

**CHAP. 586.**—An Act Making appropriation for the support of the Regular and Volunteer Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one.

May 26, 1900.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Army for the year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one:

Army appropriations.

COMMANDING GENERAL'S OFFICE.

To defray the contingent expenses of the Commanding General's Office, in his discretion, one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Commanding General's Office.

CONTINGENCIES OF THE ARMY: For all contingent expenses of the Army not provided for by other estimates, and embracing all branches of the military service, to be expended under the immediate orders of the Secretary of War, two hundred thousand dollars.

Contingent expenses.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

For contingent expenses at the headquarters of the several military departments including the staff corps serving thereat, except the department judge-advocates, being for the purchase of the necessary articles of office, toilet, and desk furniture, binding, maps, books of reference, professional newspapers and periodicals, and police utensils, six thousand dollars, to be allotted by the Secretary of War, and to be expended in the discretion of the several military department commanders.

Adjutant-General's Department.

For contingent expenses of the military-information division, Adjutant-General's Office, including the purchase of law books, books of reference, periodicals and newspapers, and of the military attachés at the United States embassies and legations abroad, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, six thousand six hundred and forty dollars.

Military-information division.

UNITED STATES SERVICE SCHOOLS: To provide means for the theoretical and practical instruction at the artillery school at Fort Monroe, Virginia; the infantry and cavalry school at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the cavalry and light-artillery school at Fort Riley, Kansas, by the purchase of text-books, books of reference, scientific and professional papers, and for all other absolutely necessary expenses, to be allotted in such proportions as may, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, be for the best interest of the military service, eight thousand five hundred dollars.

United States service schools.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

CONTINGENCIES, INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT: For contingent expenses of the Inspector-General's Department at the offices of the several department inspectors-general, being for the purchase of the necessary articles of office, toilet, and desk furniture, binding, maps, books of reference, and police utensils, one thousand dollars.

Inspector-General's Department.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER.

SIGNAL SERVICE OF THE ARMY: For expenses of the Signal Service of the Army, as follows: Purchase, equipment, and repair of field electric telegraphs, signal equipments and stores, binocular glasses, telescopes, heliostats, and other necessary instruments, including necessary meteorological instruments for use on target ranges; war balloons; telephone apparatus (exclusive of exchange service) and maintenance of the same; electrical installations and maintenance at military posts; maintenance and repair of military telegraph lines and cables, including salaries of civilian employees, supplies, and general repairs,

Signal Service.

and other expenses connected with the duty of collecting and transmitting information for the Army, by telegraph or otherwise, ninety-seven thousand dollars.

Military telegraph and cable lines, Alaska.

*Provided*,  
—public business.

—foreign cables, etc., excluded.

For the purpose of connecting headquarters, Department of Alaska, at Saint Michael, by military telegraph and cable lines with other military stations in Alaska; four hundred and fifty thousand five hundred and fifty dollars: *Provided*, That commercial business may be done over these military lines under such conditions as may be deemed, by the Secretary of War, equitable and in the public interests, all receipts from such commercial business shall be accounted for and paid into the Treasury of the United States, and that the sum hereby appropriated shall be immediately available: *Provided further*, That no telegraph or cable lines owned or operated or controlled by persons not citizens of the United States, or by any foreign corporation or government, shall be established in or permitted to enter Alaska.

Pay.

PAY OF OFFICERS OF THE LINE.

Line.

For pay of officers of the line, five million seven hundred thousand dollars.

Longevity.

For pay of officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, one million one hundred and twenty-nine thousand three hundred dollars.

PAY OF ENLISTED MEN.

Enlisted men.

For pay of enlisted men of all grades, including recruits, fifteen million one hundred and forty-five thousand eight hundred and forty-six dollars.

Longevity.

For additional pay for length of service, eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Allotments of pay, enlisted men.  
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Credit to disbursing officers.

*Provided*,  
—officer to use due diligence, etc.

—where officer is responsible.

That all allotments of pay of enlisted men of the United States Army, under section sixteen of Act of Congress approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, that have been or shall be paid to the designated allottees after the expiration of one month subsequent to the month in which said allotments accrued shall pass to the credit of the disbursing officer who has made or shall make such payment: *Provided*, That said disbursing officer shall, before making payment of said allotments, use, or shall have used, due diligence in obtaining and making use of all information that may have been received in the War Department relative to the grantors of the allotments: *And provided further*, That if an erroneous payment is made because of the failure of an officer responsible for such report to report, in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of War, the death of a grantor or any fact which renders the allotment not payable, then the amount of such erroneous payment shall be collected by the Paymaster-General from the officer who fails to make such report, if such collection is practicable.

ENGINEER BATTALION.

Engineer battalion.

One hundred and fifty thousand and twenty-four dollars.

Longevity.

