

or marine, a compensation at the rate of 33 cents a day for the time he is employed as fireman."

Approved, March 29, 1918.

March 29, 1918.  
[S. 3445.]

[Public, No. 113.]

**CHAP. 33.**—An Act To authorize the payment of gun pointers and gun captains while temporarily absent from their regular stations, and for other purposes.

Navy and Marine  
Corps.  
Gun pointers, etc.,  
pay continued during  
temporary absence.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That during the period of the present war any enlisted man of the Navy or Marine Corps who has qualified, or who may hereafter qualify, as a gun pointer or gun captain, and who has been, or may hereafter be, detailed as gun pointer or gun captain for a gun of the class for which qualified, shall be entitled to the additional pay now or hereafter provided for such qualification and detail while temporarily absent by proper authority from the place where ordinarily required to perform duty under such detail, or while performing temporary duty which is not connected with such detail as gun pointer or gun captain.

Approved, March 29, 1918.

March 29, 1918.  
[H. J. Res. 154.]

[Pub. Res., No. 26.]

**CHAP. 34.**—Joint Resolution Authorizing the erection of a memorial in Washington to the memory and in honor of the members of the various orders of sisters who gave their services as nurses on battle fields, in hospitals, and on floating hospitals during the Civil War.

District of Columbia.  
Memorial to religious  
sisters serving as nurses  
in the Civil War may  
be erected in.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to grant permission to the Ladies' Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, for the erection on public grounds of the United States of America in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, other than those of the Capitol, the Library of Congress, and the White House, of a memorial to the members of the various orders of sisters who gave their services as nurses on battle fields, in hospitals, and on floating hospitals during the Civil War: *Provided,* That the site chosen and the design of the memorial shall be approved by the Commission of Fine Arts, and that the United States shall be put to no expense in or by the erection of the said memorial.

Approved, March 29, 1918.

*Proviso.*  
Approval by Com-  
mission of Fine Arts,  
etc.

March 30, 1918.  
[H. R. 9571.]

[Public, No. 114.]

**CHAP. 36.**—An Act To authorize the appointment of officers of the Philippine Scouts as officers in the militia or other locally created armed forces of the Philippine Islands drafted into the service of the United States, and for other purposes.

Philippine Scouts.  
Officers may serve in  
militia, etc., without  
vacating commission.  
*Ante*, p. 432.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That officers of the Philippine Scouts be, and they hereby are, made eligible to appointment as officers in the militia or other locally created armed forces in the Philippine Islands which have been or shall hereafter be drafted into the service of the United States; and any such officer of the Philippine Scouts so appointed as an officer in said drafted forces shall not thereby vacate his commission in the Philippine Scouts, and in case his commission in said Philippine Scouts shall terminate while holding a commission in said drafted forces as aforesaid, he shall thereupon be eligible to reappointment as an officer of said Philippine Scouts notwithstanding his retention of a commission in said drafted forces.

Reappointment.

SEC. 2. That in computing period of service for any purpose officers of the Philippine Scouts shall be credited with all time served as commissioned officers in the drafted forces mentioned in section one of this Act. Service credits.

Approved, March 30, 1918.

CHAP. 37.—An Act To provide for restoration to their former grades of enlisted men discharged to accept commissions, and for other purposes.

March 30, 1918.  
[H. R. 9063.]

[Public, No. 115.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any enlisted man of the Army of the United States who has heretofore been, or shall hereafter be, discharged to accept a commission in any component part of the Army of the United States, and who shall tender himself for enlistment within three months after the termination of his commissioned service, shall, subject to such examination for enlistment as is provided by law or regulation, be accepted and be restored to the grade held by him before being discharged to accept such commission; and in computing service for retirement and continuous-service pay he shall be credited with all time served with the forces of the United States, and his service shall be deemed continuous, notwithstanding the interruption thereof by the changes of status provided for herein.

Army.  
Enlisted men discharged to accept commissions, may reenlist on termination thereof.

Service credits.

Approved, March 30, 1918.

CHAP. 39.—An Act To authorize the President to drop from the rolls any naval or Marine Corps officer absent without leave for three months, or who has been convicted of any offense punishable by confinement in the penitentiary by the civil authorities, and prohibiting such officer's reappointment.

April 2, 1918.  
[S. 3404.]

[Public, No. 116.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President is hereby authorized to drop from the rolls of the Navy or Marine Corps any officer thereof who is absent from duty without leave for a period of three months or more, or who, having been found guilty by the civil authorities of any offense, is finally sentenced to confinement in a State or Federal penitentiary: *Provided,* That no officer so dropped shall be eligible for reappointment.

Navy and Marine Corps.  
Officers to be dropped from the rolls if absent without leave, etc.

*Provido.*  
Reappointment forbidden.

Approved, April 2, 1918.

CHAP. 40.—An Act To authorize the President to reduce temporarily the course of instruction at the United States Naval Academy.

April 2, 1918.  
[S. 3401.]

[Public, No. 117.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized, until August first, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, to reduce, in his discretion, the course of instruction at the United States Naval Academy from four to three years and to graduate classes which have completed such reduced courses of instruction.

Naval Academy.  
Course of instruction temporarily reduced.  
Vol. 37, p. 73.  
R. S., sec. 1520, p. 261.

Approved, April 2, 1918.