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## TRYPHOSA E. ABRAMS

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Mr. REED, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 794]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 794) granting an increase of compensation to Tryphosa E. Abrams, having considered the same, report it back to the Senate and recommend that the bill do not pass.

This bill would increase the statutory compensation of the soldier's mother from \$20 per month to \$70 per month.

The report of the Veterans Administration is as follows:

VETERANS, ADMINISTRATION,  
Washington, January 16, 1932.

HON. REED SMOOT,  
Chairman Committee on Finance,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR SMOOT: This is in reply to your communication of December 29, 1931, with which you forwarded for report a copy of S. 794, Seventy-second Congress, "A bill granting an increase of compensation to Tryphosa E. Abrams." It appears that this bill is identical in substance with S. 4007, Seventy-first Congress, on which a report was made to your committee on June 2, 1930.

It is apparently the intention of the bill to make payment to Tryphosa E. Abrams, the mother of Chester W. Abrams, deceased veteran, in the amount of \$70 per month during the balance of her life in lieu of the amount of compensation she is now receiving.

The records indicate that the veteran entered the service on August 20, 1917, and was honorably discharged August 29, 1919. He died June 9, 1924. He was paid compensation from the date of discharge to the date of death on account of disabilities diagnosed as "phlebitis; post operative adhesions from left herniotomy, and pylorospasm." The ratings made during the period varied in accordance with the degree of disability shown.

During service, on January 9, 1918, the decedent applied for \$10,000 war-risk insurance, naming as his beneficiaries his mother, Tryphosa, and his sister, Letitia, each to receive \$5,000, in case of his death. This insurance originally lapsed for nonpayment of premiums due after discharge on September 1, 1919. He subsequently applied for reinstatement of \$3,000 of this insurance on September 11, 1920. This amount was reinstated and lapsed for nonpayment of premium due November 1, 1920. He again applied for reinstatement of insurance on December 13, 1920, in the amount of \$3,000, but this application was rejected because

of his physical condition, it being considered at that time that he was not a good risk. No further insurance was made effective in the case prior to his death.

Subsequent to the veteran's death it was found that the mother was dependent upon him, and accordingly she has been receiving \$20 per month death compensation since June 10, 1924.

After the veteran's death a review of the evidence disclosed that there was due uncollected compensation which was sufficient to revive insurance in the amount of \$1,414.76 under the provisions of section 305 of the World War veterans' act, as amended. The monthly payments of this insurance, which will continue for 240 installments, are now being made to Mrs. Tryphosa E. Abrams, mother of the veteran, and to Miss Letitia Abrams, the veteran's sister, each receiving \$4.06 per month.

The mother was also awarded the adjusted service credit of her son in the amount of \$625, 10 quarterly payments having been made to her from July 1, 1926, to October 1, 1928.

It is believed that the committee will be able to determine from the above report the merits of this bill and the propriety of its passage. It is suggested, however, that this claim for increased compensation presents no greater merit than the many others in which compensation in the amount of \$20 per month is being paid to dependent mothers whose sons died of service-connected disabilities.

Should the committee give further consideration to this bill, it is suggested that the words "Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau" be changed to "Administrator of Veterans' Affairs."

A copy of this letter is inclosed for your use.

Very truly yours,

FRANK T. HINES, *Administrator.*