Additional for length of service, thirty thousand and four dollars and eighty cents.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

Ordnance Department.

One hundred and seventy-one thousand one hundred and twenty dollars.

Longevity

Additional pay for length of service, thirty-four thousand two hundred and twenty-four dollars.

NONCOMMISSIONED STAFF (UNATTACHED TO REGIMENTS).

One hundred and fourteen thousand two hundred and forty dollars. Noncommissioned staff.  
 Additional pay for length of service, twenty-two thousand eight hundred and forty-eight dollars.

SIGNAL CORPS.

Two hundred and twenty-one thousand four hundred dollars. Signal Corps.  
 Additional pay for length of service, twenty-two thousand one hundred and forty dollars.

HOSPITAL CORPS.

Nine hundred and seventy thousand eight hundred dollars. Hospital Corps.  
 Additional pay for length of service, forty-eight thousand five hundred and forty dollars.

PAY TO CLERKS AND MESSENGERS AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND AT HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY.

Three clerks, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each per annum, five thousand four hundred dollars; Clerks and messengers at headquarters.

Six clerks, at one thousand six hundred dollars each per annum, nine thousand six hundred dollars;

Twenty-one clerks, at one thousand four hundred dollars each per annum, twenty-nine thousand four hundred dollars;

Sixty clerks, at one thousand two hundred dollars each per annum, seventy-two thousand dollars;

One hundred clerks, at one thousand dollars each per annum, one hundred thousand dollars;

Sixty-eight messengers, at seven hundred and twenty dollars each per annum, forty-eight thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars;

In all, two hundred and sixty-five thousand three hundred and sixty dollars.

And said clerks and messengers shall be employed and assigned by the Secretary of War to the offices and positions in which they are to serve.

FOR PAY OF THE GENERAL STAFF.

General staff.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT: For pay of officers in the Adjutant-General's Department, seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars. Adjutant-General's Department.

For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, sixteen thousand and fifty dollars. Longevity.

In all, ninety-three thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT: For pay of officers in the Inspector-General's Department, fifty-six thousand five hundred dollars. Inspector-General's Department.

For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, nine thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars. Longevity.

In all, sixty-six thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS: For pay of officers in the Corps of Engineers, two hundred and seventy-eight thousand four hundred dollars. Corps of Engineers.

For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, eighty-three thousand five hundred and twenty dollars. Longevity.

In all, three hundred and sixty-one thousand nine hundred and twenty dollars.

Ordnance Department.	<p><b>ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT:</b> For pay of officers in the Ordnance Department, one hundred and fifty-three thousand four hundred dollars.</p> <p>For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, forty-six thousand and twenty dollars.</p> <p>In all, one hundred and ninety-nine thousand four hundred and twenty dollars.</p>
Quartermaster's Department.	<p><b>QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT:</b> For pay of officers in the Quartermaster's Department, two hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars.</p> <p>For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, forty-two thousand dollars.</p> <p>In all, three hundred and thirty-seven thousand dollars.</p>
Subsistence Department.	<p><b>SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT:</b> For pay of officers in the Subsistence Department, one hundred and twenty-six thousand five hundred dollars.</p> <p>For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, twenty-six thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.</p> <p>In all, one hundred and fifty-two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.</p>
Medical Department.	<p><b>MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:</b> For pay of officers in the Medical Department, four hundred and ninety-six thousand five hundred dollars.</p> <p>For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, one hundred and twenty-three thousand four hundred and fifty dollars.</p> <p>In all, six hundred and nineteen thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars.</p>
Pay Department.	<p><b>PAY DEPARTMENT:</b> For pay of officers in the Pay Department, one hundred and forty-six thousand five hundred dollars.</p> <p>For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, twenty-one thousand four hundred and fifty dollars.</p> <p>In all, one hundred and sixty-seven thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars.</p>
Judge-Advocate-General's Department.	<p><b>JUDGE-ADVOCATE-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT:</b> For pay of officers in the Judge-Advocate-General's Department, forty-one thousand five hundred dollars.</p> <p>For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, eight thousand seven hundred dollars.</p> <p>In all, fifty thousand two hundred dollars.</p>
Signal Corps.	<p><b>SIGNAL CORPS:</b> For pay of the officers of the Signal Corps, eighty-three thousand six hundred dollars.</p> <p>For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, eighteen thousand three hundred and ten dollars: <i>Provided</i>, That hereafter the regimental sergeant-majors and regimental quartermaster-sergeants of artillery and infantry shall have the same pay and allowances as the regimental sergeant-majors and regimental quartermaster-sergeants of cavalry.</p> <p>In all, one hundred and one thousand nine hundred and ten dollars.</p>
Record and Pension Office.	<p><b>RECORD AND PENSION OFFICE:</b> For pay of officers of the Record and Pension Office, eight thousand dollars.</p>

## Retired list.

## RETIRED OFFICERS.

## Officers.

For pay of officers on the retired list and for officers who may be placed thereon during the current year, one million two hundred and seventy-three thousand dollars.

