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[CHAPTER 274]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue oil and gas leases on certain lands.

July 3, 1941
[S. 178]
[Public Law 151]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of American in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to issue leases under the provisions of section 19 of the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437), as amended, except as otherwise provided in this Act, covering lands within the area in Niobrara County, Wyoming, described as follows:

Niobrara County, Wyo.
Issuance of oil and gas leases.

41 Stat. 445.
30 U. S. C. § 228.

Southwest quarter section 25; south half section 26; southeast quarter, southeast quarter northwest quarter, and east half southwest quarter section 27; east half section 34; north half and southeast quarter section 35, all the foregoing in township 36 north, range 65 west, of the sixth principal meridian, and west half northeast quarter section 28, township 36 north, range 64 west, of the sixth principal meridian.

Such leases shall be issued to the respective oil and gas operators in possession of lands within the area described above on and prior to January 1, 1940, under placer-mining claims initiated prior to October 16, 1918, and shall inure to the benefit of all parties having contracts with the lessees or operators under such placer mining claims as their interests may appear. Each lease shall be dated as of January 1, 1940, and shall be for a term of ten years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities. Each lease shall reserve as royalty to the United States 12½ per centum of all the oil and gas produced except oil or gas used for production purposes or unavoidably lost. No lease shall issue unless (1) an application for lease be made within six months from the effective date of this Act; (2) the application covers all of the lands in the possession of the applicant within the area described above; (3) the applicant shows aggregate expenditures prior to January 1, 1940, by the applicant and his predecessors in interest of not less than $10,000 on or for the benefit of each claim upon which the application is based; and (4) the applicant shall pay to the United States as royalty 4 cents per barrel for all oil and one-fourth cent per thousand cubic feet for all gas produced from the claim prior to January 1, 1940, except oil or gas used for production purposes or unavoidably lost.

Terms and conditions.

Approved, July 3, 1941.

[CHAPTER 275]

AN ACT

To amend section 2 of the Act of April 3, 1939 (53 Stat. 556), so as to make its provisions applicable to personnel of all components of the Army of the United States.

July 3, 1941
[S. 1246]
[Public Law 152]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of April 3, 1939 (53 Stat. 556), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Aviation, U. S. Army.
10 U. S. C. § 298a.

SEC. 2. When the facilities of the Army for instruction and training in aviation are deemed by the Secretary of War to be insufficient he may, under such regulations as he may prescribe, and without reference to any limitation contained in section 127a of the National Defense Act, as amended (10 U. S. C. 535), detail personnel of the Army of the United States as students of any technical, professional, or other educational institution, or as students, observers, or investigators at such

Detail of personnel for special training.

41 Stat. 785.
Ante, pp. 189, 369.