

**CHAP. 101.**—An Act To provide for the promotion of first lieutenants in the Regular Army and National Guard to the grade of captain, and respecting the Dental Corps of the Army and medical and dental students, and for other purposes.

October 6, 1917.  
[H. R. 4897.]

[Public, No. 86.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That during the existing emergency first lieutenants in the Medical Corps of the Regular Army and of the National Guard shall be eligible to promotion as captain upon such examination as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

Hereafter the Dental Corps of the Army shall consist of commissioned officers of the same grade and proportionally distributed among such grades as are now or may be hereafter provided by law for the Medical Corps, who shall have the rank, pay, promotion and allowances of officers of corresponding grades in the Medical Corps, including the right to retirement as in the case of other officers, and there shall be one dental officer for every thousand of the total strength of the Regular Army authorized from time to time by law: *Provided further,* That dental examining and review boards shall consist of one officer of the Medical Corps and two officers of the Dental Corps: *Provided further,* That immediately following the approval of this Act all dental surgeons then in active service shall be recommissioned in the Dental Corps in the grades herein authorized in the order of their seniority and without loss of pay or allowances or of relative rank in the Army: *And provided further,* That no dental surgeon shall be recommissioned who has not been confirmed by the Senate.

All regulations concerning the enlistment of medical students in the Enlisted Reserve Corps and their continuance in their college course while subject to call to active service, shall apply similarly to dental students.

Approved, October 6, 1917.

Army.  
Emergency promotions in Medical Corps of, and National Guard.  
Vol. 39, p. 171.

Dental Corps.  
Personnel, etc., modified.  
Vol. 39, p. 173,  
amended.

Number authorized.

*Provisos.*  
Examining boards.

Recommissions to present officers.

Confirmation required.

Continuance of students in college course.

**CHAP. 102.**—An Act To amend section fifteen hundred and eighty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

October 6, 1917.  
[H. R. 5646.]

[Public, No. 87.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section fifteen hundred and eighty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and it is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1585. Forty cents shall in all cases be deemed the commutation price of the Navy ration: *Provided, however,* That after January first, nineteen hundred and eighteen, the commutation price shall not exceed the average cost of the ration during the preceding six months, not to exceed 40 cents.

Approved, October 6, 1917.

Navy.  
R. S., sec. 1585, p. 271,  
amended.

Ration commutation.  
*Proviso.*  
Restriction after January 1, 1918.

**CHAP. 103.**—An Act To establish certain new ratings in the United States Navy, and for other purposes.

October 6, 1917.  
[H. R. 5648.]

[Public, No. 88.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the ratings of engineman, first class, engineman, second class; blacksmith, first class, blacksmith, second class; coppersmith, first class, coppersmith, second class; pattern maker, first class, pattern maker, second class; molder, first class, molder, second class; chief special mechanic and special mechanic, first class, be, and they are hereby, established in the artificer branch of the Navy with the following rates of base pay per month: Engineman, first class, \$45; engineman, second class, \$40; blacksmith, first class, \$65; blacksmith, second class, \$50; copper-

Navy.  
New ratings in artificer branch.

Base pay.

*Provisos.*  
Base pay increases.

Subject to service increase, etc.

Appointments, etc., regulations to be prescribed.

smith, first class, \$65; coppersmith, second class, \$50; pattern maker, first class, \$65; pattern maker, second class, \$50; molder, first class, \$65; molder, second class, \$50; chief special mechanic, \$127; special mechanic, first class, \$80: *Provided*, That the base pay of machinists' mates, second class, and water tenders be, and it is hereby, increased from \$40 to \$45 per month: *Provided further*, That all the aforesaid rates of pay shall be subject to such increases of pay and allowances as are, or may hereafter be, authorized by law for enlisted men of the Navy: *And provided further*, That appointments or enlistments in the said ratings may be made from enlisted men in the Navy or from civil life, respectively, and the qualifications of candidates for any of said ratings shall be determined in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe.

Approved, October 6, 1917.

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[H. R. 5918.]

[Public, No. 89.]

**CHAP. 104.**—An Act To authorize the President to organize provisionally as Field Artillery or Infantry and to use as Field Artillery or Infantry during the existing emergency such regiments of Cavalry as he may designate.

*Army.*  
Cavalry may serve as Field Artillery or Infantry during existing emergency.

*Proviso.*  
Reorganization as Cavalry afterwards.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That during the present emergency the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to organize provisionally as Field Artillery or Infantry and to use as Field Artillery or Infantry during the existing emergency such regiments of Cavalry as he may designate: *Provided*, That immediately after the termination of the existing emergency such regiments shall be reorganized as Cavalry regiments in accordance with the prescribed organization of such regiments.

Approved, October 6, 1917.

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[H. R. 5723.]

[Public No. 90.]

**CHAP. 105**—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the establishment of a Bureau of War Risk Insurance in the Treasury Department," approved September second, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and for other purposes.

War Risk Insurance Bureau. Vol. 38, p. 711, amended. *Ante*, p. 102, amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the establishment of a Bureau of War Risk Insurance in the Treasury Department," approved September second, nineteen hundred and fourteen, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### "ARTICLE I.

Bureau established in Treasury Department. Director.

Divisions created. Commissioner for each. *Ante*, p. 102.

New sections. Vol. 38, p. 712, amended.

Marine and seamen's insurance. Vol. 38, pp. 711, 712. *Ante*, p. 102.

"SECTION 1. That there is established in the Treasury Department a Bureau to be known as the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, the director of which shall receive a salary at the rate of \$5,000 per annum.

"That there be in such bureau a Division of Marine and Seamen's Insurance and a Division of Military and Naval Insurance in charge of a commissioner of Marine and Seamen's Insurance and a commissioner of Military and Naval Insurance, respectively, each of whom shall receive a salary of \$4,000 per annum."

SEC. 2. That such Act of September second, nineteen hundred and fourteen, as amended, is hereby amended by adding new sections, as follows:

"SEC. 12. That sections two to seven, inclusive, and section nine, shall be construed to refer only to the Division of Marine and Seamen's Insurance.