

his last-known address for a period of at least five years, has no known assets, and his whereabouts cannot be ascertained without undue expense, may be charged off or released by the Secretary upon a report and favorable recommendation of the employee of the Administration having charge of the claim: *Provided, however,* That claims involving a principal balance of \$150 or less may be charged off or released whenever it appears to the Secretary that further collection efforts would be ineffectual or likely to prove uneconomical."

(b) The first sentence of section 42 (a) is amended by inserting after the word "county" in each of three places the words "or area".

(c) Section 43 (d) is amended by striking the words "as family-size farms".

(d) Section 51 is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 51. The Secretary is authorized and empowered to make advances to preserve and protect the security for, or the lien or priority of the lien securing, any loan or other indebtedness owing to, insured by or acquired by the Secretary under any programs administered by the Farmers' Home Administration; to bid for and purchase at any foreclosure or other sale or otherwise acquire property pledged, mortgaged, conveyed, attached, or levied upon to secure the payment of any such indebtedness; to accept title to any property so purchased or acquired; to operate for a period not in excess of one year from the date of acquisition, or lease such property for such period as may be deemed necessary to protect the investment therein; to sell or grant rights-of-way or easements over such property; and to sell or otherwise dispose of such property in a manner consistent with the provisions of section 43 of this Act. Any advances or expenditures under this section with respect to any insured loan or insured mortgage shall be paid out of the mortgage insurance fund."

SEC. 4. Section 1 of the Act of August 31, 1954, as amended (68 Stat. 999; 69 Stat. 223), is further amended by striking the figures "1957" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "1959" and by striking the figures "\$15,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$65,000,000".

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Public Law 879

CHAPTER 830

AN ACT

August 1, 1956
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To authorize flight instruction during Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs, 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 Act of June 3, 1916 (39 Stat. 166), as amended, is further amended as follows:

(1) Section 40a, as amended (10 U. S. C. 385), is further amended by adding the following sentence at the end thereof: "The courses of theoretical and practical military training prescribed under this section may include flight instruction."

(2) Section 47, as amended (10 U. S. C. 389), is further amended by adding the following sentence at the end thereof: "The Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force may, for a period of four years after the effective date of this amendatory Act, provide, or contract with civilian flying or aviation schools or educational institutions to provide, such personnel, aircraft, supplies, facilities, and instruction as are necessary for flight instruction of members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps in Army and Air Force units, respectively."

Term of office.
60 Stat. 1066.

60 Stat. 1068.
7 USC 1017(d).

Bid at foreclosure.
60 Stat. 1070.
7 USC 1025.

12 USC 1148a-1
note.

ROTC.
Flight instruction.
41 Stat. 777.

41 Stat. 777; 68
Stat. 896.

SEC. 2. The third sentence of section 1 of the Act of June 15, 1936 (49 Stat. 1507, 10 U. S. C. 455c), is amended by deleting the words "of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and members".

SEC. 3. Section 22 of the Act of March 4, 1925 (ch. 536, 43 Stat. 1276), as amended (34 U. S. C. 821), is further amended by—

(1) deleting in subsection (b) the words "who suffer disability, including members"; and

(2) adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

"(c) The courses of theoretical and practical naval training prescribed for members of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps may include flight instruction.

"(d) The Secretary of the Navy may, for a period of four years after the effective date of this amendatory Act, provide, or contract with civilian flying or aviation schools or educational institutions to provide, such personnel, aircraft, supplies, facilities, and instruction as are necessary for flight instruction of members of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps."

SEC. 4. (a) The Federal Employees' Compensation Act (ch. 458, 39 Stat. 742), as amended (5 U. S. C. 751-793), applies in case of the disability or death of the following members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the Army, Navy, and Air Force:

(1) Any member who suffers disability or death from an injury incurred in line of duty while engaged in flight instruction, under—

(A) section 40a of the Act of June 3, 1916 (ch. 134, 39 Stat. 191), as amended (10 U. S. C. 385);

(B) section 22 (a) of the Act of March 4, 1925 (ch. 536, 43 Stat. 1276), as amended (34 U. S. C. 821 (a)); or

(C) section 3 (a) of the Act of August 13, 1946 (ch. 962, 60 Stat. 1058), as amended (34 U. S. C. 1020b (a));

(2) Any member who suffers disability or death from an injury incurred in line of duty while performing authorized travel to or from, or while attending—

(A) a training camp under section 47a of the Act of June 3, 1916 (ch. 134, 39 Stat. 192), as amended (10 U. S. C. 441);

(B) a cruise under section 22 (a) of the Act of March 4, 1925 (ch. 536, 43 Stat. 1276), as amended (34 U. S. C. 821 (a)); or

(C) a cruise or camp prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy under section 6 (a) 1 of the Act of August 13, 1946 (ch. 962, 60 Stat. 1059), as amended (34 U. S. C. 1020e (a) 1).

For the purposes of this section, an injury shall be considered to have been incurred in line of duty only if it is the proximate result of the performance of military training by the member concerned, or of his travel to or from that military training, during the periods of time indicated in (2). Any member who contracts a disease or illness which is the proximate result of the performance of training during the periods of time indicated in (2) shall be considered for the purposes of this section to have been injured in line of duty during that period.

(b) In computing the compensation payable under this section, the total compensation received by the injured or deceased person, as the case may be, in cash and kind, shall be considered to be \$150 per month. That sum shall be applied in lieu of any monthly pay considered to be required or authorized under section 6, 10, or 12 of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

(c) Subject to review by the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of the military department concerned, under regulations to be prescribed

56 Stat. 781.

63 Stat. 854.

41 Stat. 778.

by him, shall determine whether an injury, disease, or illness was sustained, or contracted, in line of duty and was the proximate result of the performance of military training by the member concerned, or of his travel to or from that military training.

(d) Any expenses incurred by a military department in providing hospitalization, medical and surgical care, necessary transportation incident to that hospitalization or medical and surgical care, or in connection with a funeral and burial on behalf of a person covered by subsection (a) shall be reimbursed by the Secretary of Labor out of the Employees' Compensation Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act. However, reimbursement shall not be made for any hospitalization or medical or surgical care provided a person while attending—

41 Stat. 778.

(1) a training camp under section 47a of the Act of June 3, 1916 (ch. 134, 39 Stat. 192), as amended (10 U. S. C. 441);

(2) a cruise under section 22 (a) of the Act of March 4, 1925 (ch. 536, 43 Stat. 1276), as amended (34 U. S. C. 821 (a)); or

(3) a cruise or camp prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy under section 6 (a) 1 of the Act of August 13, 1946 (ch. 962, 60 Stat. 1059), as amended (34 U. S. C. 1020e (a) 1).

39 Stat. 747.
5 USC 776, 777.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to hinder the prompt action authorized by sections 26 and 27 of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act in any case involving the legal liability of a third party other than the United States, and the Secretary of the military department concerned shall cooperate fully with the Department of Labor in the prompt investigation and prosecution in those cases.

(f) Any person receiving disability benefits under this section may not receive those benefits after he enters upon active duty with the Armed Forces, but those benefits may be reinstated when the person is released from that active duty.

65 Stat. 33; 68 Stat. 781.

SEC. 5. Section 2 of the Servicemen's Indemnity Act of 1951, as amended (38 U. S. C. 851), is further amended by striking out the following words: "members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps, when called or ordered to active training duty for fourteen days or more while on such active training duty;"

Report to Congress.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of each military department shall report in January of each year to the Congress on the progress of the flight training program authorized by this Act.

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