

otherwise appropriated, to the Government of Colombia the sum of \$1,981.30, and to the Government of Panama the sum of \$550.25, amounting in all to \$2,531.55, in full settlement of all claims against the United States by the Government of Colombia, by the Government of Panama, and by the Comision Mixta Demarcadora de Limites Entre Colombia y Panama, an agency now dissolved, heretofore created by and functioning under and on behalf of such governments, for damages to cargo sustained and expenses incurred by said commission as a result of a collision on December 7, 1936, in the Bay of Panama between the motor launch Don Bosco, chartered by the commission, and Panama Railroad barge Numbered 205, operated by the Signal Corps, United States Army."

SEC. 2. 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 Jose Antonio Sossa D, owner of the motor launch Don Bosco, the sum of \$1,398.46, in full and final settlement of all claims against the United States for damages, including the cost of repairs to the hull, machinery, and other equipment of the said motor launch Don Bosco, and for other damages sustained by the said owner, resulting from and due to the same collision described in section 1 of this Act: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess 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.

Approved, June 20, 1940.

Jose Antonio Sossa
D.
Payment to.

Proviso.
Limitation on attorney's, etc., fees.

Penalty.

[CHAPTER 408]

AN ACT

For the relief of certain disbursing officers of the Army of the United States and for the settlement of individual claims approved by the War Department.

June 20, 1940
[H. R. 8096]
[Public, No. 646]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to credit in the accounts of the following disbursing officers of the Army of the United States the amounts set opposite their names: Major Lester L. Boggs, Finance Department, \$148.38; Major George W. Brent, Coast Artillery Corps, \$78.50; Lieutenant Colonel Edward T. Comegys, Finance Department, \$6.08; Major Ray B. Conner, Finance Department, \$162.10; Major George W. Cooke, Finance Department, \$29.90; Lieutenant Colonel Horatio G. Coykendall, Finance Department, \$5.50; Major Frederick E. Coyne, Junior, Finance Department, \$59; Lieutenant Colonel Walter D. Dabney, Finance Department, \$17.86; Major Oliver W. DeGruchy, Finance Department, \$18.57; Captain James H. Dickie, Finance Department, \$53.74; Captain Lemuel E. Edwards, Finance Department, \$50; Lieutenant Colonel Horace G. Foster, Finance Department, \$358.75; Lieutenant Colonel Frank M. Holmes, Finance Department, \$230.75; Captain John S. Knudsen, Finance Department, \$29.39; Captain Ray H. Larkins, Finance Department, \$6; Major Charles Lewis, Finance Department, \$79.27; Lieutenant Colonel James MacKay, Finance Department, \$203.32; Captain Charles K. McAlister, Finance Department, \$30; Major Edmund W. McLarren, Finance Department, \$104.27; Lieutenant Colonel Dana W. Morey, Finance Department, \$208.34; Captain David H. Passell, Finance Reserve, \$19.96; Major

Army.
Credit in accounts of certain disbursing officers.

Arthur O. Walsh, Finance Department, \$158.32; Major Hugh Whitt, Finance Department, \$6; said amounts being public funds for which they are accountable and which comprise minor errors in computations of pay and allowances due former members of the Civilian Conservation Corps, enlisted men of the Regular Army, members of the Officers' Reserve Corps, members of the citizens' military training camps, civilian employees, and commercial firms or individuals from whom collection of the overpayments cannot be effected, and which amounts have been disallowed by the Comptroller General of the United States: *Provided*, That no part of these amounts shall be charged against any person or commercial firm other than the payees.

*Proviso,
Accounting.*

Lt. Col. Horatio G.
Coykendall.

SEC. 2. That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to credit in the accounts of Lieutenant Colonel Horatio G. Coykendall, Finance Department, the sum of \$17.98, public funds for which he is accountable and which were paid to the Christ Overgaard Sawmill for lumber and disallowed by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Maj. Henry M.
Denning.

SEC. 3. That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to credit in the accounts of Major Henry M. Denning, Finance Department, the sum of \$56.68, public funds for which he is accountable, and which were stolen from the office safe of his agent officer at One Hundred and Forty-fifth Company, Civilian Conservation Corps, Plymouth, Vermont, during the night of November 30–December 1, 1937.

