

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 268]

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.

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[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.

## [CHAPTER 130]

## AN ACT

To provide titles for heads of staff departments of the United States Marine Corps, and for other purposes.

March 24, 1944  
[S. 1653]  
[Public Law 265]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter officers serving as heads of the Paymaster's Department and the Quartermaster's Department of the United States Marine Corps shall have the title of "The Paymaster General of the Marine Corps" and "The Quartermaster General of the Marine Corps", respectively.

Marine Corps.  
Heads of staff de-  
partments.

SEC. 2. All laws or parts of laws now in force relating to the staff departments of the United States Marine Corps, except as provided in section 1 of this Act, shall remain in full force and effect.

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## [CHAPTER 134]

## AN ACT

To grant increases in compensation to substitute employees in the Postal Service, and for other purposes.

March 24, 1944  
[H. R. 2836]  
[Public Law 266]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That substitute postal employees, after two thousand four hundred and forty-eight hours of actual and satisfactory service as such substitute, including service as a special-delivery messenger, shall be paid for services actually performed at the rate of the annual salary received by regular employees of the first grade, the hourly rate to be computed by dividing the annual salary of such regular employees by the number two thousand four hundred and forty-eight; and thereafter the rate of pay of such substitute employees shall be increased to the annual rate of the next higher grade of such regular employees, computed in the same manner, upon the completion of each additional period of two thousand four hundred and forty-eight hours of actual and satisfactory service, until they shall have attained the rate for the highest successive rate of regular pay or shall have received appointment to a regular position: *Provided*, That there shall be not more than one increase in the rate of pay of such employees within a twelve months' period: *Provided further*, That the increases in the rate of pay provided herein shall become effective at the beginning of the quarter following the completion of two thousand four hundred and forty-eight hours of required service: *Provided further*, That in the adjustment of the increases in the rates of pay provided herein credit shall be given for not exceeding three years of past continuous service and the hourly rate of compensation adjusted accordingly.

Postal Service.  
Pay increases for  
substitute employees.

SEC. 2. Upon appointment to a regular position in the Postal Service an employee shall receive credit for actual service performed as a substitute, including time served as a special-delivery messenger on the basis of one year for each unit of two thousand four hundred and forty-eight hours, and shall be promoted to the grade to which such employee would have progressed had his original appointment been to grade 1. Any fractional part of a year's service as a substitute shall be included with regular service in determining eligibility for promotion to a higher grade, following appointment to a regular position.

Credit upon regular  
appointment.

SEC. 3. Allowable service under the provisions of this Act shall be only such service as has been rendered during continuous active service and shall not include previous periods or terms of employment: *Provided, however*, That in the case of those who have been separated,

Allowable service  
construed.

Military duty.