Sec. 2. The Coast Guard is authorized to acquire title to an appropriate site adjoining the present Coast Guard Academy reservation either by purchase, condemnation, gift or otherwise.

Sec. 3. The Coast Guard is authorized to accept private contributions to assist in defraying the cost of construction of the chapel provided for herein. Such contributions shall be received and accounted for under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

Sec. 4. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to complete the purposes of this Act.

Approved July 21, 1947.

[CHAPTER 286]
AN ACT

To provide basic authority for the performance of certain functions and activities of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Coast and Geodetic Survey is hereby authorized to provide, from appropriations now or hereafter made available to the Survey, for—

(a) Transportation (including packing, unpacking, crating, and uncrating) of personal and household effects of commissioned officers who die on active duty to the official residence of record for such officers, or, upon application by their dependents, to such other locations as may be determined by the Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey or by such person as he may designate.

(b) Reimbursement, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, of commissioned officers for food, clothing, medicines, and other supplies furnished by them for the temporary relief of distressed persons in remote localities and to shipwrecked persons temporarily provided for by them.

Sec. 2. The Coast and Geodetic Survey is hereby authorized to pay extra compensation to members of crews of vessels when assigned duties as bombers or fathometer readers, and to employees of other Federal agencies while observing tides or currents or tending seismographs, at such rates as may be specified from time to time in the appropriation concerned.

Approved July 22, 1947.

[CHAPTER 287]
AN ACT

To provide compensation to persons performing the duties of postmasters at post offices of the fourth class during annual and sick leave of the postmasters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is authorized to be expended, from the appropriation for compensation to postmasters in the annual Post Office Department's appropriation Acts, compensation, at the rate provided by law for postmasters' compensation, to persons who perform the duties of the postmaster at post offices of the fourth class during the absence of the postmaster on sick or annual leave, or leave without pay.

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