## Longevity.

For additional pay to such officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, three hundred and ninety-one thousand dollars.

In all, one million six hundred and sixty-four thousand dollars.

RETIRED ENLISTED MEN.

Enlisted men.

For pay of the enlisted men of the Army on the retired list, six hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That hereafter, in computing length of service for retirement, credit shall be given the soldier for double the time of his actual service in Porto Rico, Cuba, or in the Philippine Islands.

*Proviso.*  
Credit for service in Porto Rico, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS.

For pay of not exceeding one hundred hospital matrons, twelve thousand dollars.

Hospital matrons.

For reimbursement of the traveling expenses, per diem, meals, lodgings, and sleeping-car fares of two hundred and eighteen contract nurses, whose names were forwarded by the Quartermaster-General to the Auditor for the War Department for adjudication and settlement on or about February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, four thousand two hundred and one dollars.

Contract nurses.

For hire of clerks, purchase of stationery, furniture, and for contingent expenses incident to the establishment of the Army War College, having for its object the direction and coordination of the instruction in the various service schools, extension of the opportunities for investigation and study in the Army and militia of the United States, and the collection and dissemination of military information, twenty thousand dollars.

Army War College expenses.

For pay of ten senior veterinary surgeons, fifteen thousand dollars.

Senior veterinary surgeons.

For pay of ten junior veterinary surgeons, nine thousand dollars: *Provided*, That junior veterinary surgeons shall be allowed and paid monthly the sum of three dollars and seventy-one cents during the entire period of their service in lieu of the clothing allowance of a sergeant-major.

Junior.  
*Proviso.*  
—allowance to.

For pay of ninety paymasters' clerks, one hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars: *Provided*, That hereafter the pay of Army paymasters' clerks who have served as such over fifteen years shall be one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum; the pay of Army paymasters' clerks who have served as such over ten years shall be one thousand six hundred dollars each per annum; the pay of Army paymasters' clerks who have served as such over five years shall be one thousand five hundred dollars each per annum; the pay of other Army paymasters' clerks shall be one thousand four hundred dollars each per annum.

Paymasters' clerks.  
*Proviso.*  
—pay of.

For pay of paymasters' messengers, ten thousand dollars.

Paymasters' messengers.  
Travel expenses paymasters' clerks, etc.

For traveling expenses of paymasters' clerks and expert accountant of the Inspector-General's Department, thirty-five thousand dollars.

In all, two hundred and seven thousand dollars.

For expenses of courts-martial, courts of inquiry, and compensation of reporters and witnesses attending the same, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Courts-martial, etc., expenses.

For additional pay to officer in charge of public buildings and grounds at Washington, District of Columbia, one thousand dollars.

Additional pay, officer in charge of public buildings, D. C.

For commutation of quarters to commissioned officers on duty, without troops, at stations where there are no public quarters, five hundred thousand dollars.

Commutation of quarters, etc.

For travel allowance to enlisted men on discharge, four million eight hundred thousand dollars.

Travel allowance enlisted men on discharge.

For clothing not drawn due to enlisted men on discharge, one million dollars.

Undrawn clothing

For interest on deposits of enlisted men, including soldiers' deposits to be repaid, two million two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Interest on deposits enlisted men.

