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WPA Studies in 13 Representative Cities Show Only 5 Per Cent of Works
Program Workers Received Veterans' Bonus.

Deputy Works Progress Administrator Aubrey Williams announced today
that only 5 per cent of former urban relief cases with Works Program
employment in June, 1936, received World War veterans' adjusted compensa-
tion certificates.

Mr. Williams' announcement was based on sample studies of 6,158
cases in 13 representative cities carried on by the Works Progress
Administration's Division of Social Research in conducting its regular
survey of trends in the economic status of former urban relief cases.

"Former relief cases, which are now self-supporting through private
employment, fared somewhat better, nearly 6 per cent of these cases
receiving adjusted service bonds," Mr. Williams said.

"This," he added, "may be due to the fact that private industry
has drawn extensively from the group of relief workers in the present
age range of World War veterans (35 to 50 years).

"As would be expected, cases with neither private nor Works Program
employment fell below the other groups. Slightly less than 4 per cent
of these cases received the so-called bonus."

Mr. Williams explained that the latter group included many un-
employable cases which contained no men in the veterans' age range.

The findings have no bearing upon the employment of persons on the
Works Program as the Emergency Relief Act of 1936 provides that the
fact that a person is entitled to receive an adjusted-service bond shall
not be considered in determining actual need of work-relief employment.

The studies were carried on in Atlanta, Baltimore, Bridgeport,
Butte, Chicago, Detroit, Houston, Manchester, Omaha, Paterson, St. Louis,
San Francisco and Wilkes-Barre.