

during any war in which the United States may be engaged, then his widow, if unmarried, or in case of her death or marriage, his minor orphan children, or his or their legal representatives, may proceed forthwith to make final proof upon such entry or application thereafter allowed, and shall be entitled to receive Government patent for such land; and that the death of such soldier while so engaged in the service of the United States shall, in the administration of the homestead laws, be construed to be equivalent to a performance of all requirements as to residence and cultivation upon such homestead.

Approved, July 28, 1917.

CHAP. 45.—An Act To authorize the county of Cass, in the State of Indiana, to construct a bridge across the Wabash River east of the city of Logansport, at a point known as Cedar or Rock Island, in said Wabash River.

July 28, 1917.
[S. 2106.]

[Public, No. 33.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Cass, State of Indiana, is hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Wabash River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at a place east of the city of Logansport, at a point known as Cedar or Rock Island, in said Wabash River, in the State of Indiana, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Wabash River.
Cass County, Ind.,
may bridge, near Lo-
gansport.

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

Amendment.

Approved, July 28, 1917.

CHAP. 46.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Pritchard-Wheeler Lumber Company, of Wisner, Louisiana, to construct a bridge across Bayou Macon, in Louisiana, at a point east of the town of Wisner, Louisiana.

July 28, 1917.
[S. 2667.]

[Public, No. 34.]

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 to the Pritchard-Wheeler Lumber Company, of Wisner, Louisiana, and to its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Bayou Macon at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near a point east of the town of Wisner, Louisiana, in the parish of Franklin, in the State of Louisiana, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Bayou Macon.
Pritchard-Wheeler,
Lumber Company may
bridge, Wisner, La.

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

Amendment.

Approved, July 28, 1917

CHAP. 47.—An Act To authorize the construction, maintenance, and operation of a bridge across Little River, at or near the foot of the gar hole about one-half mile south of the Jonesboro, Lake City and Eastern Railway bridge across Little River, Arkansas.

August 3, 1917.
[S. 2685.]

[Public, No. 35.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Mississippi, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arkansas, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and ap-

Little River.
Mississippi County,
Ark., may bridge.

Location.

proaches across Little River, at or near the foot of the gar hole about one-half mile south of the Jonesboro, Lake City and Eastern Railway bridge across Little River, Arkansas, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and SIX.

Construction.
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Amendment.

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

Approved, August 3, 1917.

August 7, 1917.

[H. R. 3331.]

[Public, No. 36.]

CHAP. 48.—An Act For the protection of desert-land entrymen who enter the military or naval service of the United States in time of war.

Public lands.
Desert-land entries.
Vol. 19, p. 377; Vol.
20, p. 1096.
Time extended for
expenditures, while
serving in present war.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no desert-land entry made or held under the provisions of the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, as amended by the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, by an officer or enlisted man in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Organized Militia of the United States shall be subject to contest or cancellation for failure to make or expend the sum of \$1 per acre per year in improvements upon such claim, or to effect the reclamation thereof, during the period said entryman or his successor in interest is engaged in the military service of the United States during the present war with Germany, and until six months thereafter, and the time within which such entryman or claimant is required to make such expenditures and effect reclamation of the land shall be, exclusive of the time of his actual service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Organized Militia of the United States: *Provided,* That said desert-land entry shall have been made by the said officer or enlisted man prior to his enlistment: *Provided further,* That each such entryman or claimant shall, within six months after the passage of this Act, or within six months after he is mustered into the service, file in the local land office of the district wherein his claim is situate a notice of his muster into the service of the United States and of his desire to hold said desert claim under this Act: *Provided further,* That the term "enlisted man," as used in this section shall include any person selected to serve in the military forces of the United States as provided by the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the President to increase temporarily the Military Establishment of the United States," approved May eighteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Approved, August 7, 1917.

August 8, 1917.

[H. R. 4285.]

[Public, No. 37.]

CHAP. 49.—An Act Making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes.

River and harbor ap-
propriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums of money be, and are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be immediately available, and to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers, for the construction, completion, repair, and preservation of the public works hereinafter named:

Portland, Me.

Portland Harbor, Maine: For completing improvement in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered