

10 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 81 note.

Issuance of uniforms, insignia, etc.

Appointments by blanket order.

Acceptance date.

Nonrenewal of oath.

5 U. S. C. § 16.

Mileage allowance.

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10 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 484 note.

under the provisions of the Act of December 22, 1942 (56 Stat. 1072), shall be entitled to any uniform allowance payable to officers of the Army of the United States. Any such woman who, either as a member of the Army Nurse Corps or a dietitian or physical-therapy aide, has not received a complete issue of uniforms, insignia, accessories, and equipment prescribed by regulations of the Secretary of War for persons in the respective categories may be issued the remainder of such prescribed articles, and any such woman who has heretofore or may hereafter receive such complete issue, or any part thereof, may retain such articles as her personal property.

SEC. 7. For the purpose of effectuating prompt and equitable appointments under section 1 of this Act of the personnel mentioned in the title of this Act who are on active duty on the date of enactment of this Act, the President is authorized to appoint, in commissioned grades corresponding to the relative rank held by such personnel on the effective date of the order of appointment, all or any part of such personnel by means of a blanket order without specifying the names of the personnel so appointed. Any person so appointed by such blanket order shall be deemed for all purposes to have accepted her appointment as an officer in the Army of the United States upon the effective date of such blanket order unless she shall expressly decline such appointment, and shall receive from such date the pay and allowances of the commissioned grade to which she was so appointed. No such person who, upon receiving an appointment in the Army of the United States, shall have subscribed to the oath of office required by section 1757, Revised Statutes, shall be required to renew such oath or to take a new oath upon her appointment as a commissioned officer, if her service in the Army of the United States after the taking of such oath shall have been continuous.

SEC. 8. Women appointed in the Army Nurse Corps, female dietitians and physical-therapy aides appointed in the Medical Department of the Army under the provisions of the Act of December 22, 1942 (56 Stat. 1072), and women appointed from civilian life under the provisions of section 1 of this Act shall receive for travel performed under competent orders from home to first-duty station the mileage allowance provided for persons appointed as officers under the joint resolution of September 22, 1941 (55 Stat. 728). This section shall be applicable with respect to travel performed on or after December 22, 1942.

Approved June 22, 1944.

[CHAPTER 274]

AN ACT

June 26, 1944
[H. R. 1475]
[Public Law 351]

To amend further the Civil Service Retirement Act, approved May 29, 1930, as amended.

Civil Service Retirement Act, amendments.

46 Stat. 478.
5 U. S. C. §§ 709, 728, 730.

Recovery of annuity payments.

50 Stat. 512.
5 U. S. C. § 710a.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 17 of the Civil Service Retirement Act, approved May 29, 1930, as amended is further amended by adding thereto a further paragraph reading as follows:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, there shall be no recovery of annuity payments from any annuitant under this Act who, in the judgment of the Civil Service Commission, is without fault and when, in the judgment of the Civil Service Commission, such recovery would be contrary to equity and good conscience."

SEC. 2. Nothing contained in the second paragraph of section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to extend the benefits of the Civil Service

Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, to certain employees in the legislative and judicial branches of the Government", approved July 13, 1937, as amended, shall be construed to prevent the deduction and withholding from the basic salary, pay, or compensation of any employee with less than seven years of service, whose salary or any part thereof is paid by the disbursing officer of the Senate, of sums required to be deducted and withheld by section 10 of the Civil Service Retirement Act, approved May 29, 1930, as amended, if such employee shall have given notice in accordance with section 3 of the Civil Service Retirement Act, approved May 29, 1930, as amended, of his desire to come within the purview of such Act. This section shall take effect as of January 24, 1942.

Approved June 26, 1944.

Certain employees of legislative, etc., branch.
Deductions.

46 Stat. 475.
5 U. S. C. §§ 719, 721, 722; Supp. III, § 719.
46 Stat. 470.
5 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 693.

[CHAPTER 275]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes.

June 26, 1944
[H. R. 4183]
[Public Law 352]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes, namely:

War Department Civil Appropriation Act, 1945.
Post, pp. 872, 876.

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

CEMETERIAL EXPENSES

For maintaining and improving national cemeteries, including fuel for and pay of superintendents and the superintendent at Mexico City, and other employees; purchase of grave sites; purchase of tools and materials; repair, maintenance, and operation of passenger-carrying motor vehicles; care and maintenance of the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater, chapel, and grounds in the Arlington National Cemetery, and that portion of Congressional Cemetery to which the United States has title and the graves of those buried therein, including Confederate graves, and including the burial site of Pushmataha, a Choctaw Indian chief; repair to roadways but not to more than a single approach road to any national cemetery constructed under special Act of Congress; for headstones or markers for unmarked graves of soldiers, sailors, and marines under the Acts approved March 3, 1873, February 3, 1879, February 26, 1929, and April 18, 1940 (24 U. S. C. 279-280b), and civilians interred in post cemeteries; for repairs and preservation of monuments, tablets, roads, fences, and so forth, made and constructed by the United States in Cuba and China to mark the places where American soldiers fell; care, protection, and maintenance of the Confederate Mound in Oakwood Cemetery at Chicago, the Confederate Stockade Cemetery at Johnstons Island, the Confederate burial plats owned by the United States in Confederate Cemetery at North Alton, the Confederate Cemetery, Camp Chase, at Columbus, the Confederate Cemetery at Point Lookout, and the Confederate Cemetery at Rock Island; and for care and maintenance of graves used by the Army for burials in commercial cemeteries, \$1,224,000: *Provided*, That no railroad shall be permitted upon any right-of-way which may have been acquired by the United States leading to a national cemetery, or to encroach upon any roads or walks constructed thereon and maintained by the

Maintenance, etc.

Headstones.

17 Stat. 545; 20 Stat. 281; 45 Stat. 1307; 54 Stat. 142.

Confederate cemeteries.

Commercial cemeteries.

Encroachment by railroad.