    | Long Island, NY .....        | 203,038             | 14,997               | 28,299                             | 1978                                      |
| Beaufort, SC .....         | 10,803           | 194                  | 6,035                              | 2000 +                                    | Los Angeles, CA .....        | <sup>3</sup> 64,491 | 4                    | <sup>3</sup> 8,373                 | 1976                                      |
| Beverly, NJ .....          | 34,608           | 5,195                | 199                                | Closed                                    | Loudon Park, MD .....        | 6,456               | 5                    | 25                                 | Closed                                    |
| Biloxi, MS .....           | 1,557            | 0                    | 9,779                              | 2000 +                                    | Marietta, GA .....           | 15,929              | 505                  | 93                                 | Closed                                    |
| Black Hills, SD .....      | 4,633            | 530                  | 57,056                             | 2000 +                                    | Marion, IN .....             | 4,238               | 0                    | 708                                | 1980                                      |
| Camp Butler, IL .....      | 7,124            | 388                  | 15,006                             | 2000 +                                    | Memphis, TN .....            | 25,971              | 736                  | 3,225                              | 1980                                      |
| Camp Nelson, KY .....      | 5,268            | 87                   | 3,227                              | 1995                                      | Mill Springs, KY .....       | 1,589               | 47                   | 597                                | 1983                                      |
| Cave Hill, KY .....        | 5,621            | 2                    | 14                                 | Closed                                    | Mobile, AL .....             | 3,526               | 317                  | 30                                 | Closed                                    |
| Chattanooga, TN .....      | 22,069           | 715                  | 27,642                             | 2000 +                                    | Mound City, IL .....         | 6,605               | 92                   | 1,196                              | 1991                                      |
| City Point, VA .....       | 5,409            | 92                   | 30                                 | Closed                                    | Mountain Home, TN .....      | 5,312               | 0                    | 4,688                              | 2000 +                                    |
| Cold Harbor, VA .....      | 933              | 0                    | 11                                 | Closed                                    | Nashville, TN .....          | 23,144              | 504                  | 7,465                              | 1993                                      |
| Corinth, MS .....          | 6,141            | 28                   | 7,304                              | 2000 +                                    | Natchez, MS .....            | 4,668               | 74                   | 230                                | 1982                                      |
| Crown Hill, IN .....       | 795              | 0                    | 0                                  | Closed                                    | New Albany, IN .....         | 4,868               | 198                  | 21                                 | Closed                                    |
| Culpeper, VA .....         | 3,700            | 20                   | 5                                  | Closed                                    | New Bern, NC .....           | 4,797               | 108                  | 706                                | 1983                                      |
| Cypress Hills, NY .....    | 18,518           | 70                   | 100                                | Closed                                    | Pacific, HI .....            | 22,406              | 710                  | 4,425                              | 1980                                      |
| Danville, IL .....         | 5,799            | 0                    | 753                                | 2000 +                                    | Perryville, KY .....         | 0                   | 0                    | 0                                  | Closed                                    |
| Danville, KY .....         | 393              | 1                    | 2                                  | Closed                                    | Philadelphia, PA .....       | 10,187              | 49                   | 135                                | Closed                                    |
| Danville, VA .....         | 2,117            | 40                   | 20                                 | Closed                                    | Port Hudson, LA .....        | 5,818               | 40                   | <sup>4</sup> 82                    | 1976                                      |
| Dayton, OH .....           | 23,193           | 2                    | 972                                | 1980                                      | Prescott, AZ .....           | 2,915               | 1                    | 0                                  | Closed                                    |
| Fayetteville, AR .....     | 3,027            | 139                  | 491                                | 1982                                      | Puerto Rico, PR .....        | 9,037               | 1,552                | 31,266                             | 2000 +                                    |
| Finn's Point, NJ .....     | 2,703            | 2                    | 0                                  | Closed                                    | Quincy, IL .....             | 453                 | 2                    | 127                                | 1995                                      |
| Florence, SC .....         | 4,131            | 81                   | 413                                | 1981                                      | Raleigh, NC .....            | 3,042               | 95                   | 1,937                              | 1988                                      |
