

function herein transferred to the Bureau of Ships shall be transferred to that Bureau for use in connection with the exercise of the functions so transferred. All funds available in the appropriations for the fiscal year 1941 under the headings "Salaries, Bureau of Construction and Repair" and "Salaries, Bureau of Engineering" shall be transferred and consolidated into one appropriation account to be entitled "Salaries, Bureau of Ships", and all funds available in the appropriations for the fiscal year 1941 under the headings "Engineering" and "Construction and Repair" shall be similarly transferred and consolidated into another appropriation account to be entitled "Maintenance, Bureau of Ships", and, further, such part of the funds available under the appropriations "Instruments and Supplies", "Maintenance, Supplies, and Accounts", and "Ordnance and Ordnance Stores" for the fiscal year 1941, as relate to the procurement of equipage, supplies, and services necessary to the maintenance and operation of vessels, and repairs to such equipage, but not including technical ordnance equipage and technical supplies, shall be transferred upon approval of the Bureau of the Budget to the appropriation "Maintenance, Bureau of Ships", provided the Secretary of the Navy shall authorize and direct the transfer of cognizance over such equipage, supplies, and services and repairs to equipage to the Bureau of Ships.

Additional duties of Chief of Naval Operations.

SEC. 2. In addition to the duties now prescribed by law the Chief of Naval Operations shall, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, be charged with the coordination of the functions of the Naval Establishment afloat, together with the determination of priorities relating to repair and overhaul of ships in commission or about to be commissioned.

Under Secretary, appointment.

SEC. 3. The President of the United States is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to appoint from civil life, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an Under Secretary in the Department of the Navy to serve during any national emergency declared by him to exist, including the present limited emergency. The Under Secretary of the Navy shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy or required by law and shall be next in succession to the Secretary of the Navy during his absence or disability or in the event of a temporary vacancy in that office. The compensation of the Under Secretary of the Navy shall be at the rate of \$10,000 per annum. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy, next after the Under Secretary of the Navy, shall hereafter succeed to the duties of the Secretary of the Navy during his absence or disability, or in the event of a temporary vacancy in that office.

Duties; succession to duties of Secretary.

Compensation.

Assistant Secretary, succession to duties of Secretary.

Repeal.

SEC. 4. All laws or parts of laws so far as they are inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, June 20, 1940.

[CHAPTER 407]

AN ACT

To amend the Act approved May 24, 1938, entitled "An Act for the relief of the Comision Mixta Demarcadora de Limites Entre Colombia y Panama" and for the relief of Jose Antonio Sossa D.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act for the relief of the Comision Mixta Demarcadora de Limites Entre Colombia y Panama", approved May 24, 1938 (52 Stat. 1317, ch. 271), be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not

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Comision Mixta Demarcadora de Limites Entre Colombia y Panama.

Payments to Colombia and Panama.

otherwise appropriated, to the Government of Colombia the sum of \$1,981.30, and to the Government of Panama the sum of \$550.25, amounting in all to \$2,531.55, in full settlement of all claims against the United States by the Government of Colombia, by the Government of Panama, and by the Comision Mixta Demarcadora de Limites Entre Colombia y Panama, an agency now dissolved, heretofore created by and functioning under and on behalf of such governments, for damages to cargo sustained and expenses incurred by said commission as a result of a collision on December 7, 1936, in the Bay of Panama between the motor launch Don Bosco, chartered by the commission, and Panama Railroad barge Numbered 205, operated by the Signal Corps, United States Army."

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Jose Antonio Sossa D, owner of the motor launch Don Bosco, the sum of \$1,398.46, in full and final settlement of all claims against the United States for damages, including the cost of repairs to the hull, machinery, and other equipment of the said motor launch Don Bosco, and for other damages sustained by the said owner, resulting from and due to the same collision described in section 1 of this Act: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Approved, June 20, 1940.

Jose Antonio Sossa
D.
Payment to.

Proviso.
Limitation on attorney's, etc., fees.

Penalty.

[CHAPTER 408]

AN ACT

For the relief of certain disbursing officers of the Army of the United States and for the settlement of individual claims approved by the War Department.

June 20, 1940
[H. R. 8096]

[Public, No. 646]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to credit in the accounts of the following disbursing officers of the Army of the United States the amounts set opposite their names: Major Lester L. Boggs, Finance Department, \$148.38; Major George W. Brent, Coast Artillery Corps, \$78.50; Lieutenant Colonel Edward T. Comegys, Finance Department, \$6.08; Major Ray B. Conner, Finance Department, \$162.10; Major George W. Cooke, Finance Department, \$29.90; Lieutenant Colonel Horatio G. Coykendall, Finance Department, \$5.50; Major Frederick E. Coyne, Junior, Finance Department, \$59; Lieutenant Colonel Walter D. Dabney, Finance Department, \$17.86; Major Oliver W. DeGruchy, Finance Department, \$18.57; Captain James H. Dickie, Finance Department, \$53.74; Captain Lemuel E. Edwards, Finance Department, \$50; Lieutenant Colonel Horace G. Foster, Finance Department, \$358.75; Lieutenant Colonel Frank M. Holmes, Finance Department, \$230.75; Captain John S. Knudsen, Finance Department, \$29.39; Captain Ray H. Larkins, Finance Department, \$6; Major Charles Lewis, Finance Department, \$79.27; Lieutenant Colonel James MacKay, Finance Department, \$203.32; Captain Charles K. McAlister, Finance Department, \$30; Major Edmund W. McLarren, Finance Department, \$104.27; Lieutenant Colonel Dana W. Morey, Finance Department, \$208.34; Captain David H. Passell, Finance Reserve, \$19.96; Major

Army.
Credit in accounts of certain disbursing officers.