

or separate military force beyond the continental limits of the United States, one director and not exceeding two assistant directors of nursing service, all of whom shall be graduates of hospital-training schools and shall have passed such professional, moral, mental, and physical examination as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War. (July 9, 1918, c. 143, subchapter V, § 1, 40 Stat. 879.)

162. Appointment and removal.—The superintendent shall be appointed by, and, at his discretion, be removed by, the Secretary of War. All other members of said corps shall be appointed by, and, at his discretion, be removed by, the Surgeon General by and with the approval of the Secretary of War; but the assistant superintendents, the directors, the assistant directors, and the chief nurses shall be appointed by promotion from other members of the corps, and shall, upon being relieved from duty as such, unless removed for incompetency or misconduct, revert to the grades in the corps from which they were promoted. (July 9, 1918, c. 143, subchapter V, § 3, 40 Stat. 879.)

163. Rules and regulations.—Rules and regulations prescribing the duties of the members of the Army Nurse Corps shall be prescribed by the Surgeon General of the United States Army, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War. (July 9, 1918, c. 143, subchapter V, § 2, 40 Stat. 879.)

164. Relative rank of members.—The members of the Army Nurse Corps shall have relative rank as follows: The superintendent shall have the relative rank of major; the assistant superintendents, director and assistant directors, the relative rank of captain; chief nurses, the relative rank of first lieutenant; head nurses and nurses, the relative rank of second lieutenant; and as regards medical and sanitary matters and all other work within the line of their professional duties shall have authority in and about military hospitals next after the officers of the Medical Department. The Secretary of War shall make the necessary regulations prescribing the rights and privileges conferred by such relative rank. (June 4, 1920, c. 227, subchapter I, § 10, 41 Stat. 767.)

Chapter 8.—FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Sec.

171. Composition of Finance Department.

172. Duties of Chief of Finance.

173. Delegation of duties by disbursing officers.

174. Supervision of disbursements by disbursing officers.

175. Reports of inspections of disbursements.

176. Right of command.

Section 171. Composition of Finance Department.—There is hereby created a Finance Department. The Finance Department shall consist of one Chief of Finance with the rank of major general, ninety-eight officers in grades from colonel to second lieutenant, inclusive, and four hundred and two enlisted men. (June 4, 1920, c. 227, subchapter I, § 9, 41 Stat. 766; June 30, 1922, c. 253, 42 Stat. 723; Feb. 24, 1925, c. 307, 43 Stat. 970.)

172. Duties of Chief of Finance.—The Chief of Finance, under the authority of the Secretary, shall be charged with the disbursement of all funds of the War Department, including the pay of the Army and the mileage for officers and the accounting therefor; and with such other fiscal and accounting duties as may be required by law, or assigned to him by the Secretary of War. (June 4, 1920, c. 227, subchapter I, § 9, 41 Stat. 766.)

173. Delegation of duties by disbursing officers.—Under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War, officers of the Finance Department, accountable for public moneys, may intrust moneys to other officers for the purpose of having them make disbursements as their agents, and the officer to whom the moneys are intrusted, as well as the officer who intrusts the moneys to him, shall be held pecuniarily re-

sponsible therefor to the United States. (June 4, 1920, c. 227, subchapter I, § 9, 41 Stat. 766.)

174. Supervision of disbursements by disbursing officers.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to cause frequent inquiries to be made as to the necessity, economy, and propriety of all disbursements made by disbursing officers of the Army, and as to their strict conformity to the law appropriating the money; also to ascertain whether the disbursing officers of the Army comply with the law in keeping their accounts and making their deposits; such inquiries to be made by officers of the inspection department of the Army, or others detailed for that purpose; *Provided*, That no officer so detailed shall be in any way connected with the department or corps making the disbursement. (Apr. 20, 1874, c. 117, § 1, 18 Stat. 33.)

175. Reports of inspections of disbursements.—The reports of inspections pursuant to section 174 of this title shall be made out and forwarded to Congress with the annual report of the Secretary of War. (Apr. 20, 1874, c. 117, § 2, 18 Stat. 33.)

