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[CHAPTER 493]

AN ACT

To create the title of flight officer in the Army Air Forces, to amend the Army Aviation Cadet Act, and for other purposes.

July 8, 1942
[S. 2553]
[Public Law 658]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby created for the Army Air Forces the title of "flight officer." A flight officer shall have the rank, pay, and allowances, provided for a warrant officer, junior grade, and shall take rank as of the date of appointment. Flight officers shall be entitled to the benefits of all existing laws or regulations covering retirement, pensions, and disability as are applicable to members of the Army of the United States when called or ordered into the active military service of the United States under existing statutory authorizations and shall be entitled to longevity pay as provided for warrant officers in section 1 of the Act of August 21, 1941 (Public Law 230, Seventy-seventh Congress). Flight officers (warrant officers, junior grade) appointed under this authority shall not be limited by the restriction as to numbers established by section 3 of the Act of August 21, 1941 (Public Law 230, Seventy-seventh Congress).

Flight Officer Act.
Title of "flight officer" created; rank, pay, etc.

Benefits.

Longevity pay.

55 Stat. 651.
10 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 593a.

55 Stat. 652.
10 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 591a.

SEC. 2. The provisions of section 3 of the Army Aviation Cadet Act of June 3, 1941, are hereby suspended for the duration of the present war and for six months thereafter except as to any person who has enlisted or who has been appointed as an aviation cadet prior to the date of enactment of this Act. During such period and under such regulations as the Secretary of War may prescribe, male citizens of the United States may enlist as aviation cadets and men having an enlisted status in the Army of the United States may be appointed by the Secretary of War as aviation cadets. All enlistments shall be for the period of the duration of the present war and for six months thereafter unless sooner terminated by the President. Upon successful completion of the prescribed course of training and instruction and under such regulations with respect to selection as the Secretary of War may prescribe, each such cadet shall be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States under the provisions of the Act of September 22, 1941 (Public Law 252, Seventy-seventh Congress), or appointed as a flight officer in the Army of the United States. Under such regulations as the Secretary of War may prescribe, the status, pay, and allowances of any aviation cadet who fails to complete successfully the prescribed course of training and instruction may be terminated and for the remainder of the war and six months thereafter he may be required to serve in any enlisted grade with the pay and allowances of such grade.

Army Aviation Cadet Act.
Suspension of section 3; exception.
55 Stat. 239.
10 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 299.
Enlistments, etc.

Commissions or appointments on completion of course.

55 Stat. 728.
10 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 484 note.

Failure to complete course.

SEC. 3. During the continuance of the present war and for six months thereafter, the Secretary of War is authorized, under such regulations as he may prescribe, to make temporary appointments as flight officers in the Army of the United States from among men having an enlisted status in the Army of the United States who have received training as aviation students.

Temporary appointments as flight officers.

SEC. 4. Pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary of War may prescribe, flight officers may be appointed, by selection, to the grade of second lieutenant and, upon such appointment, shall be commissioned in the Army of the United States under the provisions of the Act of September 22, 1941 (Public Law 252, Seventy-seventh Congress).

Appointments of flight officers as 2d lieutenants.

55 Stat. 728.
10 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 484 note.

SEC. 5. Any person who has completed the prescribed course of training and instruction as an aviation cadet or aviation student and has served in time of war as a commissioned officer or flight

Air Corps Reserve officers, appointments.

officer in the Army of the United States may, under such regulations as the Secretary of War may prescribe, be appointed an officer in the Air Corps Reserve.

55 Stat. 240.
10 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 304a.
Post, p. 1040.
Flight officers.
Allowance for uniforms.

SEC. 6. Section 4 of the Army Aviation Cadet Act of June 3, 1941, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence thereof and by substituting the following in lieu thereof: "Any person appointed as a flight officer in the Army of the United States shall be entitled at the time of such appointment to an allowance of $150 for uniforms."

55 Stat. 240.
10 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 308a.
Government life insurance.

SEC. 7. Section 5 of the Army Aviation Cadet Act of June 3, 1941, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. Aviation cadets who are undergoing courses of instruction which require them to participate regularly and frequently in aerial flights shall be issued insurance in the amount of $10,000 under the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 1008), as amended, except that the premiums shall be paid by the Government. Upon being commissioned as second lieutenants or appointed as flight officers and until permanently relieved from duty involving participation in regular and frequent aerial flights, the insurance provided for aviation cadets or aviation students under this or other existing law shall continue but the premiums shall be deducted from the pay of the individual concerned and paid, as the Secretary of War may direct, to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. Upon being permanently relieved from duty involving participation in regular and frequent aerial flights, release from active duty, or discharge, the insurance of aviation cadets, flight officers, and officers may be continued at the option and at the expense of the individual concerned."

38 U. S. C. §§ 801-818; Supp. I, § 802.
Ante, p. 88; *post*, pp. 657, 796.

Short title.

SEC. 8. This Act may be cited as the "Flight Officer Act."

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[CHAPTER 494]

AN ACT

July 8, 1942
[H. R. 2989]
[Public Law 659]

To authorize the use of a tract of land in California known as the Millerton Rancheria in connection with the Central Valley project, and for other purposes.

Central Valley project, Calif.
Use of certain land authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be used for any and all purposes in connection with the Central Valley project in California, as authorized by the Acts of April 8, 1935 (49 Stat. 115), and August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 850), the following-described land situated in the county of Madera, State of California:

Description.

The north half of the southeast quarter and lots 2 and 3 of section 33, township 10 south, range 21 east, Mount Diablo meridian, containing one hundred and forty and eighty-six one-hundredths acres.

Termination of Indian rights, etc.

SEC. 2. That all right, title, and interest of the Indians, or any of them, to such land is hereby terminated.

Purchase of other lands.

SEC. 3. That since said land was originally acquired by the United States for the use of Indians in California in accordance with the Act of June 21, 1906 (34 Stat. 325, 333), there is hereby made available for expenditure by the Secretary of the Interior, from moneys now or hereafter available for the construction of the Central Valley project, the sum of $2,800 for the purchase of other lands or interests in lands for the same uses and purposes as authorized by said Act of June 21, 1906.

Ante, p. 536.

Administration.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to perform any and all acts and to prescribe such regulations as may be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, July 8, 1942.