

After the word "officers", in line 13 of the said section, insert the words "or warrant officers"; before the word "to", in line 15, insert the words "or warrant officer".

Approved, March 15, 1940.

Regular Army, warrant officers as disbursing agents.

[CHAPTER 61]

AN ACT

To amend section 55, National Defense Act, as amended, to provide for enlistment of men up to forty-five years of age in technical units of the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

March 15, 1940
[S. 2769]

[Public, No. 438]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 55 of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended (44 Stat. 704), be and the same is hereby further amended to read as follows:

National Defense Act, amendment. 10 U. S. C. §§ 421, 423-425.

"SEC. 55. THE ENLISTED RESERVE CORPS.—The Enlisted Reserve Corps shall consist of persons voluntarily enlisted therein. The period of enlistment shall be three years, except in the case of persons who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps at some time between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, who may be enlisted for one-year periods and who in time of peace shall be entitled to discharge within ninety days if they make application therefor. Enlistments shall be limited to persons eligible for enlistment in the Regular Army who have had such military or technical training as may be prescribed by regulations of the Secretary of War, except that for original enlistments of such specialists in units as may be prescribed by regulations of the Secretary of War the maximum age shall be forty-five years. All enlistments in force at the outbreak of war, or entered into during its continuation, whether in the Regular Army or the Enlisted Reserve Corps, shall continue in force until six months after its termination unless sooner terminated by the President."

Enlisted Reserve Corps, composition, enlistment period.

Eligibility.

Continuance of enlistments in time of war.

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[CHAPTER 62]

AN ACT

To authorize an exchange of lands between the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company and the United States, at Quantico, Virginia.

March 15, 1940
[S. 2992]

[Public, No. 439]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to transfer to the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, a corporation of the State of Virginia, by appropriate deed of conveyance, free from all encumbrances and without cost to the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the following parcels of land contained within the Marine Corps Reservation at Quantico, Virginia, as indicated by metes and bounds descriptions on blueprint "P. W. Drawing No. 665, approved August 19, 1938", and "Right of Way and Track Map of Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company V-1/40", both on file in the Navy Department:

Quantico, Va. Exchange of lands with R. F. and P. Railroad Co., authorized.

Parcel 1. Strip of land approximately ten feet wide and nine hundred feet long adjacent to and along the east side of the right-of-way of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, containing two thousand and sixty-six ten-thousandths of an acre, more or less; and

Parcel 4. A strip of land twenty feet wide and twelve hundred feet long adjacent to and along the east side of the right-of-way of the

Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, containing five thousand and five hundred and nine ten-thousandths of an acre, more or less; in consideration of the transfer to the United States by appropriate deed of conveyance by the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, free from all encumbrances, and without cost to the United States, all right, title, and interest of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, to the following parcels of land:

Parcel 2. A strip of land along the west boundary of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company right-of-way between the center line of the old channel of Chopawamsic Creek and the 1877 channel change, containing five and three one-hundredths acres, more or less; and

Parcel 3. A strip of land between the west boundary of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company and the 1877 channel of Chopawamsic Creek, containing nine and forty-eight one-hundredths acres, more or less.

Acquisition of adjoining areas.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy is further authorized to acquire on behalf of the United States by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, all right, title, and interest in any remaining small areas adjoining parcels 2 and 3 and the 1877 channel change of Chopawamsic Creek in order to adjust the boundary line of the Marine Corps Reservation.

Right reserved.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 15, 1940.

[CHAPTER 65]

AN ACT

March 18, 1940

[S. 2284]

[Public, No. 440]

To amend the Act of May 4, 1898 (30 Stat. 369), so as to authorize the President to appoint one hundred acting assistant surgeons for temporary service.

Medical Corps,
Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of May 4, 1898, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and for other purposes" (30 Stat. 369), is hereby amended so that the last paragraph of the appropriation for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (30 Stat. 380), shall read as follows: "The President is hereby authorized to appoint for temporary service one hundred acting assistant surgeons, who shall have the rank and compensation of assistant surgeons".

34 U. S. C. § 21.
Additional acting
assistant surgeons for
temporary service.
authorized.

Approved, March 18, 1940.

[CHAPTER 66]

AN ACT

March 18, 1940

[H. R. 7863]

[Public, No. 441]

To amend section 602 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, relating to a study of radio requirements for ships navigating the Great Lakes and inland waters of the United States.

Federal Communi-
cations Commission.
Time extension for
report.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 602 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (50 Stat. 197; U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. IV, title 47, sec. 602), is hereby amended by striking out the words "not later than December 31, 1939", and inserting in lieu thereof the words "as soon as practicable but not later than January 1, 1941".

Approved, March 18, 1940.