

ability shall not form part of the limited retired list: *And provided further*, That one thousand two hundred emergency officers shall be assigned to the Air Service, of whom not less than 85 per centum shall be duly qualified fliers.

Air Service assignments.

Approved, September 17, 1919.

CHAP. 62.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the D. E. Hewit Lumber Company to construct and maintain a bridge across Tug River, connecting Martin County, Kentucky, and Mingo County, West Virginia.

September 17, 1919.
[S. 2700.]

[Public, No. 50.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the D. E. Hewit Lumber Company, and its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Tug River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, one end of said bridge being in Martin County, Kentucky, and the other end of the said bridge being on the opposite side of the Tug River, at Kermit, in Mingo County, in the State of West Virginia, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Tug River.
D. E. Hewit Lumber Company may bridge, Kermit, W. Va.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, September 17, 1919.

CHAP. 63.—An Act To amend sections 4 and 5 of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for stock-raising homesteads, and for other purposes," approved December 29, 1916.

September 29, 1919.
[S. 276.]

[Public, No. 51.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 4 and 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for stock-raising homesteads, and for other purposes," approved December 29, 1916, be amended to read as follows:

Stock-raising homesteads.
Vol. 39, p. 863, amended.

"SEC. 4. That any homestead entryman of lands of the character herein described who has not submitted final proof upon his existing entry shall have the right to enter, subject to the provisions of this Act, such amount of lands designated for entry under the provisions of this Act, within a radius of twenty miles from said existing entry, as shall not, together with the amount embraced in his original entry, exceed six hundred and forty acres, and residence upon the original entry shall be credited on both entries, but improvements must be made on the additional entry equal to \$1.25 for each acre thereof: *Provided*, That the entryman shall be required to enter all contiguous areas of the character herein described open to entry prior to the entry of any noncontiguous land.

Additions to pending homestead entries.
Noncontiguous lands allowed.

Improvements required.
Proviso.
Contiguous areas to be first selected.

"SEC. 5. That persons who have submitted final proof upon, or received patent for, lands of the character herein described under the homestead laws, and who own and reside upon the land so acquired, may, subject to the provisions of this Act, make additional entry for and obtain patent to lands designated for entry under the provisions of this Act, within a radius of twenty miles from the lands theretofore acquired under the homestead laws, which, together with the area theretofore acquired under the homestead laws, shall not exceed six hundred and forty acres, on proof of the expenditure required by this Act on account of permanent improvements upon the additional entry: *Provided*, That the entryman shall be required to enter all contiguous areas of the character herein described open to entry prior to the entry of any noncontiguous land."

Homesteaders may enter additional contiguous or noncontiguous lands.

Improvements required.

Proviso.
Contiguous areas to be first entered.

Approved, September 29, 1919.