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AN ACT

For the relief of Colonel Henry M. Denning, and others.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That relief is hereby granted the various disbursing officers of the United States or claimants hereinafter mentioned in amounts shown herein, said amounts representing amounts of erroneous payments made by said disbursing officers of public funds for which said officers are accountable or amounts due said claimants as listed in and under the circumstances described in identical letters of the Secretary of the Army to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and chairman, Committee on Armed Services, United States Senate.

SEC. 2. That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to credit in the accounts of the following officers and employees of the Army of the United States the amounts set opposite their names: Colonel Henry M. Denning, Finance Corps (now retired), $133.77; Colonel C. K. McAlister, Finance Corps, $39.79; Colonel Frank Richards, Finance Corps (now retired), $34.69; Colonel H. R. Cole, Corps of Engineers, $18.72, the said amounts representing erroneous payments of public funds for which these persons are accountable, resulting from minor errors in determining amounts of pay and allowances due former members of the Civilian Conservation Corps, former officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees of the Army or contractors from whom collection of the overpayments cannot be effected, and which amounts have been disallowed by the Comptroller General of the United States.

SEC. 3. 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 Major Paul M. Birkeland, Artillery, $500; First Lieutenant Maurice A. Berg, Air Force, $108; Second Lieutenant Charles Nuckols, Junior, class A agent officer for Lieutenant Colonel Julius S. Eberstein, Finance Corps, $48.75; First Lieutenant Austin E. Pritchard, Air Force, $121; First Lieutenant Irwin D. Bingham, Air Force, $330; First Lieutenant Charles F. Schwep, Signal Corps, $276; First Lieutenant Henry Fontenot, Ordnance Corps, $100; Captain B. D. Grossman, Finance Corps, $50; First Lieutenant Harold B. Cockrell, Infantry, class A agent officer for Major W. F. Menegus, Finance Corps, $436; Warrant Officer (Junior Grade) Gregory W. Corken, class B agent officer for Major E. A. Ganschow, Finance Corps, $30.26; Captain Francis S. Chasm, Infantry, $181.36; in full satisfaction of the claim of each such claimant against the United States for a like amount.

SEC. 4. 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 the PG Publishing Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, $218.40; Cleveland Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio, $206.38; The Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis, Indiana, $260.04; The Dispatch Printing Company, Columbus, Ohio, $188.16; The Cincinnati Enquirer, Cincinnati, Ohio, $321.30; Times-Herald, Washington, District of Columbia, $60.90; The Courier-Journal and The Louisville Times Company, Louisville, Kentucky, $78.75; The Madison Courier, Madison, Indiana, $4.50; The Marion Star, Marion, Ohio,

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$11.76; The Toledo Blade Company, Toledo, Ohio, $50.40; The Columbus Dispatch, Columbus, Ohio, $47.88; The Tribune Company, Chicago, Illinois, $138.60; Tribune-Star Publishing Company, Incorporated, Terre Haute, Indiana, $15.12; The New York Sun, Incorporated, New York, $99.63; The LaPorte Printing Company, LaPorte, Indiana, $24.32; The Chicago Daily News, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois, $69.30; The News-Journal Company, Wilmington, Delaware, $16.80; The Philadelphia Record Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, $63; Indianapolis News Publishing Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, $52.48; The New York Times Company, New York, $138.60; Richwood Publishing Company, Richwood, West Virginia, $8; Elkins Inter-Mountain Company, Incorporated, Elkins, West Virginia, $8.82; West Virginia Newspaper Publishing Company, Morgantown, West Virginia, $16.80; The Athenaeum, Morgantown, West Virginia, $6.60; Clarksburg Publishing Company, Clarksburg, West Virginia, $12.50; Grant County Press, Petersburg, West Virginia, $9.98; Mineral Daily News-Tribune, Keyser, West Virginia, $12.60; Advocate Messenger Company, Danville, Kentucky, $2.40; New York Journal American, New York, New York, $45.40; The Newspaper Advertising Service, Madison, Wisconsin, $25.20; The Journal Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, $46.20; The Shopper's Guide, J. Schilling and J. Holton, Publishers, Baraboo, Wisconsin, $4.95; The Sauk County News, Prairie DuSac, Wisconsin, $5; and the Albert Hand Company, Cape May, New Jersey, $16.30, which amounts are due the several publishing companies mentioned above for advertising ordered and published for and in the interest of the United States without the prior approval of the Secretary of War as required by Revised Statutes 3828 (44 U. S. C. 324): *Provided*, That no person shall be held pecuniarily liable for any amount on account of the above-mentioned payments.

SEC. 5. 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 the township of Montgomery, Harlingen, New Jersey, $199.31, and the township of Hillsborough, Neshanic, New Jersey, $136.44, which amounts are due to the townships mentioned above for cost and legal fees incurred in the enactment of local ordinances which were enacted at the behest of the military authorities at the Belle Mead Army Service Forces Depot, Somerville, New Jersey, for reasons of military security: *Provided*, That no persons shall be held pecuniarily liable for any amount on account of the above-mentioned payments.

SEC. 6. That any amounts refunded by any disbursing officer or his heirs in connection with any item of indebtedness in accounts cleared herein and/or any amount otherwise due any disbursing officer or his heirs which was set off against any item of indebtedness in the accounts which are cleared herein, shall be refunded to said disbursing officer or his heirs: *Provided*, That no part of the amounts authorized herein to be credited in the accounts of the disbursing officer shall be charged against any individual other than the various payees.

SEC. 7. That in all cases where disbursing officers' accounts are cleared or relieved under the authority of this or any other Act, such clearance or relief shall be considered and construed as precluding the recovery of any interest charged from said disbursing officer arising from any items so cleared or relieved, whether such interest charges are in connection with judicial proceedings or otherwise.

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