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the basis of their base salary plus 20 per centum, or $400, whichever is the lesser amount, but not less than $300: *Provided*, That when the application of the above formula produces a sum that is not equal to a salary provided for the position, the employee shall be assigned to the next higher salary grade: *Provided further*, That no employee shall be assigned to a salary grade above the maximum automatic or additional grade provided for the position: *And provided further*, That clerks who are employed not less than forty hours per week at third-class post offices, and who are appointed to regular positions, shall be assigned to the minimum salary rate provided for the position.

Part-time positions.

SEC. 24. In the readjustment of part-time positions to conform to the provisions of this Act, substitute, temporary, auxiliary, and other part-time employees for whom hourly rates of pay have been provided in sections 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, and 19 shall be assigned, respectively, to the hourly rate of pay that most nearly equals their base hourly rate plus 20 per centum: *Provided*, That when the base hourly rate plus 20 per centum does not equal the hourly rates provided by this Act, fraction units of less than 50 per centum shall be disregarded and fractional units of 50 per centum or more shall be considered as a full unit rate of pay.

Ante, pp. 443-455, 457-459.

Allowable service.

SEC. 25. Allowable service under the provisions of this Act shall be only such continuous active service as has been rendered and shall not include previous periods or terms of employment: *Provided, however*, That in the case of employees who have been separated or shall hereafter be separated from the field service of the Post Office Department for military duty, the periods or terms of such service immediately preceding entry into the military service as well as the time engaged in military service shall be construed as allowable service and pro rata credit shall be given for the time engaged in military service for each year of such service.

Pay decrease, restriction.

SEC. 26. Nothing contained in this Act shall operate to decrease the pay of any present regular employee to an amount less than his annual base pay plus $300.

Sums available.

SEC. 27. The sums appropriated for salaries and compensation of postmasters, officers, and employees of the Postal Service in the Act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, shall be available for the payment of salaries and compensation of postmasters, officers, and employees of the Postal Service at the rates of compensation herein provided; and such additional sums as may be necessary are hereby authorized to be appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Ante, p. 68.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 28. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1945.

Approved July 6, 1945.

[CHAPTER 275]

AN ACT

July 6, 1945
[H. R. 3436]
[Public Law 135]

Providing for a medal for service in the armed forces during the present war.

Medal for service in armed forces during present war.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy are authorized and directed to procure, in numbers sufficient for the purposes of this Act, a medal (and suitable appurtenances) of design and official designation jointly approved by them, to be awarded to all persons who shall have served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or of the Government of the Philippine Islands at any time during the period beginning December 7, 1941, and ending with the date of the termination of hostilities in the present war, and whose service

shall have been honorable. The term "date of the termination of hostilities in the present war" means the date proclaimed by the President as the date of such termination or the date specified in a concurrent resolution of the two Houses of Congress as the date of such termination, whichever is the earlier. The medal may be awarded posthumously and, when so awarded, shall be presented to such representative of the deceased as shall be prescribed in the applicable regulations. Awards shall be made pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy.

Posthumous awards.

Approved July 6, 1945.

[CHAPTER 278]

AN ACT

July 6, 1945
[H. R. 1647]
[Public Law 136]

To authorize the Secretary of War to convey to the Captain William Edmiston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution a certain building and tract or parcel of land situated in Montgomery County, Tennessee.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is authorized and directed to grant, donate, and convey to the Captain William Edmiston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to that certain building and tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the county of Montgomery, in the State of Tennessee, being a part of the same tract as conveyed by R. E. Durrett and wife, to the United States of America as recorded in deed book 89, page 1, in the records of Montgomery County, Tennessee.

Captain William Edmiston Chapter, D. A. R. Conveyance.

Approved July 6, 1945.

[CHAPTER 279]

AN ACT

July 6, 1945
[H. R. 2477]
[Public Law 137]

To give recognition to the noncombatant services under enemy fire performed by officers and enlisted men of the Medical Corps of the Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That during the present war and for six months thereafter, any enlisted man of the Army who is entitled, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War, to wear the Medical Badge shall be paid additional compensation at the rate of $10 per month: *Provided*, That any enlisted man whose right to wear the Medical Badge has been temporarily suspended may, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War, continue to be paid such additional compensation.

Enlisted men entitled to wear Medical Badge.
Additional compensation.

SEC. 2. The appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for "Finance Service, Army", shall be available for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

Appropriations available.

SEC. 3. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following its enactment. The additional compensation provided by this Act shall not be paid for any retroactive period prior to the date of the actual award of the Medical Badge.

Effective date.

Approved July 6, 1945.