

HOSPITALS, ARTIFICIAL LIMBS, AND FREDERICKSBURG AND
SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY BATTLEFIELDS MEMORIAL, ETC.

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1927, FOR THE WAR DEPART-
MENT, AMOUNTING IN ALL TO \$146,135; ALSO DRAFT OF PRO-
POSED LEGISLATION AFFECTING AN EXISTING APPROPRIATION
OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT

FEBRUARY 17, 1927.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered
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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, February 17, 1927.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress supplemental estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, for the War Department, amounting in all to \$146,135; also draft of proposed legislation affecting an existing appropriation of the War Department.

The details of these estimates, explanation of the proposed legislation, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for their submission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations I concur.

Respectfully,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, February 16, 1927.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration supplemental estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending

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June 30, 1927, for the War Department, amounting in all to \$146,135; also draft of proposed legislation affecting an existing appropriation of the War Department.

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES

Construction and repair of hospitals: For restoring the post hospital at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to remain available until June 30, 1928----- \$85,000

The post hospital at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., was seriously damaged by fire on January 19, 1927, rendering it unusable except in the case of two wards. As a temporary expedient space in certain temporary wooden structures is being utilized for hospital purposes, but the War Department states that this arrangement is undesirable and unsatisfactory and that the permanent post hospital should be repaired at the earliest practicable date. Funds for this purpose are not available from the current appropriation for Construction and Repair of Hospitals.

Artificial limbs: For an additional amount for furnishing artificial limbs and apparatus, or commutation therefor, and necessary transportation for the fiscal year 1927----- \$11,135

The act of Congress approved February 11, 1927 (Public No. 601, 69th Cong.) amends section 4788 of the Revised Statutes and provides that all persons now on the pension roll, and all persons hereafter granted a pension, who while in the military or naval service of the United States, and in line of duty, shall have lost one hand or one foot, or have been totally disabled in the same, or shall have lost an arm at or at any point above the elbow, or a leg at or at any point above the knee, or have been totally disabled in the same, may, if he so elects, receive, instead of such limb or apparatus, the money value thereof at the following rates: For artificial legs, \$125; for arms, \$100; for feet, \$100; for apparatus for resection, \$100. These allowances are an increase over those heretofore authorized by law of \$25, in the case of artificial legs, and \$50, each, in the cases of artificial arms and feet, and apparatus for resection. The purpose of this estimate is to provide the War Department with the funds necessary to pay the increased allowances for the period February 11, 1927, to June 30, 1927.

Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battle Fields Memorial: For commencing the establishment of a national military park to be known as the "Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battle Fields Memorial," as authorized by an act approved Feb. 14, 1927, including the condemnation, purchase, or lease of the necessary lands, surveys, maps, marking the boundaries of the park, opening, constructing, or repairing necessary roads, pay and expenses of commissioners, salaries for labor and services, traveling expenses, supplies, and materials, to remain available until expended----- \$50,000

The act of Congress approved February 14, 1927 (Public, No. 609, 69th Cong.) provides for the establishment of a national military park at and near Fredericksburg, Va., and for the marking and preserving of historical points connected with the battles of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania Court House, Wilderness, and Chancellorsville, including Salem Church, Va., and authorizes an appropriation of \$50,000, to remain available until expended, to enable the Secretary of War to begin to carry out the provisions of said act. The purpose of this estimate is to supply the funds thus authorized.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION AFFECTING AN EXISTING APPROPRIATION

Regular supplies of the Army: Not to exceed \$14,960.21 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation "Regular supplies of the Army, 1925," contained in the War Department appropriation act for the fiscal year 1925, approved June 7, 1924, is extended until June 30, 1928, for use only in completing a transportation atlas of the United States.

A transportation atlas of the United States is being prepared for the War Department by Mr. George W. R. Harriman under a contract dated March 18, 1925, part payment therefor to be made from the appropriation "Regular supplies of the Army, 1925." The contractor will not be able to complete his contract by June 30, 1927, the date upon which the appropriation will lapse, and hence it is necessary that the availability of the above-mentioned sum be extended beyond that date. The purpose of the above-proposed draft of legislation is to accomplish this.

The above three estimates of appropriations and the draft of proposed legislation affecting an existing appropriation are required to provide for legislation enacted and contingencies which have occurred since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1927. I recommend that they be transmitted to Congress.

Very respectfully,

H. M. LORD,

Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The PRESIDENT.

Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, by the War Department

Construction and repair of hospitals: For restoring the post hospital at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to remain available until June 30, 1928 (act Apr. 15, 1926, vol. 44, p. 266)-----	\$85, 000
Artificial limbs: For an additional amount for furnishing artificial limbs and apparatus, or commutation therefor, and necessary transportation for the fiscal year 1927 (act Apr. 15, 1926, vol. 44, p. 290; Feb. 11, 1927)-----	11, 135
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Total-----	146, 135

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