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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.