

CHAP. 79.—An Act To authorize the resumption of voluntary enlistment in the Regular Army, and for other purposes.

February 28, 1919.
[S. 5279.]

[Public, No. 309.]

Army.
Voluntary enlistment restrictions repealed.
Ante, pp. 81, 83.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of sections seven and fourteen of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the Military Establishment of the United States," approved May eighteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, as impose restrictions upon enlistments in the Regular Army, are hereby repealed in so far as they apply to enlistments and reenlistments in the Regular Army after the date of approval of this Act: *Provided*, That from and after the approval of this Act, one-third of the enlistments in the Regular Army of the United States shall be for a period of one year, and the remaining two-thirds thereof shall be for the period of three years. Any person enlisting under the provisions of this Act shall not be required to serve with the reserves. The pay of the men enlisted hereunder shall be the same as that provided by the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the Military Establishment of the United States," approved May 18, 1917: *Provided further*, That after the expiration of one year those enlisting for the period of three years may be discharged in the discretion of the Secretary of War under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by him after one year of service.

Provisos.
Enlistments for one and three years; ratio.

Service in reserves not required.

Pay established.

Ante, p. 82.

Discharge on application after one year of service.

Approved, February 28, 1919.

CHAP. 80.—An Act To amend section four of Chapter V of an Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and nineteen," approved July ninth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and to make said amendment retroactive.

February 28, 1919.
[H. R. 13035.]

[Public, No. 310.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section four of Chapter V of an Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and nineteen," approved July ninth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be, and the same hereby is, amended, to be effective as of and from July ninth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, by changing the clause "chief nurses, \$120, in addition to the pay of a nurse," to "chief nurses, \$360, in addition to the pay of a nurse."

Army.
Chief nurse's pay increased.
Ante, p. 879, amended.

Approved, February 28, 1919.

CHAP. 81.—An Act To amend the fiftieth article of war.

February 28, 1919.
[H. R. 13037.]

[Public, No. 311.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That article fifty of section thirteen hundred and forty-two of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes," approved August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Army.
Articles of War.
Amendment to Article 50.
Vol. 39, p. 658, amended.

"ART. 50. MITIGATION OR REMISSION OF SENTENCES.—The power to order the execution of the sentence adjudged by a court-martial shall be held to include, *inter alia*, the power to mitigate or remit the whole or any part of the sentence.

Mitigation or remission of sentences, by authority ordering.

"Any unexecuted portion of a sentence adjudged by a court-martial may be mitigated or remitted by the military authority competent to appoint, for the command, exclusive of penitentiaries and the United

Unexecuted portions.

Restrictions.

States Disciplinary Barracks, in which the person under sentence is held, a court of the kind that imposed the sentence, and the same power may be exercised by superior military authority; but no sentence approved or confirmed by the President shall be remitted or mitigated by any other authority, and no approved sentence of loss of files by an officer shall be remitted or mitigated by any authority inferior to the President, except as provided in the fifty-second article.

Ante, p. 882.

Delegation of authority to commanding general in the field, etc.

“When empowered by the President so to do, the commanding general of the Army in the field or the commanding general of the territorial department or division may mitigate or remit, and order executed as mitigated or remitted, any sentence which under these articles requires the confirmation of the President before the same may be executed.

Uncollected forfeitures.

“The power of remission and mitigation shall extend to all uncollected forfeitures adjudged by sentence of a court-martial.”

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[H. R. 13306.]

[Public, No. 312.]

CHAP. 82.—An Act To authorize the payment of allotments out of the pay of enlisted men in certain cases in which these payments have been discontinued.

Allotments of enlisted men.
Resumption of payments to beneficiary which were discontinued July 1, 1918.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all of those cases in which an authority of allotment by an enlisted man directing the payment of an indicated amount to a designated beneficiary is on file in the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, and payments pursuant to this authority had been made by said bureau prior to July first, nineteen hundred and eighteen, but which payments were discontinued as of that date, the War and Navy Departments are directed to resume the payments of allotments in these cases, pursuant to the authority on file as aforesaid, pending the receipt of a new authority, or of a written rescission of the old authority from the enlisted man. In those cases in which pending the receipt of the new authority, the military authorities, beginning with July first, nineteen hundred and eighteen, have reserved from month to month out of the soldier's monthly accruing pay, the amount directed to be paid by the original authority of allotment, the War and Navy Departments, upon resuming the payment of allotments in such cases, under the authority of this Act, shall pay all arrearages out of these respective reservations.

Amounts reserved from monthly pay, pending new authority, to be paid.

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[H. R. 13304.]

[Public, No. 313.]

CHAP. 83.—An Act To extend the time for the completion of the dams across the Savannah River by authority granted to Twin City Power Company by an Act approved February twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and eight, as amended by Acts approved June third, nineteen hundred and twelve, and March first, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

Savannah River.
Time extended for damming by Twin City Power Company.

Vol. 35, p. 36; Vol. 37, p. 120.
Vol. 39, p. 34, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted for the extension to February twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, of the time allowed to the Twin City Power Company to construct dams across the Savannah River authorized by an Act of February twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and eight, as amended by Acts approved June third, nineteen hundred and twelve, and March first, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to amend, alter, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 28, 1919.