Capt. Seward W.
Hulse.
Payment to.

SEC. 4. 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 Captain Seward W. Hulse, Quartermaster Corps, the amount of \$55.44 in full satisfaction of his claim against the United States for a like amount which was paid by him for advertising for and in the interests of the United States without the prior approval of the Secretary of War as required by Revised Statutes 3828 (44 U. S. C. 324).

Capt. John S. Knud-
sen.

SEC. 5. That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to credit in the accounts of Captain John S. Knudsen, Finance Department, the amount of \$321.50, public funds for which he is accountable, which were paid to the Hillcrest Water Company for drinking water and disallowed by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Capt. Frederick W.
Long, Jr.
Payment to.

SEC. 6. 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 Captain Frederick W. Long, Junior, Infantry Reserve, the sum of \$119, in full satisfaction of his claim against the United States for a like amount which was paid by him to Captain C. R. Mize, Finance Department, finance officer, district C, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, as reimbursement for public funds lost when the company safe was stolen from Civilian Conservation Corps Company 4495, Tenn. TVA P-15, Harrison, Tennessee, on the night of October 31–November 1, 1938.

Maj. Arthur O.
Walsh.

SEC. 7. That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to credit in the accounts of Major Arthur O. Walsh, Finance Department, the amount of \$67.48, public funds for which he is accountable, which amount has been disallowed by the Comptroller General of the United States on account of failure to obtain a cash receipt for a payment made to an enlisted man now deceased.

Certain C. C. C.
payments validated.

SEC. 8. That payments heretofore made for salaries and travel expenses incident to the attendance of educational advisers, Civilian Conservation Corps, at aquatic schools for the purpose of receiving instruction in lifesaving, are hereby ratified and validated, and the Comptroller General of the United States is hereby authorized and

directed to allow credit in the accounts of disbursing officers of the Army for and on account of all such payments.

SEC. 9. That payments heretofore made for travel allowances to personnel in and under the jurisdiction of the War Department incident to the Ohio-Mississippi flood in 1937 are hereby ratified and validated, and the Comptroller General of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to allow credit in the accounts of disbursing officers of the Army for and on account of all such payments: *Provided*, 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 any person a sum equal to the amount collected from such person on account of payments which are herein validated, upon presentation of a claim therefor to the Comptroller General of the United States, who is authorized and directed to certify same to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment.

Certain Ohio-Mississippi flood payments validated.

Proriso. Refunds.

SEC. 10. That payments heretofore made to Cornelius M. Daly (now lieutenant colonel, Cavalry) for longevity pay increases incident to his service as a cadet, United States Revenue Cutter Service, are hereby ratified and validated, and the Comptroller General of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to allow credit in the accounts of disbursing officers of the Army for and on account of all such payments.

Lt. Col. Cornelius M. Daly. Longevity pay increases validated.

SEC. 11. 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 administrator of the estate of Captain Bigelow B. Barbee, Finance Department, the amount of \$191.73, which amount represents overpayments due to minor errors of computation of pay and allowances due former enrollees of the Civilian Conservation Corps, and was deducted by the Comptroller General of the United States from the amount authorized to be paid to the estate of Captain Barbee by the Act of June 22, 1938 (52 Stat. 1373): *Provided*, That no part of this amount shall be charged against any person other than the person erroneously paid.

Capt. Bigelow B. Barbee. Payment to estate of.

Proriso. Accounting.

SEC. 12. That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to credit in the accounts of Lieutenant Colonel Walter D. Dabney, Finance Department, the amount of \$30.25, public funds for which he is accountable, which were paid to a former enrollee for final pay, and to a civilian employee for travel allowances, and disallowed by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Lt. Col. Walter D. Dabney.

Approved, June 20, 1940.

[CHAPTER 409]

AN ACT

To provide for the alteration of certain bridges over navigable waters of the United States, for the apportionment of the cost of such alterations between the United States and the owners of such bridges, and for other purposes.

June 21, 1940
[H. R. 9381]
[Public, No. 647]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1. When used in this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise—

Alteration of certain bridges, etc. Definitions.

The term "alteration" includes changes of any kind, reconstruction, or removal in whole or in part.

The term "bridge" means a lawful bridge over navigable waters of the United States, including approaches, fenders and appurtenances