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REGIONAL OFFICE
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BERTA M SIMMONS

Dear Mrs. Simmons:

We have awarded you a one-time payment of $37,192.00 based on an accrued amount that was due the veteran at the time of his death. We have awarded you this payment based on your relationship to the veteran as his surviving spouse. Please be advised that under current VA laws and regulations, we must limit accrued payments for a period not to exceed more than 2 years prior to the date of the veteran's death.

We have determined that the veteran's service connected post-traumatic stress disorder was increased to 100% evaluation from October 9, 1991. As accrued payments are limited to no more than 2 years prior to the veteran's death, we have paid the accrued payment for the period October 1, 1992 to September 30, 1994. The evidence of record shows that you were previously paid an accrued amount for the period September 1, 1994 through September 30, 1994. Therefore, there are no additional accrued payments for this one month period.

Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35)

You and your daughter, Frances are eligible for Dependents' Educational Assistance. We are enclosing a pamphlet, "Summary of Education Benefits," which explains the program.

To make a claim, just complete the "Application for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance" and send it back to us.

How We Made Our Decision

We carefully considered all the evidence we received. We have attached a copy of the Rating Decision. It shows the evidence we used and the reasons for our decision.

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