176. Right of command.—Officers of the Finance Department shall not be entitled in virtue of their rank to command in the line or in other staff corps. (R. S. § 1183.)

Chapter 9.—CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

Sec.

181. Composition of Corps of Engineers; organization into tactical units.

182. Officers to command tactical units of Engineer Corps.

183. Assignment of officers to other than engineer duty.

184. Training and duties of enlisted men.

185. Disbursement of appropriations for work in charge of Engineer officers.

186. Officers on river and harbor duty paid from appropriation for work in hand.

187. Employment of draftsmen, etc., in office of Chief of Engineers.

Section 181. Composition of Corps of Engineers; organization into tactical units.—The Corps of Engineers shall consist of one Chief of Engineers with the rank of major general, one assistant with the rank of brigadier general, four hundred and twenty officers in grades from colonel to second lieutenant, inclusive, and five thousand three hundred and fifty-seven enlisted men, such part of whom as the President may direct being formed into tactical units organized as he may prescribe. (June 4, 1920, c. 227, subchapter I, § 11, 41 Stat. 768; June 30, 1922, c. 253, 42 Stat. 723.)

182. Officers to command tactical units of Engineer Corps.—Appropriate officers to command the tactical units of Engineer soldiers shall be detailed from the Corps of Engineers. (R. S. § 1150.)

183. Assignment of officers to other than engineer duty.—Engineers shall not assume nor be ordered on any duty beyond the line of their immediate profession, except by the special order of the President. (R. S. § 1158.)

184. Training and duties of enlisted men.—The enlisted men of the Engineer Corps shall be instructed in and perform the duties of sappers, miners, and pontoniers, and shall aid in giving practical instruction in those branches at the Military Academy. They may be detailed by the Chief of Engineers to oversee and aid laborers upon fortifications and other works in charge of the Engineer Corps, and, as fort keepers, to protect and repair finished fortifications. (R. S. § 1157.)

185. Disbursement of appropriation for work in charge of Engineer officers.—It shall be the duty of the engineer superintending the construction of a fortification, or engaged about the execution of any other public work, to disburse the moneys applicable to the same; but no compensation shall be allowed him for such disbursement. (R. S. § 1153.)

186. Officers on river and harbor duty paid from appropriation for work in hand.—Officers of the Corps of Engineers, when on duty under the Chief of Engineers, connected solely

with the work of river and harbor improvements may, while so employed, be paid their pay and rental allowance from the appropriations for the work or works upon which they are employed. (Feb. 27, 1911, c. 166, § 5, 36 Stat. 957.)

187. Employment of draftsmen, etc., in office of Chief of Engineers.—The services of skilled draftsmen, civil engineers, and such other services as the Secretary of War may deem necessary, may be employed only in the office of the Chief of Engineers, to carry into effect the various appropriations for rivers and harbors, fortifications, and surveys and preparation for and the consideration of river and harbor estimates and bills, to be paid from such appropriations: *Provided*, That the Secretary of War shall each year, in the Budget, report to Congress the number of persons so employed, their duties, and the amount paid to each. (Feb. 12, 1925, c. 225, 43 Stat. 912.)

Chapter 10.—ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

Sec.

101. Composition of Ordnance Department.

102. Duties of Chief of Ordnance generally.

103. Depots of ordnance and ordnance stores; establishment.

104. Orders of commanding officers for supplies; duty of Chief of Ordnance to execute.

105. Reports by Chief of Ordnance to Secretary of War.

106. Returns by ordnance officers, storekeepers, etc., to Chief of Ordnance.

107. Employment of draftsmen, etc., in office of Chief of Ordnance.

Section 191. Composition of Ordnance Department.—The Ordnance Department shall consist of one Chief of Ordnance with the rank of major general, two assistants with the rank of brigadier general, two hundred and forty-five officers in grades from colonel to second lieutenant, inclusive, and two thousand and nine enlisted men. (June 4, 1920, c. 227, subchapter I, § 12, 41 Stat. 768; June 30, 1922, c. 253, 42 Stat. 723.)