Military information, clerk.	For pay of a clerk attendant on the collection and classification of military information, one thousand five hundred dollars.
Expert accountant.	For pay of expert accountant for the Inspector-General's Department, two thousand five hundred dollars.
Mileage to officers. <i>Provisos.</i> —limit.	For mileage to officers and contract surgeons, when authorized by law, five hundred thousand dollars: <i>Provided</i> , That officers so traveling shall be paid seven cents per mile and no more; distances to be computed and mileage to be paid over the shortest usually traveled routes, with deduction as hereinafter provided; and payment and settlement of mileage accounts of officers shall be made according to distances computed over routes established and by mileage tables prepared by the Paymaster-General of the Army under the direction of the Secretary of War; and all payments made by paymasters on account of mileage previous to the passage of this Act shall be settled in accordance with distance tables officially promulgated and in use at date of payment: <i>Provided further</i> , That officers who so desire may, upon application to the Quartermaster's Department, be furnished with transportation requests, exclusive of sleeping and parlor car accommodations, for the entire journey under their orders; and the transportation so furnished shall be a charge against the officer's mileage account, to be deducted at the rate of three cents per mile by the paymaster paying the account, the amount so deducted to be turned over to an authorized officer of the Quartermaster's Department for the credit of the appropriation for transportation of the Army and its supplies: <i>And provided further</i> , That when the established route of travel shall, in whole or in part, be over the line of any railroad on which the troops and supplies of the United States are entitled to be transported free of charge, or over any of the bond-aided Pacific railroads, or over the railroad of any railroad company which by law or agreement is entitled to receive only fifty per centum of the compensation earned by such company for transportation services rendered the United States, officers traveling as herein provided for shall, for the travel over such roads, be furnished with transportation requests, exclusive of sleeping and parlor car accommodations, by the Quartermaster's Department: <i>And provided further</i> , That when transportation is furnished by the Quartermaster's Department, or when the established route of travel is over any of the railroads above specified, there shall be deducted from the officer's mileage account by the paymaster paying the same three cents per mile for the distance for which transportation has been or should have been furnished: <i>And provided further</i> , That actual expenses only shall be paid to officers for sea travel when traveling, as herein provided for, to, from, or between our island possessions: <i>Provided also</i> , That hereafter when an officer shall be discharged from the service, except by way of punishment for an offense, he shall receive for travel allowances from the place of his discharge to the place of his residence at the time of his appointment or to the place of his original muster into the service, four cents per mile; and an enlisted man when discharged from the service, except by way of punishment for an offense, shall receive four cents per mile from the place of his discharge to the place of his enlistment, enrollment, or original muster into the service: <i>Provided further</i> , That for sea travel on discharge, to, from, or between our island possessions, actual expenses only shall be paid to officers and transportation and subsistence only shall be furnished to enlisted men.
Settlement of mileage accounts.	
Transportation requests.	
Travel on bond-aided, etc., railroads, etc.	
Fifty per centum railroads.	
Deduction.	
Actual expenses to island possessions.	
Travel allowance on discharge.	
Sea travel on discharge to island possessions, etc.	
Civilian physicians.	For traveling expenses and commutation of quarters for civilian physicians employed by the Surgeon-General, one thousand five hundred dollars.
Contract surgeons. <i>Proviso.</i> Hospital stewards.	For contract surgeons, not exceeding four hundred and eighty in all, seven hundred and twenty thousand dollars: <i>Provided</i> , That the Secretary of War is empowered to appoint as many hospital stewards as in

his judgment the service may require, not to exceed an additional one hundred, but no more than one hospital steward shall be stationed at one post or station without special authority from the Secretary of War.

For additional twenty per centum increase on pay of enlisted men, four million five hundred and twenty-four thousand seven hundred and fifteen dollars: *Provided*, That hereafter the pay proper of all officers and enlisted men serving in Porto Rico, Cuba, the Philippine Islands, Hawaii, and in the Territory of Alaska, shall be increased ten per centum for officers and twenty per centum for enlisted men over and above the rates of pay proper as fixed by law in time of peace: *Provided further*, That enlisted men receiving or entitled to the twenty per centum increased pay herein authorized shall not be entitled to or receive any additional increased compensation for what is known as extra or special duty.

Twenty per cent increase, enlisted men.

*Provisos.*  
Increase for service in Porto Rico, etc.

No extra-duty pay.

For additional pay for increased rank when in command by competent authority, fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no part of this sum shall be used for pay of officers assigned to higher command than their rank in the Army, unless such service shall be continuous for a period of not less than three months.

Additional pay, increased rank.  
*Proviso.*  
—continuous service.

All the money hereinbefore appropriated, except the appropriation for mileage to officers when authorized by law, shall be disbursed and accounted for by the Pay Department as pay of the Army, Regular and Volunteer, and for that purpose shall constitute one fund.

Accounting.

SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT.

Subsistence Department.

**SUBSISTENCE OF THE ARMY:** Purchase of subsistence supplies: For issue, as rations to troops, civil employees when entitled thereto, hospital matrons and nurses, general prisoners of war (including Indians held by the Army as prisoners, but for whose subsistence appropriation is not otherwise made); for sales to officers and enlisted men of the Army; for authorized issues of candles; of toilet articles, barbers' laundry, and tailors' materials, for use of general prisoners confined at military posts without pay or allowances, and recruits at recruiting stations; of matches for lighting public fires and lights at posts and stations and in the field; of flour used for paste in target practice; of salt and vinegar for public animals; of issues to Indians employed with the Army, without pay, as guides and scouts. For payments: For meals for recruiting parties and recruits; for hot coffee, canned beef, and baked beans for troops traveling, when it is impracticable to cook their rations; for scales, weights, measures, utensils, tools, stationery, blank books and forms, printing, advertising, commercial newspapers, use of telephones, office furniture; for temporary buildings, cellars, and other means of protecting subsistence supplies (when not provided by the Quartermaster's Department); for commissary chests, complete, and for renewal of their outfits; for field desks of commissaries; for extra pay to enlisted men employed on extra duty in the Subsistence Department for periods of not less than ten days, at rates fixed by law; for compensation of civilians employed in the Subsistence Department, and for other necessary expenses incident to the purchase, care, preservation, issue, sale, and accounting for subsistence supplies for the Army. For the payment of the regulation allowances for commutation in lieu of rations: To enlisted men on furlough, to ordnance sergeants on duty at ungarrisoned posts, to enlisted men stationed at places where rations in kind can not be economically issued to enlisted men traveling on detached duty when it is impracticable to carry rations of any kind, to enlisted men selected to contest for places or prizes in department and army rifle competitions while traveling to and from places of contest; to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, nine million five hundred thousand dollars.

