

Posthumous awards.

shall have been honorable. The term "date of the termination of hostilities in the present war" means the date proclaimed by the President as the date of such termination or the date specified in a concurrent resolution of the two Houses of Congress as the date of such termination, whichever is the earlier. The medal may be awarded posthumously and, when so awarded, shall be presented to such representative of the deceased as shall be prescribed in the applicable regulations. Awards shall be made pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy.

Approved July 6, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 278]

## AN ACT

July 6, 1945  
[H. R. 1647]  
[Public Law 136]

To authorize the Secretary of War to convey to the Captain William Edmiston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution a certain building and tract or parcel of land situated in Montgomery County, Tennessee.

Captain William  
Edmiston Chapter,  
D. A. R.  
Conveyance.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War is authorized and directed to grant, donate, and convey to the Captain William Edmiston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to that certain building and tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the county of Montgomery, in the State of Tennessee, being a part of the same tract as conveyed by R. E. Durrett and wife, to the United States of America as recorded in deed book 89, page 1, in the records of Montgomery County, Tennessee.

Approved July 6, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 279]

## AN ACT

July 6, 1945  
[H. R. 2477]  
[Public Law 137]

To give recognition to the noncombatant services under enemy fire performed by officers and enlisted men of the Medical Corps of the Army.

Enlisted men en-  
titled to wear Medical  
Badge.  
Additional compen-  
sation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That during the present war and for six months thereafter, any enlisted man of the Army who is entitled, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War, to wear the Medical Badge shall be paid additional compensation at the rate of \$10 per month: *Provided,* That any enlisted man whose right to wear the Medical Badge has been temporarily suspended may, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War, continue to be paid such additional compensation.

Appropriations  
available.

SEC. 2. The appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for "Finance Service, Army", shall be available for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

Effective date.

SEC. 3. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following its enactment. The additional compensation provided by this Act shall not be paid for any retroactive period prior to the date of the actual award of the Medical Badge.

Approved July 6, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 280]

## AN ACT

To amend section 100 of Public Law Numbered 346, Seventy-eighth Congress, June 22, 1944, to grant certain priorities to the Veterans' Administration, and for other purposes.

July 6, 1945  
[H. R. 3118]  
[Public Law 138]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 100 of Public Law Numbered 346, Seventy-eighth Congress, June 22, 1944, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 100. The Veterans' Administration is hereby declared to be an essential war agency and entitled to priority equal to the highest granted any department or agency of the Government in personnel, service, space, equipment, supplies, and material under any laws, Executive orders, and regulations pertaining to priorities. During the continuance of the present war and for six months after its termination, the Administrator is authorized, for the purpose of extending benefits to veterans and dependents, and to the extent he deems necessary, to procure the necessary space for administrative, clinical, medical, and outpatient treatment purposes by lease, purchase, or construction of buildings, or by condemnation or declaration of taking, pursuant to existing statutes."

Servicemen's Read-  
justment Act of 1944,  
amendment.  
58 Stat. 284.  
38 U. S. C., Supp.  
IV, § 693.  
*Post*, p. 623.

Approved July 6, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 281]

## AN ACT

To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of June 25, 1938, as amended, by providing for the certification of batches of drugs composed wholly or partly of any kind of penicillin or any derivative thereof, and for other purposes.

July 6, 1945  
[H. R. 3266]  
[Public Law 139]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 301 (i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of June 25, 1938 (21 U. S. C. 301 and the following), as amended, is amended by inserting "507" after "506,".

SEC. 2. Section 502 of such Act, as amended, is amended by adding a new paragraph at the end thereof, as follows:

"(1) If it is, or purports to be, or is represented as a drug composed wholly or partly of any kind of penicillin or any derivative thereof, unless (1) it is from a batch with respect to which a certificate or release has been issued pursuant to section 507, and (2) such certificate or release is in effect with respect to such drug: *Provided*, That this paragraph shall not apply to any drug or class of drugs exempted by regulations promulgated under section 507 (c) or (d)."

SEC. 3. Chapter V of such Act, as amended, is amended by adding a new section at the end thereof, as follows:

"CERTIFICATION OF DRUGS CONTAINING PENICILLIN

"SEC. 507. (a) The Federal Security Administrator, pursuant to regulations promulgated by him, shall provide for the certification of batches of drugs composed wholly or partly of any kind of penicillin or any derivative thereof. A batch of any such drug shall be certified if such drug has such characteristics of identity and such batch has such characteristics of strength, quality, and purity, as the Administrator prescribes in such regulations as necessary to adequately insure safety and efficacy of use, but shall not otherwise be certified. Prior to the effective date of such regulations the Administrator, in lieu of certification, shall issue a release for any batch which, in his judgment, may be released without risk

Penicillin; deriva-  
tives.  
55 Stat. 851.  
21 U. S. C. Supp.  
IV, §§ 331, 356.

52 Stat. 1050.  
21 U. S. C., § 352;  
Supp. IV, § 352 (k).

When misbranded.

*Infra*.

Nonapplicability.

52 Stat. 1049.  
21 U. S. C. §§  
351-355; Supp. IV,  
§§ 352(k), 356.  
*Supra*.

Release in lieu of  
certification.