“SEC. 55. THE ENLISTED RESERVE CORPS.—The Enlisted Reserve Corps shall consist of persons voluntarily enlisted therein. The period of enlistment shall be three years, except in the case of persons who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps at some time between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, who may be enlisted for one-year periods and who, in time of peace, shall be entitled to discharge within ninety days if they make application therefor. Enlistment shall be limited to persons eligible for enlistment in the Regular Army who have had such military or technical training as may be prescribed by regulations of the Secretary of War, except that for original enlistments in railway operating units the maximum age limit shall be forty-five years. All enlistments in force at the outbreak of war, or entered into during its continuation, whether in the Regular Army or the Enlisted Reserve Corps, shall continue in force until six months after its termination unless sooner terminated by the President.”

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CHAP. 495.—An Act To amend the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended, so as to permit the Secretary of War to detail enlisted men to educational institutions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the next to the last paragraph of section 127a of the Act entitled “An Act for making further and more effectual provisions for the national defense, and for other purposes,” approved June 3, 1916, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended so that the paragraph will read as follows:

“The Secretary of War is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to detail not to exceed 2 per centum of the commissioned officers and one-half of 1 per centum of the enlisted men of the Regular Army in any fiscal year as students at such technical, professional, and other educational institutions, or as students, observers, or investigators at such industrial plants, hospitals, and other places as shall be best suited to enable such officers or enlisted men to acquire a knowledge of or experience in the specialties in which it is deemed necessary that such officers or enlisted men shall perfect themselves. The number of officers so detailed shall, as far as practicable, be distributed proportionately among the various branches: Provided, That no expense shall be incurred by the United States in addition to pay and allowances of the officers or enlisted men so detailed, except for the cost of tuition at such technical, professional, and other educational institutions: And provided further, That the allowances and tuition for enlisted men during the period of such detail may be paid from any funds appropriated for or allotted to the procurement branches: And provided further, That the Secretary of War may fix the length of enlistments for this purpose at three years or less, and the total length of detail of an enlisted man shall not exceed 50 per centum of his enlistment period.”

Approved, June 8, 1926.

CHAP. 496.—An Act To convey to the city of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, certain Government property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed to convey, by usual quitclaim deed, to the city of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Oshkosh, Wis. Portion of post office site, conveyed to, for street purposes.