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Book Title: Noise and Military Service: Implications for Hearing Loss and Tinnitus
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Hearing loss, tinnitus, and other auditory problems are common, costly, complaints among military veterans. In 2003, there were more than 75,000 cases of auditory impairment among new recipients of Veterans Administration compensation, and estimated payments at the end of 2004 amounted to an annual rate of $850 million to veterans whose major disability was hearing loss and/or tinnitus. This study, mandated by Congress and sponsored by the US Department of Veterans Affairs, assesses issues related to noise-induced hearing loss and tinnitus associated with service in the Armed Forces since World War II.

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