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subdivision or public agency thereof, under the provisions of section 2 of this Act, and if tolls are thereafter charged for the use thereof, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches under economical management, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the amount paid therefor, including reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed twenty years from the date of acquiring the same. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so provided such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls, or the rates of toll shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper maintenance, repair, and operation of the bridge and its approaches under economical management. An accurate record of the amount paid for acquiring the bridge and its approaches, the actual expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, and of the daily tolls collected shall be kept, and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

Rates applied to operation, sinking fund, etc.

Maintenance, as free bridge, etc., after amortizing costs, etc.

Record of expenditures and receipts.

Sec. 4. Herman Simmonds, junior, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, shall within 90 days after the completion of such bridge file with the Secretary of War, and with the Highway Department of the State of Florida, a sworn itemized statement showing the actual original cost of constructing the bridge and its approaches, the actual cost of acquiring any interest in real property necessary therefor, and the actual financing and promotion costs. The Secretary of War may, and at the request of the Highway Department of the State of Florida shall, at any time within three years after the completion of such bridge, investigate such costs and determine the accuracy and the reasonableness of the costs alleged in the statement of costs so filed, and shall make a finding of the actual and reasonable costs of constructing, financing, and promoting such bridge; for the purpose of such investigation the said Herman Simmonds, junior, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, shall make available all of his or their records in connection with the construction, financing, and promotion thereof. The findings of the Secretary of War as to the reasonable costs of the construction, financing, and promotion of the bridge shall be conclusive for the purposes mentioned in section 2 of this Act, subject only to review in a court of equity for fraud or gross mistake.

Sworn statement of construction costs, etc., to be filed after completion.

Examination by Secretary of War.

Findings of Secretary conclusive.

Sec. 5. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to Herman Simmonds, junior, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, and any corporation to which or any person to whom such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person.

Right to sell, etc., conferred.

Sec. 6. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, April 5, 1928.

April 6, 1928.
S. 2950.]
[Public, No. 239.]

CHAP. 321.—An Act To amend the second paragraph of section 67, National Defense Act, as amended.

National Guard appropriations.
Vol. 42, p. 1034, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second paragraph of section 67, National Defense Act, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"The appropriation provided for in this section shall be apportioned among the several States and Territories under just and equitable procedure to be prescribed by the Secretary of War and in direct ratio to the number of enlisted men in active service in the National Guard existing in such States and Territories at the date of apportionment of said appropriation, and to the District of Columbia, under such regulations as the President may prescribe: *Provided*, That the sum so apportioned among the several States, Territories, and the District of Columbia shall be available under such rules as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War for the actual and necessary expenses incurred by officers and enlisted men of the Regular Army when traveling on duty in connection with the National Guard; for actual and necessary expenses incurred by officers of the Regular Army, and Reserve Officers holding commissions in the National Guard on active duty in the Militia Bureau or the War Department General Staff, while traveling in attending the annual conventions of the National Guard Association of the United States and The Adjutants General Association; for the transportation of supplies furnished to the National Guard for the permanent equipment thereof; for office rent and necessary office expenses of officers of the Regular Army on duty with the National Guard; for the expenses of the Militia Bureau, including clerical services; for expenses of enlisted men of the Regular Army on duty with the National Guard, including an allowance for quarters and subsistence provided in section 11 of the Pay Readjustment Act of June 10, 1922, medicine, and medical attendance; and such expenses shall constitute a charge against the whole sum annually appropriated for the support of the National Guard, and shall be paid therefrom and not from the allotment duly apportioned to any particular State, Territory, or the District of Columbia; for the promotion of rifle practice, including the acquisition, construction, maintenance, and equipment of shooting galleries, and suitable target ranges; for the hiring of horses and draft animals for use of mounted troops, batteries, and wagons for forage for the same; and for such other incidental expenses in connection with lawfully authorized encampments, maneuvers, and field instruction as the Secretary of War may deem necessary, and for such other expenses pertaining to the National Guard as are now or may hereafter be authorized by law."

Approved, April 6, 1928.

Ratio of apportionments.

Proviso. Expenses specified.

Attendance of Army officers at conventions of National Guard Association and Adjutants General Association, added.

Quarters and subsistence to Army enlisted men. Vol. 42, p. 630.

To be from general fund only.

Promoting rifle practice, field instruction, etc.

CHAP. 322.—An Act To amend section 110, National Defense Act, so as to provide better administrative procedure in the disbursements for pay of National Guard officers and enlisted men.

April 6, 1928. [S. 2537.] [Public, No. 240.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second paragraph of section 110, National Defense Act, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"All amounts appropriated for the purpose of this and the last preceding section shall be disbursed and accounted for by the officers and agents of the Finance Department of the Army, and effective as soon as practicable after July 1, 1928, all disbursements under the foregoing provisions of this section shall be made for such three-months periods for the various units of the National Guard as shall be prescribed in regulations issued by the Secretary of War and on pay rolls prepared and authenticated in the manner prescribed in said regulations: *Provided*, That for the period necessary to put into operation the payment plan herein provided for, the Secretary of War is authorized to fix initial pay periods of less

National Guard. Pay of officers and enlisted men.

Quarterly disbursements by Army Finance Department, for the various units. Vol. 42, p. 1036, amended.

Provisos. Temporary provision.