

CHAP. 101.—An Act To provide for the promotion of first lieutenants in the Regular Army and National Guard to the grade of captain, and respecting the Dental Corps of the Army and medical and dental students, and for other purposes.

October 6, 1917.
[H. R. 4897.]

[Public, No. 86.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That during the existing emergency first lieutenants in the Medical Corps of the Regular Army and of the National Guard shall be eligible to promotion as captain upon such examination as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

Army.
Emergency promotions in Medical Corps of, and National Guard.
Vol. 39, p. 171.

Hereafter the Dental Corps of the Army shall consist of commissioned officers of the same grade and proportionally distributed among such grades as are now or may be hereafter provided by law for the Medical Corps, who shall have the rank, pay, promotion and allowances of officers of corresponding grades in the Medical Corps, including the right to retirement as in the case of other officers, and there shall be one dental officer for every thousand of the total strength of the Regular Army authorized from time to time by law: *Provided further,* That dental examining and review boards shall consist of one officer of the Medical Corps and two officers of the Dental Corps: *Provided further,* That immediately following the approval of this Act all dental surgeons then in active service shall be recommissioned in the Dental Corps in the grades herein authorized in the order of their seniority and without loss of pay or allowances or of relative rank in the Army: *And provided further,* That no dental surgeon shall be recommissioned who has not been confirmed by the Senate.

Dental Corps.
Personnel, etc., modified.
Vol. 39, p. 173, amended.

Number authorized.

Provisos.
Examining boards.

Recommissions to present officers.

Confirmation required.

All regulations concerning the enlistment of medical students in the Enlisted Reserve Corps and their continuance in their college course while subject to call to active service, shall apply similarly to dental students.

Continuance of students in college course.

Approved, October 6, 1917.

CHAP. 102.—An Act To amend section fifteen hundred and eighty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

October 6, 1917.
[H. R. 5646.]

[Public, No. 87.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section fifteen hundred and eighty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and it is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Navy.
R. S., sec. 1585, p. 271, amended.

"SEC. 1585. Forty cents shall in all cases be deemed the commutation price of the Navy ration: *Provided, however,* That after January first, nineteen hundred and eighteen, the commutation price shall not exceed the average cost of the ration during the preceding six months, not to exceed 40 cents.

Ration commutation.
Proviso.
Restriction after January 1, 1918.

Approved, October 6, 1917.

CHAP. 103.—An Act To establish certain new ratings in the United States Navy, and for other purposes.

October 6, 1917.
[H. R. 5648.]

[Public, No. 88.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the ratings of engineman, first class, engineman, second class; blacksmith, first class, blacksmith, second class; coppersmith, first class, coppersmith, second class; pattern maker, first class, pattern maker, second class; molder, first class, molder, second class; chief special mechanic and special mechanic, first class, be, and they are hereby, established in the artificer branch of the Navy with the following rates of base pay per month: Engineman, first class, \$45; engineman, second class, \$40; blacksmith, first class, \$65; blacksmith, second class, \$50; copper-

Navy.
New ratings in artificer branch.

Base pay.