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Army service medals.
Issue of, etc., authorized without expense to recipients.

Service designated.

Proviso.
Present service, etc., not required.

Replacement of lost, etc., medals, at cost.

Proviso.
Without cost if persons in service.

Expense from Army appropriations.

Conflicting laws repealed.

CHAP. 528.—An Act To provide for the gratuitous issue of service medals and similar devices, for the replacement of the same, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to procure and issue without expense to persons entitled to them, and to the families of such as may be dead, the following service medals, together with the ribbons, clasps, stars, and similar devices as may be prescribed as a part thereof:

(a) Civil War campaign medal; (b) Indian campaign medal; (c) Spanish campaign medal; (d) Spanish War service medal; (e) Cuban occupation medal; (f) Porto Rico occupation medal; (g) Philippine campaign medal; (h) Philippine congressional medal; (i) China campaign medal; (j) Cuban pacification medal; (k) Mexican service medal; (l) Mexican border service medal; (m) Victory medal and clasps; (n) fourragere as an individual decoration; (o) any service medal or similar device hereafter authorized: *Provided*, That the fact that a person is not in or did not die in the service shall not preclude such gratuitous issue.

SEC. 2. That whenever any article presented under the provisions of this Act shall have been lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use, without fault or neglect on the part of the owner, such article may, under such regulations as the Secretary of War may prescribe, be replaced at cost price: *Provided*, That to persons in the military service of the United States such article may be replaced free of charge.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to expend from the appropriations for the support of the Army so much as may be necessary to defray the cost of the issues provided by this Act.

SEC. 4. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

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National Guard.
Pay restriction.
Vol. 42, p. 1036, amended.
Matter stricken out.

New matter.
Limitation on payments.

CHAP. 529.—An Act To amend section 110 of the National Defense Act by repealing and striking therefrom certain provisions prescribing additional qualifications for National Guard State staff officers, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following provisions, to wit, "nor to any State, Territory, or District, or officer or enlisted man in the National Guard thereof, unless and until such State, Territory, or District provides by law that staff officers, including officers of the finance, inspection, quartermaster, and medical departments hereafter appointed shall have had previous military experience and shall hold their positions until they shall have reached the age of sixty-four years, unless retired prior to that time by reason of resignation, disability, or for causes to be determined by a court-martial legally convened for that purpose, and that vacancies among said officers shall be filled by appointment from the militia of such State, Territory, or District," contained in the last paragraph of section 110 of the National Defense Act as amended by the Act approved September 22, 1922 (Forty-second Statutes at Large, page 1036), be, and the same are hereby, repealed and stricken therefrom, so that said paragraph when so amended will read as follows:

"Except as otherwise specifically provided herein no money appropriated under the provisions of this or the last preceding section shall be paid to any person not on the active list, nor to any person