

act who have re-enlisted or who shall hereafter re-enlist under the provisions of the act of August fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, shall be paid at the rates allowed in the second section of this act to those serving in the fifth year of their first enlistment: *Provided*, That one dollar per month shall be retained from the pay of the re-enlisted men, of whatever grade, named in the first section of this act, during the whole period of their re-enlistment, to be paid to the soldier on his discharge, but to be forfeited unless he shall have served honestly and faithfully to the date of discharge.

listed men.
1854, ch. 247.
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Part to be retained and forfeited, if, &c.

SEC. 4. That enlisted men, now in the service, shall receive the rates of pay established in this act according to the length of their service, and nothing contained in this act shall be construed as affecting the additional monthly pay allowed for re-enlistments by the act of August fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Pay of enlisted men now in service.
Additional pay for re-enlistments not affected by sentence of court-martial;

APPROVED, May 15, 1872.

CHAP. CLXI. — *An Act to establish a System of Deposits, to prevent Desertion, and elevate the Condition of the Rank and File of the Army.*

May 15, 1872.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any enlisted man of the army may deposit his savings, in sums of not less than five dollars, with any army paymaster, who shall furnish him a deposit-book, in which shall be entered the name of the paymaster and of the soldier, and the amount, date, and place of such deposit. The money so deposited shall be accounted for in the same manner as other public funds, and shall pass to the credit of the appropriation for the pay of the army, and shall not be subject to forfeiture by sentence of court-martial, but shall be forfeited by desertion, and shall not be permitted to be paid until final payment on discharge, or to the heirs or representatives of a deceased soldier, and that such deposit be exempt from liability for such soldier's debts: *Provided*, That the government shall be liable for the amount deposited to the person so depositing the same.

Enlisted men of the army may deposit savings with army paymasters.

Deposits forfeitable by desertion, but not by sentence of court martial;

exempt &c., for soldier's debts. Government liable.

SEC. 2. That for any sums of not less than fifty dollars so deposited for the period of six months, or longer, the soldier, on his final discharge, shall be paid interest at the rate of four per centum per annum.

Interest, when allowable.

SEC. 3. That the money value of all clothing overdrawn by the soldier beyond his allowance shall be charged against him, every six months, on the muster-roll of his company, or on his final statements if sooner discharged. The amount due him for clothing, he having drawn less than his allowance, shall not be paid to him until his final discharge from the service.

Clothing overdrawn to be charged to soldier;

amount due, not to be paid until, &c.

SEC. 4. That the system of deposits herein established shall be carried into execution under such regulations as may be established by the Secretary of War.

System of deposits, how put in execution.

SEC. 5. That the amounts of deposits and clothing balances accumulated to the soldier's credit under the provisions of sections one and three of this act shall, when payable to the soldier upon his discharge, be paid out of the appropriations for "pay of the army" for the then current fiscal year.

Amounts of deposits, &c., to be paid from what appropriation.

SEC. 6. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Repealing clause.

APPROVED, May 15, 1872.

CHAP. CLXII. — *An Act to provide that Minors shall not be enlisted in the military Service of the United States without the Consent of Parents or Guardians.*

May 15, 1872.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no person under the age of twenty-one years shall be enlisted or mustered into the military service of the United States without the written consent of his parents or guardians:

Minors not to be enlisted, &c., into, &c., without the written consent of parents or guardians.