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person who is forced to abandon such vessel when so attacked or damaged, with an additional star for each such abandonment.

Medal and ribbon, etc.

SEC. 3. The Administrator is authorized to provide and award a medal of appropriate design and a ribbon, together with a rosette or other device to be worn in lieu thereof, to any person who, while serving on any vessel in the American merchant marine during the war period, is wounded, suffers physical injury, or suffers through dangerous exposure as a result of an act of an enemy of the United States.

Conditions of eligibility.

SEC. 4. The Administrator shall prescribe appropriate conditions of eligibility for the issuance or award of insignia or medals under this Act. Not more than one insignia or medal of each type provided herein shall be issued or awarded to any one person, but for each succeeding service of any person sufficient to justify the award of a medal under section 3 of this Act, the Administrator may award a suitable bar, emblem, or insignia to be worn with the medal. In case any person who performs service sufficient to justify the award of a medal under section 3 dies before the award can be made to him, the award may be made and the medal presented to such representative of the deceased as the Administrator deems proper. No award of any insignia, medal, or device shall be made hereunder after two years after the termination of the present war.

Posthumous awards.

Time limitation.

Service flag and lapel button.

SEC. 5. The Administrator is authorized to approve a design for a seamen's service flag which may be displayed, and a design for a service lapel button which may be worn, by members of the immediate family of a person serving in the American merchant marine during the war period. In approving any design under this section, the Administrator may approve the design approved by the Secretary of War under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved October 17, 1942 (Public Law 750, Seventy-seventh Congress), but only if the Secretary of War shall consent thereto and the Administrator shall approve for use in connection therewith a distinctive insignia or other device designating service in the American merchant marine. The Administrator, upon approval of the design for such service flag and service lapel button, shall cause notice of such approval and a description of the flag and button to be published in the Federal Register.

56 Stat. 796.
36 U. S. C., Supp. II, §§ 179–182.

Notice in Federal Register.
8 F. R. 13069.

Rules and regulations.

SEC. 6. (a) The Administrator is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be appropriate to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Expenditures.

(b) The Administrator is authorized to expend out of any funds available for expenditure by the War Shipping Administration such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved May 10, 1943.

[CHAPTER 97]

May 21, 1943
[H. J. Res. 122]
[Public Law 53]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To extend the provisions of the Bituminous Coal Act of 1937 for a period of ninety days.

Bituminous Coal Act of 1937.
Time extension.
Ante, p. 68.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 19 of the Bituminous Coal Act of 1937 (relating to termination of the Act) is amended by striking out "May 24, 1943" and inserting in lieu thereof "August 24, 1943".

Ante, p. 68.

(b) Section 3527 of the Internal Revenue Code (relating to termination of the bituminous coal taxes) is amended by striking out "May 23, 1943" and inserting in lieu thereof "August 23, 1943".

Approved May 21, 1943.