

[CHAPTER 324]

AN ACT

Authorizing the President to present the Distinguished Service Medal to Rear Admiral Reginald Vesey Holt, British Navy, and to Captain George Eric Maxia O'Donnell, British Navy, and the Navy Cross to Vice Admiral Lewis Gonne Eyre Crabbe, British Navy, and to Lieutenant Commander Harry Douglas Barlow, British Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to present the Distinguished Service Medal to Rear Admiral Reginald Vesey Holt, British Navy, and to Captain George Eric Maxia O'Donnell, British Navy, in recognition of their initiative and courageous action in proceeding immediately with unselfish disregard of their own safety to render assistance in recovering the survivors of the United States ship Panay in the face of threatened force and armed opposition; and the Navy Cross to Vice Admiral Lewis Gonne Eyre Crabbe, British Navy, and to Lieutenant Commander Harry Douglas Barlow, British Navy, for their voluntary and unstinted cooperation in assisting with the recovery of the survivors of the United States ship Panay.

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U. S. S. Panay.
 Presentation of
 medals, etc., author-
 ized to designated
 British naval officers
 for assistance in recovery
 of survivors of.

[CHAPTER 326]

AN ACT

To provide for insanity proceedings in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person with whom an alleged insane person may reside, or at whose house he may be, or the father or mother, husband or wife, brother or sister, or the child of lawful age of any such person, or the nearest relative or friend available, or the committee of such person, or an officer of any charitable institution, home, or hospital in which such person may be, or any duly accredited officer or agent of the Board of Public Welfare, or any officer authorized to make arrests in the District of Columbia who has arrested any alleged insane person under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 27, 1904 (33 Stat. 316), may apply for a writ de lunatico inquirendo and an order of commitment, or either thereof, for any alleged insane person in the District of Columbia by filing in the equity court of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia a verified petition therefor containing a statement of the facts upon which the allegation of insanity is based. All writs de lunatico inquirendo shall issue from the equity court of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, and a justice holding said court shall preside at all inquisitions of lunacy.

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a Commission on Mental Health (hereinafter referred to as the Commission), which shall examine alleged insane persons, inquire into the affairs of such persons, and the affairs of those persons legally liable as hereinafter provided for the support of said alleged insane persons, and make reports and recommendations to the court as to the necessity of treatment, the commitment, and payment of the expense of maintenance and treatment of such insane persons. The said Commission shall be drawn from a panel of nine bona-fide residents of the District of Columbia who have resided in said District for a continuous period of at least three years immediately preceding their appointment, who shall be appointed by the Judges of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia.

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District of Colum-
 bia, insane persons.
 Application for a
 writ de lunatico in-
 quirendo, etc.

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Writs to issue from
 equity court.

Commission on
 Mental Health, es-
 tablishment; duties.
 Investigations, re-
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 dations.

Commission, how
 drawn; qualifications,
 appointment.