

## [CHAPTER 877]

## AN ACT

To provide for the appointment of additional commissioned officers in the Regular Army, and for other purposes.

August 8, 1946  
[H. R. 6817]  
[Public Law 670]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Public Law 281, Seventy-ninth Congress, approved December 28, 1945, is hereby amended as follows:

59 Stat. 663,  
10 U. S. C., Supp.  
V, §§ 481, 505b.

(a) Section 2 of the said Act is amended by deleting therefrom the words "twenty-five thousand" and substituting therefor the words "fifty thousand".

(b) Section 4 of the said Act is amended by deleting therefrom the words "At any time not later than a date eight months following the date of enactment of this Act".

Approved August 8, 1946.

## [CHAPTER 878]

## AN ACT

To amend the First War Powers Act, 1941.

August 8, 1946  
[H. R. 6890]  
[Public Law 671]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the First War Powers Act, 1941 (55 Stat. 838), as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end of title III thereof the following:

*Ante*, p. 50.

"SEC. 305. The Trading With the Enemy Act of October 6, 1917 (40 Stat. 411), as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after section 32 thereof, and before the section added by Public Law 382, Seventy-ninth Congress, the following sections:

*Ante*, pp. 50, 182.

"SEC. 33. No return may be made pursuant to section 9 (a) or 32 (a) unless notice of claim for return has been filed within two years from the seizure by or vesting in the Alien Property Custodian, as the case may be, of the property or interest in respect of which the claim is made or within two years from the date of enactment of this section, whichever is later. No suit pursuant to section 9 (a) may be instituted after the expiration of two years from the date of seizure by or vesting in the Alien Property Custodian, as the case may be, of the property or interest in respect of which relief is sought or from the date of enactment of this section, whichever is later, but in computing such two years there shall be excluded any period during which there was pending a suit or claim for return pursuant to section 9 (a) or 32 hereof.

Notice of claim for  
return.  
41 Stat. 977.  
50 U. S. C. app.  
§ 9 (a).  
*Ante*, p. 50.

Suit.

"SEC. 34. (a) Any property or interest vested in or transferred to the Alien Property Custodian (other than any property or interest acquired by the United States prior to December 18, 1941), or the net proceeds thereof, shall be equitably applied by the Custodian in accordance with the provisions of this section to the payment of debts owed by the person who owned such property or interest immediately prior to its vesting in or transfer to the Alien Property Custodian. No debt claim shall be allowed under this section if it was not due and owing at the time of such vesting or transfer, or if it arose from any action or transactions prohibited by or pursuant to this Act and not licensed or otherwise authorized pursuant thereto, or (except in the case of debt claims acquired by the Custodian) if it was at the time of such vesting or transfer due and owing to any person who has since the beginning of the war been convicted of violation of this Act, as

Debt claims.