Supplies.  
Purchases.

Payments.

Extra-duty pay.

Civilian employees.

Commutation of rations.

Amount.

Transport service. Expenses.	Subsistence of the masters, officers, crews, and employees of the vessels of the army transport service, two hundred and nineteen thousand four hundred and ninety-two dollars and seventy-five cents.
Increased cost of rations, enlisted men in hospitals.	Difference between the cost of the ration at twenty-five cents per day and the amount of forty cents per day to be expended by commissaries on request of medical officers for special diet to enlisted patients in hospital who are too sick to be subsisted on the army ration, six hundred and fifty-seven thousand dollars.
Convalescents.	Difference between the cost of the ration at twenty-five cents and the cost of rations differing in whole or in part from the ordinary ration, to be issued to enlisted men in camp during periods of recovery from low conditions of health consequent upon service in unhealthy regions or in debilitating climates, to be expended only under special authority of the Secretary of War, one hundred and eighty thousand dollars.
Amount.	Total for the Subsistence Department, ten million five hundred and fifty-six thousand four hundred and ninety-two dollars and seventy-five cents, to be disbursed and accounted for as "Subsistence of the Army," and for that purpose it shall constitute one fund.

Quartermaster's Department.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Regular supplies.	<b>REGULAR SUPPLIES:</b> Regular supplies of the Quartermaster's Department, including their care and protection, consisting of stoves and heating apparatus required for heating offices, hospitals, barracks, and quarters, and recruiting stations; also ranges and stoves, and appliances for cooking and serving food, and repair and maintenance of such heating and cooking appliances; of fuel and lights for enlisted men, including recruits, guards, hospitals, storehouses, and offices; and for sale to officers; and including also fuel and engine supplies required in the operation of modern batteries at established posts; for post bakeries; for the necessary furniture, text-books, paper, and equipment for the post schools and libraries; for the tableware and mess furniture for kitchens and mess halls, each and all for the enlisted men, including recruits; of forage in kind for the horses, mules, and oxen of the Quartermaster's Department at the several posts and stations and with the armies in the field, and for the horses of the several regiments of cavalry, the batteries of artillery, and such companies of infantry and scouts as may be mounted, and for the authorized number of officers' horses, including bedding for the animals; of straw for soldiers' bedding, and of stationery, including blank books for the Quartermaster's Department, certificates for discharged soldiers, blank forms for the Pay and Quartermaster's Departments, and for printing department orders and reports, eight million two hundred and sixty-four thousand dollars.
Forage, etc.	
Amount.	
Incidental expenses.	<b>INCIDENTAL EXPENSES:</b> Postage; cost of telegrams on official business received and sent by officers of the Army; extra pay to soldiers employed on extra duty, under the direction of the Quartermaster's Department, in the erection of barracks, quarters, and storehouses, in the construction of roads, and other constant labor for periods of not less than ten days, and as clerks for post quartermasters at military posts, and for prison overseers at posts designated by the War Department for the confinement of general prisoners; for expenses of expresses to and from frontier posts and armies in the field, of escorts to paymasters and other disbursing officers and to trains where military escorts can not be furnished; expenses of the interment of officers killed in action or who die when on duty in the field, or at military posts or on the frontiers, or when traveling under orders, and of non-commissioned officers and soldiers; and that in all cases where they would have been lawful claims against the Government reimbursement

