

Availability of funds.

Merger of funds.

56 Stat. 611.

Rewards.

Allowances for rental of quarters.

56 Stat. 359.  
37 U. S. C., Supp. II, §§ 101-120.  
*Ante*, pp. 13, 219.  
*Post*, p. 571.

Availability of appropriations, etc.

Ratification of incurred obligations.

Short title.

SEC. 19. Appropriations available to the Military Establishment for the fiscal year 1943 shall remain available until June 30, 1944, and the appropriations made by this Act or otherwise available to the Military Establishment shall be merged with and become parts of appropriations under the respective heads in the Military Appropriation Act, 1943, as amended, or otherwise available, and shall include the objects and be subject to the limitations and conditions under said heads respectively in those Acts except as otherwise provided herein: *Provided*, That repayments affecting merged appropriations shall be credited to the applicable current appropriations.

SEC. 20. The appropriations for the Military Establishment for the fiscal year 1944 shall be available for the payment of rewards, subject to such regulations as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, to civilian officers and employees in addition to their usual compensation and to persons in civil life for suggestions resulting in improvement or economy in manufacturing process or plant or military material, and for suggestions resulting in efficiency or economy in the operation or administration of the War Department and the Military Establishment, and for expenses of such nonmonetary awards, including citations, insignia, emblems, medals, and devices, as may be granted in recognition of faithful and meritorious service.

SEC. 21. During the fiscal year 1944 occupancy of Government facilities under the jurisdiction of the Military Establishment on a rental basis by personnel of the services mentioned in the title of the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942 or by their dependents shall not deprive such personnel of money allowances for rental of quarters.

SEC. 22. The appropriations and authority with respect to appropriations contained herein shall be available from and including July 1, 1943, for the purposes respectively provided in such appropriations and authority. All obligations incurred during the period between June 30, 1943, and the date of enactment of this Act in anticipation of such appropriations and authority are hereby ratified and confirmed if in accordance with the terms thereof.

SEC. 23. This Act may be cited as the "Military Appropriation Act, 1944".

Approved July 1, 1943.

[CHAPTER 186]

AN ACT

July 1, 1943  
[S. 650]  
[Public Law 109]

To revive and reenact the Act entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to the State of North Dakota to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Missouri River at or near Garrison, North Dakota", approved February 10, 1932.

Missouri River.  
Bridge across, at  
Garrison, N. Dak.  
47 Stat. 43, 804; 48  
Stat. 946; 49 Stat. 288,  
1476; 50 Stat. 48; 52  
Stat. 764; 53 Stat. 754.

Time limitation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Act approved February 10, 1932 (heretofore extended by Acts of Congress approved February 14, 1933, June 12, 1934, May 24, 1935, June 5, 1936, March 24, 1937, June 16, 1938, and May 24, 1939), granting the consent of Congress to the State of North Dakota to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River, at or near Garrison, North Dakota, be, and is hereby, revived and reenacted: *Provided*, That this Act shall be null and void unless the actual construction of the bridge herein referred to be commenced within two years and completed within four years from the date of approval hereof.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved July 1, 1943.

## [CHAPTER 187]

## AN ACT

To establish a Women's Army Corps for service in the Army of the United States.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby established in the Army of the United States, for the period of the present war and for six months thereafter or for such shorter period as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President by proclamation shall prescribe, a component to be known as the "Women's Army Corps". The total number of women enlisted or appointed in the Women's Army Corps shall not exceed the number authorized from time to time by the President.

SEC. 2. The enlisted personnel of such corps shall consist of women of excellent character in good physical health, who are enlisted in the Army of the United States under the provisions of the last paragraph of section 127a of the National Defense Act, as amended (54 Stat. 213), and who are on the date of such enlistment citizens of the United States between the ages of twenty and fifty years. All laws and regulations now or hereafter applicable to enlisted men or former enlisted men of the Army of the United States and their dependents and beneficiaries shall, in like cases and except where otherwise expressly provided, be applicable respectively to enlisted personnel and former enlisted personnel of such corps and their dependents and beneficiaries.

SEC. 3. The commissioned officers of such corps shall consist of women appointed as officers in the Army of the United States under the provisions of the joint resolution of September 22, 1941 (55 Stat. 728), and ordered into the active military service of the United States. The commanding officer of such corps shall be a colonel and such officers of lower rank shall be appointed as the Secretary of War may prescribe: *Provided*, That physicians and nurses shall not be enlisted in this corps: *And provided further*, That commissioned officers and noncommissioned officers of the Women's Army Corps shall exercise command only over women of the Women's Army Corps and other members of the Army of the United States specifically placed under their command. They and their dependents and beneficiaries shall have all of the rights, privileges, and benefits accorded in like cases to other persons under that Act, except where otherwise expressly provided.

SEC. 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no woman appointed as an officer in the Army of the United States under the provisions hereof who has previously held an appointment as an officer of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps established pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 14, 1942 (Public Law 554, Seventy-seventh Congress), shall be entitled to any uniform allowance payable to officers of the Army of the United States. Such officers who have not received a complete issue of uniforms, insignia, accessories, and equipment prescribed under the provisions of section 8 of such Act of May 14, 1942, may be issued the remainder of such prescribed articles, and all such officers who have heretofore received, or may hereafter receive such complete issue, or any part thereof, may retain such articles as their personal property.

SEC. 5. Effective on the last day of the second calendar month following the date of the approval of this Act, the Act of May 14, 1942, as amended, except section 11 thereof, is hereby repealed. Section 11 of such Act of May 14, 1942, shall not be applicable to enlisted personnel or commissioned officers of the corps established by this Act except in cases in which its applicability is based upon the status of such enlisted personnel or commissioned officers as former members

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[S. 495]

[Public Law 110]

Women's Army Corps.  
Establishment as component of Army of U. S.

Maximum strength.

Enlisted personnel.

41 Stat. 785.  
10 U. S. C. § 634.

Commissioned officers.

10 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 484 note.  
*Post*, p. 380.

Physicians and nurses.

Exercise of command.

Rights, privileges, and benefits.

Officers' uniforms, etc.

56 Stat. 278.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. II, §§ 1393, 1701-1718;  
50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. § 511.

56 Stat. 280.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1708.

Repeal of existing law; exception.  
56 Stat. 278.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. II, §§ 1393, 1701-1718;  
50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. § 511.  
Injury or death benefits.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1711.