

Effective date of designated awards.

38 U. S. C., note fol. ch. 12; Supp. I, note fol. ch. 12.
55 Stat. 844.

SEC. 4. That notwithstanding any provision of law or veterans regulation, awards of death pension granted under part II of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended or under Public Law 359, Seventy-seventh Congress, approved December 19, 1941, shall be effective as of the day following the date of death of the veteran, if claim is filed within one year following the date of death.

Approved, July 30, 1942.

[CHAPTER 540]

AN ACT

To extend the time limit for cooperation between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Farm Security Administration in the development of farm units on public lands under Federal Reclamation projects.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of August 7, 1939 (Public, Numbered 307, Seventy-sixth Congress, first session), as amended by the Act of June 17, 1940 (Public, Numbered 636, Seventy-sixth Congress, third session), and as amended by the Act of May 28, 1941 (Public, Numbered 77, Seventy-seventh Congress, first session), is hereby further amended by striking out "during the fiscal year 1942", and by inserting in lieu thereof "during the fiscal year 1943".

Approved, August 1, 1942.

[CHAPTER 541]

AN ACT

For the relief of the Bridgeport irrigation district.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the contract of June 14, 1915, between the United States and the Bridgeport irrigation district, North Platte reclamation project, and the indebtedness of the district thereunder for operation and maintenance charges delinquent under said contract for the years 1926 to 1942, both inclusive, be, and the same are hereby, canceled and released, and that the judgment entered on July 30, 1929, in the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska against the district and in favor of the United States be, and the same is hereby, released and discharged: *Provided*, That the \$23,286 heretofore paid under the contract of June 14, 1915, shall be retained by the United States for the benefits heretofore received by the district under said contract: *And provided further*, That the water right of the district under its Nebraska appropriation, upon the approval of this Act, shall be in the same legal status under the laws of Nebraska as if said contract of June 14, 1915, had never been executed.

Approved, August 1, 1942.

[CHAPTER 542]

AN ACT

To amend article of war 50½.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third and fifth paragraphs of article of war 50½ (41 Stat. 797-799), as amended by the Act approved August 20, 1937 (50 Stat. 724), be further amended by adding a further proviso at the end of each of said paragraphs as follows: "*Provided further*, That whenever a branch of the office of the Judge Advocate General is established, under the provisions of the last paragraph of this article, with a distant com-

August 1, 1942
[S. 2322]

[Public Law 691]

Farm units on public lands.
53 Stat. 1238; 54 Stat. 402; 55 Stat. 206.
43 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 433 note.

August 1, 1942
[S. 2440]

[Public Law 692]

Bridgeport irrigation district, Nebr.

Cancellation of contract and discharge of judgment.

Provisos.
Retention of amount paid.

Water right.

August 1, 1942
[S. 2645]

[Public Law 693]

General courts martial in distant commands.
10 U. S. C. § 1522.

Functions of commanding general.

mand. such functions may be performed by the commanding general of such distant command in all cases in which the board of review in such branch office is empowered to act and in which the commanding general of such distant command is not the appointing or confirming authority.”

Approved, August 1, 1942.

[CHAPTER 543]

AN ACT

To amend section 13 of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 13 of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, is hereby further amended to change the salary rates and definitions of certain grades therein, and the title and definition of the custodial service to read as follows:

August 1, 1942
[H. R. 6217]
[Public Law 694]

Classification Act of 1923, amendment.
42 Stat. 1491.
5 U. S. C. § 673;
Supp. I, § 673.

“SUBPROFESSIONAL SERVICE

“Grade 1: The annual rates of compensation for positions in this grade shall be \$1,200, \$1,260, \$1,320, \$1,380, \$1,440, \$1,500, and \$1,560.

“Grade 2: The annual rates of compensation for positions in this grade shall be \$1,320, \$1,380, \$1,440, \$1,500, \$1,560, \$1,620, and \$1,680.

“CRAFTS, PROTECTIVE, AND CUSTODIAL SERVICE

“The crafts, protective, and custodial service shall include all classes of positions the duties of which are to supervise or perform the work of an apprentice, helper, or journeyman in a recognized trade or craft, or other skilled mechanical craft, or the work of an unskilled or skilled laborer, or police or fire protection work, or domestic or other manual or mechanical work involved in the protection, operation, or maintenance of public buildings, premises, and equipment; the transportation of public officers, employees, and property; the transmission of official papers; the guarding of persons in the custody of the Government, and caring for their domestic needs and those of persons in the employ or care of the Government.

Classes of positions included.

“Grade 1 in this service, which may be referred to as the junior messenger grade, shall include all classes of positions, the duties of which are to run errands, to check parcels, or to perform other light manual or mechanical tasks with little or no responsibility.

Grade 1.
Junior messenger grade.

“The annual rates of compensation for positions in this grade shall be \$720, \$780, \$840, \$900, and \$960.

“Grade 2 in this service, which may be referred to as the office-laborer grade, shall include all classes of positions the duties of which are to handle desks, mail sacks, and other heavy objects, and to perform similar work ordinarily required of unskilled laborers; to operate elevators; to clean office rooms; or to perform other work of similar character.

Grade 2.
Office-laborer grade.

“The annual rates of compensation for positions in this grade shall be \$1,200, \$1,260, \$1,320, \$1,380, \$1,440, and \$1,500: *Provided*, That charwomen working part time be paid at the rate of 65 cents an hour, and head charwomen at the rate of 70 cents an hour.

Proviso.
Charwomen.

“Grade 3 in this service, which may be referred to as the minor crafts, protective, and custodial grade, shall include all classes of positions the duties of which are to perform, under immediate supervision, custodial, or manual office work with some degree of responsibility, such as operating paper-cutting, canceling, envelope-opening, or envelope-sealing machines; firing and keeping up steam in boilers used for heating purposes in office buildings, cleaning boilers, and

Grade 3.
Minor crafts, protective, and custodial grade.