

ances, that are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law for officers of the Regular Navy of corresponding rank and length of service, which shall include, on and after October 1, 1944, all allowances and benefits on account of dependents as provided in section 4 of the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942, as amended.

Dependents.
66 Stat. 361.
37 U. S. C., Supp.
IV, § 104.
Ante, p. 587.
Service credits.

(b) In computing the service for all pay purposes of members of the Navy Nurse Corps, such persons shall be credited with full time for all periods during which they held appointments as nurses or commissions in the Army Nurse Corps or the Navy Nurse Corps.

Retirement for disability; pay.

SEC. 2. (a) Each member of the Navy Nurse Corps who hereafter is retired by reason of physical disability incurred in the line of duty shall, if the proceedings resulting in retirement be instituted prior to the expiration of the effective period as defined in section 4 hereof, be entitled to retired pay at the rate of 75 per centum of the active-duty pay of the rank in which serving, under temporary or permanent appointment, when such disability was incurred, computed as provided in this Act.

Retroactive provision.

(b) Each member of the Navy Nurse Corps who, subsequent to December 22, 1942, and prior to the date of enactment of this Act, has been retired for physical disability incurred in the line of duty shall, beginning on the first day of the first month next following the date of enactment of this Act, be entitled to retired pay at the rate of 75 per centum of the active-duty pay to which she would have been entitled at the time her disability was incurred had her active-duty pay and allowances at such time been computed as provided in section 1 of this Act.

Naval Reserve members on active duty.

SEC. 3. The provisions of this Act shall apply equally to Naval Reserve members of the Navy Nurse Corps while employed on active duty.

Effective period.

SEC. 4. The effective period as used herein shall mean the period beginning on July 10, 1944 (except as otherwise specified in section 2 and except that no allowances or benefits under any section of this Act on account of dependents for any period prior to October 1, 1944, shall accrue by reason of the enactment of this Act), and ending six months after the termination of the present war as declared by Presidential proclamation or by concurrent resolution of the Congress, whichever shall first occur.

Restriction on reduction of benefits.

SEC. 5. No person, active or retired, in the naval service shall suffer, by reason of this Act, any reduction in pay, allowances, or retirement benefits to which she was entitled upon the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved December 3, 1945.

[CHAPTER 554]

AN ACT

To amend article 6 of the Articles for the Government of the Navy.

December 4, 1945
[S. 1308]
[Public Law 245]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That article 6 of the Articles for the Government of the Navy (Revised Statutes, sec. 1624, art. 6) is amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Naval court martial.
34 U. S. C. § 1200, art. 6.

ART. 6. If any person subject to the Articles for the Government of the Navy commits the crime of murder without the territorial jurisdiction of any particular State, or the District of Columbia, he may be tried by court martial and punished with death.

Murder.

Approved December 4, 1945.

[CHAPTER 555]

AN ACT

December 5, 1945
[S. 1364]
[Public Law 246]

To provide for the compromise and settlement by the Secretary of the Navy of certain claims for damage to property under the jurisdiction of the Navy Department, to provide for the execution of releases by the Secretary of the Navy upon payment of such claims, and for other purposes.

Navy.
Damage claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, compromise, or settle claims for damage cognizable in admiralty in a district court of the United States and all claims for damage caused by a vessel or floating object, to property of the United States under the jurisdiction of the Navy Department or property for which the Navy Department may have assumed, by contract or otherwise, any obligation to respond for damage thereto. The Secretary of the Navy is further authorized to receive in payment of any such claim the amount due the United States pursuant to determination, compromise, or settlement as herein authorized and, upon acceptance of such payment but not until then, such determination, settlement, or compromise of such claim shall be final and conclusive for all purposes, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. All such payments shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts. The Secretary of the Navy is further authorized to execute on behalf of the United States and to deliver in exchange for such payment a full release of such claim: *Provided*, That this section, as respects the determination, compromise, settlement, and payment of claims, shall be supplementary to, and not in lieu of, all other provisions of law authorizing the determination, compromise, or settlement of claims for damage to property hereinabove described: *Provided further*, That no settlement or compromise where there is involved a payment in the net amount of over \$1,000,000 shall be authorized by this Act.

Amount due U. S.

Release of claim.

Provisions deemed
supplementary to ex-
isting law.

Maximum pay-
ment.

Reports.

Wartime omission
of facts.

Pending suits.

SEC. 2. Within twenty days after receipt of a payment in a net amount exceeding \$3,000 due the United States pursuant to determination, compromise, or settlement of any claim under section 1 of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall file reports with the Committees on Naval Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives, setting forth the nature of the claim; the vessel or vessels involved; the amount received; the basis of determination, compromise, or settlement; and other pertinent facts: *Provided*, That during any war the reports required under this section may omit any fact or facts, disclosure of which, in the opinion of the Secretary, would be prejudicial to the national security.

SEC. 3. This Act shall not apply to any claim for which a suit filed by or against the United States is pending.

Approved December 5, 1945.

[CHAPTER 556]

AN ACT

December 5, 1945
[H. R. 1192]
[Public Law 247]

Granting travel pay and other allowances to certain soldiers of the War with Spain and the Philippine Insurrection who were discharged in the Philippine Islands.

War with Spain and
Philippine Insurrec-
tion.
Payments to certain
soldiers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who either enlisted in the Regular Army in the year 1898 under special Act of Congress for the duration of the War with Spain or enlisted or reenlisted in the Regular Army during such war for the regular enlistment period but secured his discharge under General Orders, Num-