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rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

Approved February 22, 1944.

[CHAPTER 52]

AN ACT

February 22, 1944
[H. R. 3504]
[Private Law 202]

For the relief of Wade Brothers, a partnership composed of M. J., G. W., and Ovid Wade.

Wade Brothers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Wade Brothers, a partnership composed of M. J. Wade, G. W. Wade, and Ovid Wade, of Eldorado, Texas, the sum of $7,674.98, for losses which occurred on November 28, 1942, when a United States Army airplane engaged in bombing practice released a bomb striking and exploding on said Wade Brothers' ranch and causing the following damages, to wit: Three thousand two hundred acres of grass burned and destroyed, ninety-eight fence posts destroyed, one mile of net wire and one mile of barbed wire destroyed, and four hundred and ninety-nine sheep destroyed: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

Approved February 22, 1944.

[CHAPTER 53]

AN ACT

February 22, 1944
[H. R. 3760]
[Private Law 203]

Authorizing the President to present, in the name of Congress, a Distinguished Service Medal to Lieutenant General Thomas Holcomb, United States Marine Corps.

Lt. Gen. Thomas Holcomb.

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, in the name of Congress, a Distinguished Service Medal to Lieutenant General Thomas Holcomb, United States Marine Corps, for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility as Commandant of the United States Marine Corps from December 1, 1936, to the present time.

Approved February 22, 1944.

[CHAPTER 54]

AN ACT

February 22, 1944
[S. 255]
[Private Law 204]

For the relief of Josephine M. Melchior.

Josephine M. Melchior.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Josephine M. Melchior,