Act inoperative as to certain military areas. 3 CFR, Cum. Supp., 1131. SEC. 5. This Act shall not become operative as to the lands set aside for the use of the War Department under Executive Order Numbered 9114, until such area is removed from the status of a military reservation and shall not become operative with respect to any part of the water supply reserve lying within the area reserved for military purposes until relinquishment of such area from military control, otherwise it shall become effective immediately.

Approved March 22, 1944.

[CHAPTER 128]

AN ACT

March 24, 1944 [H. R. 3763] [Public Law 263]

To relieve former postal employees who performed postal duties after induction into the military service.

Postal Service.
Performance of postal duties after induction into armed forces.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the provisions of law relating to dual compensation, the Comptroller General of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to allow credit in the settlement of disbursing officers' accounts, and relieve certifying officers of liability, for payments made to postal employees who, after induction into the armed forces of the United States, performed postal duties while on furlough or otherwise relieved of active military duties, of the amounts to which such employees would have been legally entitled had they not been in the armed forces.

Refunds

SEC. 2. If credit is allowed in disbursing officers' accounts, in accordance with section 1 of this Act, the employee receiving the payment shall not be required to refund the amount thereof; and any such amount which has been collected from such employee because improper under dual compensation laws shall be refunded to him, or if deceased, to his legal representative.

Sec. 3. This Act shall be applicable only to services rendered prior

to January 1, 1943.

Approved March 24, 1944.

[CHAPTER 129]

AN ACT

March 24, 1944 [S. 1349] [Public Law 264]

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to convey to the city of New York certain lands within the Brooklyn Navy Yard in the city of New York.

Brooklyn Navy Yard. Conveyance of certain lands to city of New York. 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 be, and he is hereby, authorized to transfer, under such conditions as may be approved by the said Secretary, to the city of New York, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of land containing three-tenths of an acre, more or less, located on the westerly side of a new street between Kent Avenue and Flushing Avenue, and in and to a strip of land twenty-seven feet wide, located on the southerly side of Kent Avenue between Washington Avenue and Hewes Street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, city and State of New York, both of said parcels being within the boundaries of lands acquired for the expansion of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and metes and bounds descriptions of which are on file in the Navy Department.

Approved March 24, 1944.