



National Personnel Records Center

Archival Programs Division

“VA MASTER INDEX” Card File (on microfilm), by name Veterans Administration Form 7202a

KEY to CODES & PREFIXES

- A** – Adjusted Compensation – World War I veterans were paid a sum of money based on their service during World War I, commonly referred to as a “bonus”. Veterans who were eligible for such bonuses were given “A” numbers. Many “A” numbers are preceded by a “U”. UA numbers mean that the bonus had not been paid either partially or in its entirety.
- C** – Claim Number – A claim number was assigned whenever a veteran made application for benefits such as service connected disability, pension, and education and training.
- CT** Number – Certificate number assigned in conjunction with the World War I Bonus. The certificates were issued by service departments.
- F** Number – Whenever the letter prefix “F” precedes an insurance policy number on a master index card, it indicates that this is the “File” number under which the other policy number(s) shown are files. Additionally, it indicates that there are other numbers listed on the reverse of the index card.
- FV** – This prefix may represent an Air Force service number or an insurance file number. These cases must be analyzed carefully to make correct identifications.
- H** – National Service Life Insurance – Issued to veterans of World War II who could not meet the health requirements of other NSLI policies due to disabilities incurred while in the service.
- HD** – Indicates total disability income riders attached to NSLI policies.
- I** – Numbers prefixed with the letter “I” were assigned on permanent and total disability claim or death for payment of term insurance. (World War I).
- J** – Veterans Reopened (Service-Disabled Standard Insurance) – Issued between 5/1/1965 and 5/2/1966. Eligible applicants had to have a service-connected disability, service between 10/8/1940 and 1/1/1957 and meet standard health requirements.
- K** – US Government Life Insurance – This type of policy was issued when veterans converted their War Risk term (T) insurance into permanent policies or made direct application for this type of insurance.
- N** – National Service Life Insurance – Term insurance issued veterans during World War II.

ND – Assigned to income riders that were attached to NSLI policies.

P – There numbers were assigned based on receipt of pension application from veterans (or their beneficiaries) of the Civil, Spanish-American, Indian Wars or certain peacetime service. The pension symbol is always preceded by the following abbreviations: SC, SO, WC, WO, MC, MO, FO, FC.

SC – Soldiers Claim

SO – Soldiers Original

WC – Widows Claim

WO – Widows Original

M – Minor

F – Father

R – Rehabilitation (World War I only)

RH – Service Disabled Veterans Insurance – Issued to veterans separated from service on or after 4/25/1951 with service-connected disabilities. Application had to be made within one year from discharge.

RS and W – Veterans Special Term Insurance – Issued to veterans between 4/25/1951 and 12/31/1956 who applied within 120 days after separation from service (RS). Effective 1/1/1959, these policies could be exchanged for types of policies other than term (W).

SN – Service Number

T – War Risk Insurance – This type of term insurance was issued to members of the Armed Forces during World War I.

V – National Service Life Insurance – This type policy was issued when veterans converted their term insurance (N) or made initial application for any of the plans authorized, term or permanent.

XC – This prefix indicates the veteran is deceased.

Z – Merchant Marine service number prefix.