may be made of expenses heretofore or hereafter incurred by individuals of burial and transportation of remains of officers, including acting assistant surgeons, not to exceed what is now allowed in the cases of officers, and for the reimbursement in the cases of enlisted men of what is now allowed in their cases may be paid out of the proper funds appropriated by this Act, and that the disbursing officers shall be credited with such reimbursement heretofore made; authorized office furniture; hire of laborers in the Quartermaster's Department, including the hire of interpreters, spies, or guides for the Army; compensation of clerks and other employees to the officers of the Quartermaster's Department, and incidental expenses of recruiting; for the apprehension, securing, and delivering of deserters and the expenses incident to their pursuit, and no greater sum than fifty dollars for each deserter shall, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, be paid to any civil officer or citizen for such services and expenses; for a donation of five dollars to each dishonorably discharged prisoner upon his release from confinement under court-martial sentence involving dishonorable discharge; for the following expenditures required for the several regiments of cavalry, the batteries of light artillery, and such companies of infantry and scouts as may be mounted, the authorized number of officers' horses, and for the trains, to wit: hire of veterinary surgeons, purchase of medicines for horses and mules, picket ropes, blacksmiths' tools and materials, horseshoes and blacksmiths' tools for the cavalry service, and for the shoeing of horses and mules, and such additional expenditures as are necessary and authorized by law in the movements and operations of the Army and at military posts, and not expressly assigned to any other department, two million four hundred thousand dollars. To enable the Secretary of War, in his discretion, to cause to be transported to their homes the remains of civilian employees of the Army, who have died, or may hereafter die, while in the employ of the War Department in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and the Philippines, including the remains of any honorably discharged soldiers who are entitled under the terms of their discharge to return transportation on Government transport and who die while on said transport, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, which is hereby appropriated and made immediately available for the above purpose as long as may be required.

Amount.

Transporting remains of civilian employees, etc., from Cuba, etc.

**HORSES FOR CAVALRY AND ARTILLERY:** For the purchase of horses for the cavalry and artillery, and for the Indian scouts, and for such infantry and members of the Hospital Corps in field campaigns as may be required to be mounted, and the expenses incident thereto, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Purchase of horses.

**BARRACKS AND QUARTERS:** For barracks and quarters for troops, storehouses for the safe-keeping of military stores, for offices, recruiting stations, and for the hire of buildings and grounds for summer cantonments, and for temporary buildings at frontier stations, for the construction of temporary buildings and stables, and for repairing public buildings at established posts, including the extra-duty pay of enlisted men employed on the same, three million dollars: *Provided*, That no part of the moneys so appropriated shall be paid for commutation of fuel or for quarters to officers or enlisted men.

Barracks and quarters.

*Proviso.*  
Not available for commutation of fuel, etc.

**TRANSPORTATION OF THE ARMY AND ITS SUPPLIES:** Transportation of the Army, including baggage of the troops when moving either by land or water, and including also the transportation of recruits and recruiting parties heretofore paid from the appropriation for "Expenses for recruiting;" of supplies to the militia furnished by the War Department; of the necessary agents and employees; of clothing, camp and garrison equipage, and other quartermaster's stores, from army depots or places of purchase or delivery to the several posts and army depots, and from those depots to the troops in the field; of horse

Transportation.

equipments and subsistence stores from the places of purchase, and from the places of delivery under contract to such places as the circumstances of the service may require them to be sent; of ordnance, ordnance stores, and small arms from the foundries and armories to the arsenals, fortifications, frontier posts, and army depots; freights, wharfage, tolls, and ferriages; the purchase and hire of draft and pack animals and harness, and the purchase and repair of wagons, carts, and drays, and of ships and other vessels and boats required for the transportation of troops and supplies and for garrison purposes; for drayage and cartage at the several posts; hire of teamsters and other employees; extra-duty pay of enlisted men driving teams, repairing means of transportation, and employed as trainmasters, and in opening roads and building wharves; transportation of funds of the Army; the expenses of sailing public transports on the various rivers, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Atlantic and Pacific oceans; for procuring water, and introducing the same to buildings, at such posts as from their situation require it to be brought from a distance, and for the disposal of sewage and drainage, and for constructing roads and wharves; for the payment of army transportations lawfully due such land-grant railroads as have not received aid in Government bonds (to be adjusted in accordance with the decisions of the Supreme Court in cases decided under such land-grant acts), but in no case shall more than fifty per centum of full amount of service be paid: *Provided*, That such compensation shall be computed upon the basis of the tariff or lower special rates for like transportation performed for the public at large, and shall be accepted as in full for all demands for such service: *Provided further*, That in expending the money appropriated by this Act, a railroad company which has not received aid in bonds of the United States, and which obtained a grant of public land to aid in the construction of its railroad on condition that such railroad should be a post route and military road, subject to the use of the United States for postal, military, naval, and other Government services, and also subject to such regulations as Congress may impose restricting the charge for such Government transportation, having claims against the United States for transportation of troops and munitions of war and military supplies and property over such aided railroads, shall be paid out of the moneys appropriated by the foregoing provision only on the basis of such rate for the transportation of such troops and munitions of war and military supplies and property as the Secretary of War shall deem just and reasonable under the foregoing provision, such rate not to exceed fifty per centum of the compensation for such Government transportation as shall at the time be charged to and paid by private parties to any such company for like and similar transportation; and the amount so fixed to be paid shall be accepted as in full for all demands for such service, thirty million dollars: *Provided*, That one hundred thousand dollars of this sum may be used in Alaska, and shall be immediately available, for the construction of military roads and bridges in Alaska.