| Fort Bayard, NM .....      | 1,683            | 0                    | 917                                | 2000 +                                    | Richmond, VA .....           | 7,112               | 320                  | 26                                 | Closed                                    |
| Fort Bliss, TX .....       | 11,577           | 1,403                | 22,659                             | 2000 +                                    | Rock Island, IL .....        | 9,181               | 367                  | 11,740                             | 1995                                      |
| Fort Gibson, OK .....      | 6,532            | 177                  | 13,089                             | 2000 +                                    | Roseburg, OR .....           | 1,815               | 1                    | 314                                | 1982                                      |
| Fort Harrison, VA .....    | 1,008            | 2                    | 55                                 | Closed                                    | St. Augustine, FL .....      | 1,120               | 33                   | 0                                  | Closed                                    |
| Fort Leavenworth, KS ..... | 15,277           | 697                  | 3,541                              | 1981                                      | Salisbury, NC .....          | 13,850              | 77                   | 359                                | 1979                                      |
| Fort Logan, CO .....       | 16,985           | 908                  | 57,151                             | 2000 +                                    | San Antonio, TX .....        | 3,005               | 32                   | 5                                  | Closed                                    |
| Fort Lyon, CO .....        | 802              | 0                    | 154                                | 1991                                      | San Francisco, CA .....      | 21,945              | 865                  | 18                                 | Closed                                    |
| Fort McPherson, NE .....   | 3,123            | 120                  | 6,365                              | 2000 +                                    | Santa Fe, NM .....           | 8,929               | 525                  | 12,367                             | 1996                                      |
| Fort Meade, SD .....       | 188              | 0                    | 0                                  | Closed                                    | Seven Pines, VA .....        | 1,085               | 4                    | 37                                 | Closed                                    |
| Fort Rosecrans, CA .....   | 41,326           | 2,871                | 192                                | Closed                                    | Sitka, AK .....              | 529                 | 3                    | 137                                | 1993                                      |
| Fort Sam Houston, TX ..... | 30,129           | 3,752                | 12,166                             | 1984                                      | Springfield, MO .....        | 6,307               | 302                  | 1,510                              | 1984                                      |
| Fort Scott, KS .....       | 2,618            | 135                  | 3,206                              | 2000 +                                    | Staunton, VA .....           | 828                 | 8                    | 8                                  | Closed                                    |
| Fort Smith, AR .....       | 4,818            | 267                  | 3,650                              | 1996                                      | Togus, ME .....              | 5,371               | 0                    | 0                                  | Closed                                    |
| Fort Snelling, MN .....    | 55,897           | 16,811               | 201,967                            | 2000 +                                    | White City, OR .....         | 703                 | 0                    | 2,248                              | 2000 +                                    |
| Glendale, VA .....         | 1,278            | 0                    | 15                                 | Closed                                    | Wilamette, OR .....          | 37,920              | 2,785                | 81,765                             | 2000 +                                    |
| Golden Gate, CA .....      | 90,361           | 10,316               | 691                                | Closed                                    | Wilmington, NC .....         | 4,062               | 87                   | 621                                | 1976                                      |
| Grafton, WV .....          | 2,068            | 56                   | 5                                  | Closed                                    | Winchester, VA .....         | 4,985               | 51                   | 16                                 | Closed                                    |
| Hampton, VA .....          | 20,798           | 564                  | 92                                 | Closed                                    | Wood, WI .....               | 17,155              | 0                    | 6,218                              | 1995                                      |
| Hampton, VA (VAC) .....    | 22               | 0                    | 0                                  | Closed                                    | Woodlawn, NY .....           | 6,159               | 278                  | 8                                  | Closed                                    |
| Hot Springs, SD .....      | 1,481            | 0                    | 1                                  | Closed                                    | Zachary Taylor, KY .....     | 7,839               | 1,423                | 165                                | Closed                                    |
| Houston, TX .....          | 6,678            | 38                   | 194,352                            | 2000 +                                    |                              |                     |                      |                                    |   |

<sup>1</sup> Included estimated gravesites in underdeveloped areas.<sup>2</sup> Cemeteries indicated as "closed" will continue to make interments of eligible family members in occupied gravesites and previously reserved gravesites.<sup>3</sup> Includes 2,605 niches used and 3,011 available.<sup>4</sup> 150 G/S held in reserve for road pending transfer of additional land.



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