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appropriation "Pay of the Navy," and reimbursement in kind shall be made from the appropriation "Outfits on first enlistment," and in cases involving persons in the Marine Corps reimbursement in money shall be made from the appropriation "Pay, Marine Corps," and reimbursement in kind shall be made from the appropriation "Clothing, Marine Corps," respectively, current at the time the claim covering such loss, damage, or destruction is paid: *And provided further*, That the provisions of this Act shall apply to the personnel of the Coast Guard in like manner as to the personnel of the Navy, whether the Coast Guard is operating under the Treasury Department or operating as a part of the Navy, and all of the duties, which, under this Act, devolve upon the major general commandant of the Marine Corps with reference to the personnel of that corps, shall devolve upon the captain commandant of the Coast Guard, and in cases involving persons in the Coast Guard reimbursement in money shall be made by a disbursing officer of the Coast Guard from the appropriation "Coast Guard" and reimbursement in kind shall be made by the captain commandant from the appropriation "Coast Guard."

Coast Guard.
Provisions applicable to.

Authority of officers.

Approved, October 6, 1917.

CHAP. 86.—An Act Providing for an amendment to section twenty-two hundred and ninety-three of the Revised Statutes, allowing homestead and other public land affidavits to be taken before the military commander of any person engaged in military or naval service of the United States.

October 6, 1917.
[H. R. 5082.]
[Public, No. 71.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That during the continuance of the present war with Germany, and until his discharge from service, any man serving in the armed forces of the United States, who, prior to the beginning of his services was a settler, an applicant, or entryman under the land laws of the United States, or who has, prior to enlistment, filed a contest, with the view of exercising preference right of entry therefor, may make any affidavit required by law or regulation of the department, affecting such application, entry, or contest, or necessary to the making of entry in the case of the successful termination of such contest awarding him preference right of entry, before his commanding officer as provided in section twenty-two hundred and ninety-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which affidavits shall be as binding in law and with like penalties as if taken before the Register of the United States Land Office.

Public lands.
Affidavits of persons in service during the war may be made before officer of armed force.

R. S., sec. 2293, p. 421.
Legal effect, etc.

Approved, October 6, 1917.

CHAP. 87.—An Act Amending the Act to increase the limit of the cost of certain public buildings, and so forth.

October 6, 1917.
[H. R. 6094.]
[Public, No. 72.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the public buildings Act, approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, entitled "An Act to increase the limit of cost of certain public buildings, to authorize the enlargement, extension, remodeling, or improvement of certain public buildings, to authorize the erection and completion of public buildings, to authorize the purchase of sites for public buildings, and for other purposes" (Public Numbered four hundred and thirty-two), and all other authorizations and appropriations passed in pursuance thereof for the construction of a post office at Durant, Oklahoma, be, and the same are hereby, amended so as to

Durant, Okla.
Use of funds for public building at, extended.
Vol. 37, p. 875, amended.