**CLOTHING, AND CAMP AND GARRISON EQUIPAGE:** For cloth, woolens, materials, and for the manufacture of clothing for the Army, for issue and for sale at cost price according to the Army Regulations; for altering and fitting clothing and washing and cleaning, when necessary; for equipage, and for expenses of packing and handling, and similar necessities; for a suit of citizen's outer clothing, to cost not exceeding ten dollars, to be issued upon release from confinement to each prisoner who has been confined under a court-martial sentence involving dishonorable discharge, for indemnity to officers and men of the Army for clothing and bedding, and so forth, destroyed by order of medical officers of the Army for sanitary reasons, eight million five hundred

Payment to land-grant railroads.

—maximum.

*Provisos.*  
Compensation; how computed.

Fifty per cent to railroads not bonded.

Amount.

Military roads and bridges, Alaska.

Clothing, camp and garrison equipage.

Amount.

thousand dollars: *Provided*, That on application of the governor of any State or Territory the Secretary of War is authorized to replace the quartermaster supplies which the volunteers from said State or Territory carried into the service of the United States Army during the recent war with Spain, and which have been retained by the United States, exclusive of such supplies as have been allowed for in the office of the Auditor for the War Department and such award accepted by a State.

*Proviso.*  
Replacing quartermaster supplies of State troops.

**CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF HOSPITALS:** For construction and repair of hospitals at military posts already established and occupied, including the extra-duty pay of enlisted men employed on the same, and including, also, all expenditures for construction and repairs required at the Army and Navy Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas, except quarters for the officers, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That for the purpose of improving and repairing the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and for the reconstructing and refitting the interior of the bath house, for the construction of a boiler house and the purchase of boilers, for establishing ice and electric plants, and for the construction of a reservoir with a capacity of one hundred and fifty thousand gallons, the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, of the foregoing may be used, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War.

Hospitals.

Hot Springs, Ark.

*Proviso.*  
—amount available for.

**QUARTERS FOR HOSPITAL STEWARDS:** For construction of quarters for hospital stewards at military posts already established and occupied, including the extra-duty pay of enlisted men employed on the same, twenty thousand dollars.

Quarters for hospital stewards.

**SHOOTING GALLERIES AND RANGES:** For shelter, shooting galleries, ranges for small-arms target practice, repairs, and expenses incident thereto, ten thousand dollars.

Shooting ranges, etc.

**MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.**

Medical Department.

**MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT:** For the purchase of medical and hospital supplies and all other necessary miscellaneous expenses for the Medical Department of the Army, two million dollars.

Supplies, etc.

**ARMY MEDICAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY:** For Army Medical Museum, preservation of specimens, and the preparation and purchase of new specimens, five thousand dollars.

Museum.

For the library of the Surgeon-General's Office, including the purchase of necessary books of reference and periodicals, ten thousand dollars; and the disbursing officer of the Medical Department, at Washington, District of Columbia, shall be credited with all payments from the appropriations for the library for the years ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and June thirtieth, nineteen hundred, heretofore or to be hereafter made by him for such publications upon accounts approved by the Surgeon-General.

Library.

Credit to disbursing officer, etc.

**ENGINEER DEPARTMENT.**

Engineer Department.

**ENGINEER DEPOT AT WILLETS POINT, NEW YORK:** For incidental expenses of the depot, including fuel, lights, chemicals, stationery, hardware, extra-duty pay to soldiers necessarily employed for periods not less than ten days as artificers on work in addition to and not strictly in the line of their military duties, such as carpenters, blacksmiths, draftsmen, printers, lithographers, photographers, engine drivers, teamsters, wheelwrights, masons, machinists, painters, overseers, laborers, repairs of, and for materials to repair, public buildings, machinery, and unforeseen expenses, five thousand dollars.

Incidental expenses.

Materials.	For the purchase of material for use of United States Engineer School and for instruction of engineer troops at Fort Totten, Willets Point, in their special duties as sappers and miners; for land and submarine mines, pontoniers, torpedo drill, and signaling, one thousand five hundred dollars.
Instruments.	For purchase and repair of instruments, to be issued to officers of the Corps of Engineers and to officers detailed and on duty as acting engineer officers, for use on public works and surveys, three thousand dollars.
Library.	For purchase and binding of professional works of recent date treating of military and civil engineering and kindred scientific subjects, for library of the United States Engineering School, five hundred dollars.
Tools, etc.	For pontoon trains, intrenching tools, instruments, and drawing materials, twenty-five thousand dollars.
Surveyors, etc.	For services of surveyors, draftsmen, photographers, clerks to engineer officers on the staff of division, corps, and department commanders, twenty-five thousand dollars.
Amount.	Total for Engineer Department, sixty thousand dollars.

