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custody and control over, that portion of Fort McIntosh at Laredo, Texas, described as follows: A tract containing sixty-five and twenty-five one-hundredths acres, more or less, shown as tract 2 on drawing numbered 7125–08 of the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, and on field notes attached thereto, which drawing and field notes are on file with said United States Section, with the Federal Public Housing Authority, and with the War Assets Administration; together with the improvements and buildings hereon located, and such of the furnishings, equipment, and other personal property situated at Fort McIntosh and under the jurisdiction of the War Assets Administration, and which has heretofore been declared surplus, as may be needed for the maintenance, operation, and protection of the area described and improvements thereon, and for purposes incidental to the use of such property by the said United States Section as a field headquarters, or for other purposes, in connection with any project or works under the jurisdiction of the said United States Section, said property having heretofore been declared surplus and assigned to the Federal Public Housing Authority as disposal agency by the War Assets Administration; and the War Assets Administration, or other Federal agency in responsible charge, is authorized and directed to transfer said property to the said United States Section without reimbursement or exchange of funds.

Approved July 25, 1947.

CHAPTER 323]

AN ACT

July 25, 1947
[H. R. 2314]
[Public Law 236]

To amend section 12 of the Naval Aviation Cadet Act of 1942, as amended, and to amend section 2 of the Act of June 16, 1936, as amended, so as to authorize lump-sum payments under the said Acts to the survivors of deceased officers without administration of estates.

Naval Aviation Cadet Act of 1942, amendment.
34 U. S. C. § 850k.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 12 of the Naval Aviation Cadet Act of 1942 (56 Stat. 738), as amended by the Act of October 25, 1943 (57 Stat. 574), as so amended, is hereby further amended by striking out that part of the said section which appears before the first proviso thereof and substituting therefor the following: "When officers commissioned pursuant to this Act or the Naval Aviation Reserve Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 819) are released from active duty that has been continuous for one or more years, they shall be paid a lump sum of $500 for each complete year of continuous commissioned active service, or, in the event of the death of such officers, the beneficiaries specially designated in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy shall be paid such sum, or, if no beneficiary has been specially designated and no demand is presented by a duly appointed legal representative of the deceased officer's estate, the decedent's widow, or legal heirs shall be paid such sum in the following order of precedence: First, to the widow; second, if the decedent left no widow, or the widow be dead at the time of settlement, then to the children or their issue, per stirpes; third, if no widow or descendants, then to the father and mother in equal parts; fourth, if either the father or mother be dead, then to the one surviving; fifth, if there be no widow, child, father, or mother at the date of settlement, then to the brothers and sisters and children of deceased brothers and sisters, per stirpes; and in the event of the death of such officers not the result of their own misconduct, or if released from active duty otherwise than upon their own request or as a result of disciplinary action, this lump-sum payment shall be prorated for fractional parts of each year of such service:".

Payment on release from active duty.
34 U. S. C. §§ 849 notes, 853c.

Payment to beneficiaries, etc.

Add a new section 2, as follows:

"SEC. 2. Section 2 of the Act of June 16, 1936 (49 Stat. 1524), as amended by section 2 of the Act of April 3, 1939 (53 Stat. 559), as amended by section 6 of the Act of June 3, 1941 (55 Stat. 240), as so amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end of the section the following: '*Provided*, That in the event of the death of such officer, after continuous active duty for one or more years, the beneficiaries specially designated in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of War shall be paid such sum, or, if no beneficiary has been specially designated and no demand is presented by a duly appointed legal representative of the deceased officer's estate, the decedent's widow, or legal heirs shall be paid such sum in the following order of precedence: First, to the widow; second, if the decedent left no widow, or the widow be dead at the time of settlement, then to the children or their issue, per stirpes; third, if no widow or descendants, then to the father and mother in equal parts; fourth, if either the father or mother be dead, then to the one surviving; fifth, if there be no widow, child, father, or mother at the date of settlement, then to the brothers and sisters and children of deceased brothers and sisters, per stirpes; and in the event of the death of such officer, not the result of his own misconduct, this lump-sum payment shall be prorated for fractional parts of each year of such service.'"

10 U. S. C. § 300a.

Payment to beneficiaries, etc.

Approved July 25, 1947.

[CHAPTER 324]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of such District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and for other purposes.

July 25, 1947
[H. R. 4106]
[Public Law 237]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there are appropriated for the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, out of (1) the general fund of the District of Columbia, hereinafter known as the general fund, such fund being composed of the revenues of the District of Columbia other than those applied by law to special funds, and $11,000,000, which is hereby appropriated for the purpose out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated (to be advanced July 1, 1947), (2) highway funds, established by law (D. C. Code, title 47, ch. 19), and (3) the water fund, established by law (D. C. Code, title 43, ch. 15) and $1,000,000, which is hereby appropriated for the purpose out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated (to be advanced July 1, 1947), sums as follows:

District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1948.
Ante, pp. 118, 187, 188, 244, 245, 361; *post*, pp. 608, 609, 698.

Ante, p. 361.

Ante, p. 359.

From the general fund: All sums appropriated under the following heads: General administration, fiscal service, compensation and retirement fund expenses, regulatory agencies, public schools, Public Library, Recreation Department, Metropolitan Police, Fire Department, policemen's and firemen's relief, Veterans' Services, courts, Health Department, public welfare, public works (excluding those items designated as payable from the highway and water funds), National Guard, National Capital Parks, National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and National Zoological Park;

From the highway fund: All sums appropriated under District debt service and public works designated as payable from the highway fund; and

Post, p. 443.

From the water fund: All sums appropriated under public works and Washington aqueduct, designated as payable from the water fund; namely: