

## [CHAPTER 284]

## AN ACT

To provide for the rank of original appointments in the Corps of Civil Engineers of the United States Navy, and for other purposes.

June 8, 1946  
[S. 1872]  
[Public Law 399]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter, original appointments as officers in the Corps of Civil Engineers of the United States Navy shall be in the grade of assistant civil engineer with rank of ensign or of lieutenant (junior grade) in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe.

U. S. Navy.  
Original appointments in Corps of Civil Engineers.

SEC. 2. The second paragraph under the heading "Fuel and transportation" in chapter 180, Thirty-ninth Statutes at Large, 1168, which is the first paragraph on page 1184, is hereby repealed.

Repeal.  
39 Stat. 1184.  
34 U. S. C. § 256.

Approved June 8, 1946.

## [CHAPTER 285]

## AN ACT

For the relief of the city of San Diego, Texas.

June 8, 1946  
[H. R. 4418]  
[Public Law 400]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the city of San Diego, Texas, or its duly authorized agents, the sum of \$13,439.45, in full settlement of all claims against the United States for the destruction of the water tank, tower, electric fire siren, and frame garage when said city property was demolished by a plane piloted by a Navy flier on the 11th day of July 1945: *Provided,* That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

San Diego, Texas.  
Settlement of claims.

Approved June 8, 1946.

## [CHAPTER 297]

## AN ACT

To reimburse certain Navy and Marine Corps personnel and former Navy and Marine Corps personnel for personal property lost or damaged as the result of fires which occurred at various Navy and Marine Corps shore activities.

June 10, 1946  
[S. 1665]  
[Public Law 401]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sum or sums, amounting in the aggregate not to exceed \$7,283.87, as may be required by the Secretary of the Navy to reimburse, under such regulations as he may prescribe, certain Navy and Marine Corps personnel and former Navy and Marine Corps personnel for the value of personal property lost or damaged as the result of fires occurring in a Quonset hut at naval operating base, Navy 151, on January 9, 1945; in barracks at United States naval air facility, Hitchcock, Texas, on May 22, 1945; in Quonset hut 38, Patsu four-one, on February 3, 1945; in building 215, Marine Corps air depot, Miramar, San Diego, California, on March 15, 1945; in Quonset hut at naval air station, Attu, Alaska, on January 29, 1945; in barracks at naval air station,

Navy and Marine Corps personnel and former personnel.  
Reimbursement.