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the sum of $100 and the payee or owner is, at the date of the application, an officer or employee in the service of the Post Office Department, whether by contract, designation, or appointment, the Postmaster General may, in lieu of an indemnity bond, authorize the issuance of a substitute check or warrant upon such an affidavit as he may prescribe, to be made before any postmaster by the payee or owner of an original check.

Payment of substitute checks.

"(f) Substitutes issued under this section, drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, except those for checks issued on account of public-debt obligations and transactions regarding the administration of banking and currency laws, shall be deemed to be original checks and shall be payable under the conditions set forth in section 21 of the Permanent Appropriation Repeal Act, 1934 (U. S. C., title 31, sec. 725t). Substitutes for checks issued on account of public-debt obligations and transactions regarding the administration of banking and currency laws shall be payable without limitation of time.

48 Stat. 1235.

"Original check."

"(g) The term 'original check' wherever used in this section means any check, warrant, or other order for the payment of money, payable upon demand and not bearing interest, drawn by a duly authorized officer or agent of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the District Unemployment Compensation Board, on their behalf against an account or funds of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the District Unemployment Compensation Board, including instruments issued by any corporation or other entity owned or controlled by the United States, the funds of which are deposited and covered into the Treasury of the United States or deposited with the Treasurer of the United States, but does not include money, coins, or currency of the United States; as used in subsection (e) of this section it means such an instrument drawn by a duly authorized officer or employee of the Post Office Department.

Delegation of authority.

"(h) Any power, authority, or discretion conferred upon the Secretary of the Treasury by this section may be delegated by him, in whole or in part, subject to such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, to such individuals as he may designate within the Treasury Department or to the head of any other department or agency of the Government or of any Federal Reserve bank, and the head of such department or agency or Federal Reserve bank may, when such action is not inconsistent with the terms and conditions of the delegation by the Secretary of the Treasury, redelegate any power, authority, or discretion conferred upon him pursuant to this subsection to any officer or employee within such department, agency, or Federal Reserve bank."

Repeal.

SEC. 2. Sections 300 and 3647 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., title 31, sec. 119), are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This Act shall become effective on December 1, 1945.

Approved December 3, 1945.

[CHAPTER 516]

AN ACT

December 3, 1945
[H. R. 4411]
[Public Law 244]

To adjust the pay and allowances of members of the Navy Nurse Corps, and for other purposes.

Navy Nurse Corps.
Pay and allowances.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That during the effective period as defined in section 4 hereof, (a) each member of the Navy Nurse Corps shall receive the same pay, money allowances for subsistence and for rental of quarters, mileage and other travel allow-

ances, that are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law for officers of the Regular Navy of corresponding rank and length of service, which shall include, on and after October 1, 1944, all allowances and benefits on account of dependents as provided in section 4 of the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942, as amended.

Dependents.
56 Stat. 361.
37 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 104.

(b) In computing the service for all pay purposes of members of the Navy Nurse Corps, such persons shall be credited with full time for all periods during which they held appointments as nurses or commissions in the Army Nurse Corps or the Navy Nurse Corps.

Ante, p. 587.
Service credits.

SEC. 2. (a) Each member of the Navy Nurse Corps who hereafter is retired by reason of physical disability incurred in the line of duty shall, if the proceedings resulting in retirement be instituted prior to the expiration of the effective period as defined in section 4 hereof, be entitled to retired pay at the rate of 75 per centum of the active-duty pay of the rank in which serving, under temporary or permanent appointment, when such disability was incurred, computed as provided in this Act.

Retirement for disability; pay.

(b) Each member of the Navy Nurse Corps who, subsequent to December 22, 1942, and prior to the date of enactment of this Act, has been retired for physical disability incurred in the line of duty shall, beginning on the first day of the first month next following the date of enactment of this Act, be entitled to retired pay at the rate of 75 per centum of the active-duty pay to which she would have been entitled at the time her disability was incurred had her active-duty pay and allowances at such time been computed as provided in section 1 of this Act.

Retroactive provision.

SEC. 3. The provisions of this Act shall apply equally to Naval Reserve members of the Navy Nurse Corps while employed on active duty.

Naval Reserve members on active duty.

SEC. 4. The effective period as used herein shall mean the period beginning on July 10, 1944 (except as otherwise specified in section 2 and except that no allowances or benefits under any section of this Act on account of dependents for any period prior to October 1, 1944, shall accrue by reason of the enactment of this Act), and ending six months after the termination of the present war as declared by Presidential proclamation or by concurrent resolution of the Congress, whichever shall first occur.

Effective period.

SEC. 5. No person, active or retired, in the naval service shall suffer, by reason of this Act, any reduction in pay, allowances, or retirement benefits to which she was entitled upon the date of enactment of this Act.

Restriction on reduction of benefits.

Approved December 3, 1945.

[CHAPTER 554]

AN ACT

To amend article 6 of the Articles for the Government of the Navy.

December 4, 1945
[S. 1308]
[Public Law 245]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That article 6 of the Articles for the Government of the Navy (Revised Statutes, sec. 1624, art. 6) is amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Naval court martial.
34 U. S. C. § 1200, art. 6.

ART. 6. If any person subject to the Articles for the Government of the Navy commits the crime of murder without the territorial jurisdiction of any particular State, or the District of Columbia, he may be tried by court martial and punished with death.

Murder.

Approved December 4, 1945.