Ordnance Department.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

Current expenses.	<b>ORDNANCE SERVICE:</b> For current expenses of the ordnance service required to defray the current expenses at the arsenals; of receiving stores and issuing arms and other ordnance supplies; of police and office duties; of rents, tolls, fuel, and light; of stationery and office furniture; of tools and instruments for use; incidental expenses of the ordnance service and those attending practical trials and tests of ordnance, small arms, and other ordnance supplies, including payment for mechanical labor in the office of the Chief of Ordnance, three hundred thousand dollars.
Ammunition for small arms	<b>ORDNANCE STORES, AND SUPPLIES:</b> For manufacture or purchase of metallic ammunition for small arms and ammunition for reloading cartridges, including the cost of targets and material for target practice, ammunition for burials at the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and its several Branches, including National Soldiers' Home in Washington, District of Columbia, and at Soldiers and Sailors' State Homes, and marksmen's medals and insignia for all arms of the service, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars: <i>Provided</i> , That hereafter the Chief of Ordnance is authorized to issue such obsolete or condemned ordnance, gun carriages, and ordnance stores as may be needed for ornamental purposes to the Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, the Homes to pay for transportation out of any appropriation for current expenses.
<i>Proviso.</i> Issue of obsolete ordnance to Volunteer Soldiers' Homes.	
Repairing and preserving stores, etc.	For repairing and preserving ordnance and ordnance stores in the hands of troops and for issue at the arsenals and depots, seventy-five thousand dollars.
Purchases for requisitions.	For purchase and manufacture of ordnance stores to fill requisitions of troops, five hundred thousand dollars.
Equipments.	For infantry, cavalry, and artillery equipments, including horse equipments for cavalry and artillery, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
Preserving, etc., ordnance.	For overhauling, cleaning, and preserving new ordnance and ordnance stores on hand at the arsenals and depots, fifty thousand dollars.
Mortaring and evening gun.	For firing the morning and evening gun at military posts prescribed by General Orders, Numbered Seventy, Headquarters of the Army, dated July twenty-third, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and at National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and its several Branches, including National Soldiers' Home in Washington, District of Columbia, and at Soldiers and Sailors' State Homes, including material for cartridges, bags, and so forth, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For targets for artillery practice and implements for mechanical maneuvers, ten thousand dollars.

Artillery targets

Manufacture, repairing, procuring, and issuing arms at the national armories, one million one hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That on application of the governor of any State or Territory the Secretary of War is authorized to replace the ordnance and ordnance stores which the volunteers from said State or Territory carried into the service of the United States Army during the recent war with Spain, and which have been retained by the United States.

Manufacturing arms, etc.  
*Proviso.*  
Replacing ordnance, etc., to States used by volunteers in Spanish war.

Hereafter the following persons only shall be entitled to the benefits of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and may be admitted thereto upon the order of a member of the Board of Managers, namely: All honorably discharged officers, soldiers, and sailors who served in the regular or volunteer forces of the United States in any war in which the country has been engaged, who are disabled by disease, wounds, or otherwise, and who have no adequate means of support, and by reason of such disability are incapable of earning their living.

Volunteer Soldiers' Home.

Who may be admitted.

That the Act approved January twelfth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, granting "extra pay to officers and enlisted men of the United States Volunteers," shall extend to all volunteer officers of the general staff who have not received waiting orders pay prior to discharge, at the rate of one month to those who did not serve beyond the limits of the United States and two months to those who served beyond the limits of the United States; and officers and enlisted men of volunteer organizations, who have served honestly and faithfully in the Volunteer Army of the United States during the war with Spain and have been honorably discharged without furlough, or by reason of their services being no longer required, or at any time by reason of wounds received, or disability contracted in the service and in the line of duty, and who have not received the extra pay granted in said Act or in subsequent Acts of Congress supplemental thereto: And this Act shall be deemed to apply to officers of volunteers who resigned and enlisted men of volunteers who were discharged upon their own applications subsequent to the issue of orders for the muster out of their organizations and prior to the dates of muster out.

Extent of act granting extra pay on muster out in lieu of furlough.  
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**CHAP. 587.**—An Act Regulating permits for private conduits in the District of Columbia.

May 26, 1900.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to grant permission to lay conduits for the transmission of electric power and pipes for the transmission of steam in alleys in the District of Columbia, under the following conditions, namely:

District of Columbia. Commissioners may authorize laying of conduits, etc., in alleys.

The conduits or pipes shall be laid entirely within a square or block, and shall not cross or enter any avenue, street, or highway.

Conditions.

The conduits and pipes shall be located as directed by said Commissioners and be laid under their inspection; and the cost of such inspection, together with the cost of replacing all improved pavements disturbed in connection with said work, shall be paid in advance by the party desiring to lay said conduits or steam pipes.

The conduits or pipes shall be used only to connect the premises owned and operated by the permittee, and no power or steam shall be supplied therefrom for any other purpose than the use of the permittee.