

That surplus production over the amount furnished, or sold to the armed forces of the United States and to civilians serving with the armed forces may only be sold outside the continental limits of the United States: *And provided further*, That no land shall be acquired under this authorization.

“Sec. 2. After the termination of the present war the management, operation, maintenance, and improvement of any plantation or farm for which appropriations made available by this Act are used shall be accomplished, insofar as practicable, through the instrumentality of a private contractor, lessee, or operator with or for the Government, and, to this end the Secretary of War, with respect to Army affairs, and the Secretary of the Navy, with respect to Navy affairs, shall make reasonable effort to enter into said contract, lease, or agreement with a person, partnership, or association, in civil life for his or its services upon terms advantageous to the Government, for such management, operation, maintenance, and improvement before employing Army, Navy, or Marine Corps personnel for that purpose: *Provided*, That the determination of the Secretary of War, in regard to Army matters, and the Secretary of the Navy, in regard to Navy matters, as to reasonableness of effort to enter into such contract, lease, or agreement, and as to the advantageous nature of the terms thereof shall be final.”

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[CHAPTER 189]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to appoint, for supply duty only, officers of the line of the Marine Corps, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That officers of the line of the Marine Corps of the permanent or temporary grades of captain, major, lieutenant colonel, and colonel may, upon application, and with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, be assigned to supply duty only: *Provided*, That when so assigned they shall retain the lineal position and precedence which they hold at the time of assignment or may later attain and shall be promoted, retired, and discharged in like manner and with the same relative conditions in all respects as on the date of passage of this Act, or as thereafter may be provided for other officers of the line of the Marine Corps, except as otherwise provided by law: *Provided further*, That the recommendation of selection boards in the cases of officers assigned to such duty shall be based upon their comparative fitness to perform the duties prescribed for them: *And provided further*, That officers of the permanent or temporary grades of captain, major, lieutenant colonel, and colonel assigned to supply duty only in accordance with this Act shall, on assignment and on promotion up to and including the grade of brigadier general, be carried as additional numbers in grade.

SEC. 2. The number of officers so assigned in accordance with this Act shall be in accordance with the requirements of the service as determined by the Secretary of the Navy: *Provided*, That all officers of the Marine Corps now assigned to assistant quartermaster duty only and assistant paymaster duty only are hereby assigned to supply duty only, without change in their lineal positions and precedence solely as a result of such change of assignment.

SEC. 3. The head of the Supply Department shall have the title of “Quartermaster General of the Marine Corps” and shall, while so serving have the rank, pay, and allowances of a major general, and shall be in addition to the number of general officers otherwise provided by

Sale of surplus production.

No land acquisitions.

Management by private contractors, etc.

Finality of determinations by Secretaries of War and Navy.

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[H. R. 1371]

[Public Law 150]

Marine Corps. Assignment of officers of the line to supply duty.

Retention of lineal position, etc.

Basis of recommendation by selection boards.

Additional numbers in grade.

Number of officers assigned.

Officers assigned to assistant quartermaster duty, etc.

Title of head of Supply Department, etc.

Appointment of
Quartermaster Gen-
eral.

law. He shall be carried in the grade or rank from which appointed.

SEC. 4. When a vacancy shall exist in the office of Quartermaster General of the Marine Corps, the President may appoint to such office, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an officer of the Marine Corps on the active list assigned to supply duty only of the rank of brigadier general, who shall hold office as such quartermaster general for a period of four years, unless sooner relieved.

Detail of officers to
Supply Department.

SEC. 5. In such numbers as may be required to meet the needs of the service officers of the line may be detailed for duty in the Supply Department for a period of four years unless sooner relieved.

Repeals.

SEC. 6. The following laws and parts of laws are hereby repealed: (a) Act of August 29, 1916 (39 Stat. 609; 34 U. S. C. 625). Act of August 29, 1916 (39 Stat. 610; 34 U. S. C. 633).

48 Stat. 812, 813.

(b) Sections 3, 11, and 14 of the Act of May 29, 1934 (48 Stat. 811; 34 U. S. C. 625a, 667c, 667f).

(c) Act of July 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 537; 34 U. S. C. 632a).

(d) Act of March 24, 1944 (58 Stat. 121; 34 U. S. C. 625b).

SEC. 7. All other laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended accordingly.

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[CHAPTER 190]

AN ACT

July 1, 1947
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[Public Law 151]

To amend the Acts of October 14, 1942 (56 Stat. 786), as amended, and November 28, 1943 (57 Stat. 593), as amended, so as to authorize transportation of dependents and household effects of personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard to overseas bases.

Navy, Marine
Corps, and Coast
Guard.
Travel under secret
or confidential orders.

50 U. S. C. app.
§§ 831-833.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the transportation of dependents and household effects of personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Coast and Geodetic Survey, incident to secret or confidential orders, and for other purposes", approved October 14, 1942 (56 Stat. 786), as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

(a) Strike out the words "points to new stations in the United States to which such personnel may be subsequently ordered for duty, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe: *Provided, That the wives of*" as they appear in lines 13, 14, and 15 thereof, on page 786, volume 56, Statutes at Large, and insert in lieu thereof the words "points to current or new stations to which such personnel may be subsequently ordered for duty, at which restrictive conditions no longer prevail, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe, and without regard to cost of transportation previously provided for dependents and household effects to such points: *Provided, That the wives of*".

(b) Strike out the words "personnel concerned have been so ordered shall constitute authority" as they appear in line 26 thereof, on page 786, volume 56, Statutes at Large, and insert in lieu thereof the words "personnel concerned have been so ordered, or that they have been ordered to new duty stations or continued on current duty stations where their dependents are not restricted from joining them, shall constitute authority".

Transportation of
dependents and house-
hold effects.

50 U. S. C. app.
§§ 833a-833e.

SEC. 2. The Act entitled "An Act to authorize the transportation of dependents and household effects of personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard under certain conditions, and for other purposes", approved November 28, 1943 (57 Stat. 593), as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

(a) Strike out the words "United States, and from such points to new stations in the United States to which such personnel may be