192. Duties of Chief of Ordnance generally.—It shall be the duty of the Chief of Ordnance to furnish estimates, and, under the direction of the Secretary of War, to make contracts and purchases, for procuring the necessary supplies of ordnance and ordnance stores, for the use of the armies of the United States; to direct the inspection and proving of the same, and to direct the construction of all cannon and carriages, ammunition-wagons, traveling forges, artificers' wagons, and of every implement and apparatus for ordnance, and the preparation of all kinds of ammunition and ordnance stores constructed or prepared for said service. (R. S. § 1164.)

193. Depots of ordnance and ordnance stores; establishment of.—The Chief of Ordnance, under the direction of the Secretary of War, may establish depots of ordnance and ordnance stores in such parts of the United States, and in such numbers, as may be deemed necessary. (R. S. § 1165.)

194. Orders of commanding officers for supplies; duty of Chief of Ordnance to execute.—The Chief of Ordnance, or the senior officer of that corps for any district, shall execute all orders of the Secretary of War, and, in time of war, the orders of any general or field officer commanding an army, garrison, or detachment, for the supply of all ordnance and ordnance stores for garrison, field, or siege service. (R. S. § 1166.)

195. Reports by Chief of Ordnance to Secretary of War.—The Chief of Ordnance shall, half-yearly, or oftener if so directed, make a report to the Secretary of War of all the officers and enlisted men in his department of the service, and of all ordnance and ordnance stores under his control. (R. S. § 1167; Feb. 27, 1877, c. 69, § 1, 19 Stat. 212.)

196. Returns by ordnance officers, storekeepers, etc., to Chief of Ordnance.—Every officer of the Ordnance Department, every ordnance storekeeper, every post ordnance sergeant, each keeper of magazines, arsenals, and armories, every assistant and deputy of such, and all other officers, agents, or persons who shall have received or may be entrusted with any stores or supplies, shall half-yearly, or oftener if so directed, and in such manner and on such forms as may be directed or pre-

scribed by the Chief of Ordnance, make true and correct returns to the Chief of Ordnance of all ordnance arms, ordnance stores, and all other supplies and property of every kind, received by or entrusted to them and each of them, or which may in any manner come into their and each of their possession or charge. (R. S. § 1167; Feb. 27, 1877, c. 69, § 1, 19 Stat. 212; Feb. 25, 1903, c. 755, § 1, 32 Stat. 885.)

197. Employment of draftsmen, etc., in office of Chief of Ordnance.—The services of skilled draftsmen, and such other services as the Secretary of War may deem necessary, may be employed only in the office of the Chief of Ordnance to carry into effect the various appropriations for the armament of fortifications and for the arming and equipping of the National Guard, to be paid from such appropriations: *Provided*, That the Secretary of War shall each year in the Budget report to Congress the number of persons so employed, their duties, and the amount paid to each. (Feb. 12, 1925, c. 225, 43 Stat. 915.)

Chapter 11.—SIGNAL CORPS.

Sec.

211. Composition of Signal Corps.

212. Duties of Chief Signal Officer.

213. Employment of draftsmen, etc., in Signal Office.

Section 211. Composition of Signal Corps.—The Signal Corps shall consist of one Chief Signal Officer with the rank of major general, two hundred and ten officers in grades from colonel to second lieutenant, inclusive, and two thousand two hundred and thirty-two enlisted men, such part of whom as the President may direct being formed into tactical units organized as he may prescribe. (June 4, 1920, c. 227, subchapter I, § 13, 41 Stat. 768; June 30, 1922, c. 253, 42 Stat. 723.)

212. Duties of Chief Signal Officer.—The Chief Signal Officer shall have charge, under the direction of the Secretary of War, of all military signal duties, and of books, papers, and devices connected therewith, including telegraph and telephone apparatus and the necessary meteorological instruments for use on target ranges, and other military uses; the construction, repair, and operation of military telegraph lines, and the duty of collecting and transmitting information for the Army by telegraph or otherwise, and all other duties usually pertaining to military signaling; and the operations of said corps shall be confined to strictly military matters. (Oct. 1, 1890, c. 1266, § 2, 26 Stat. 653.)

213. Employment of draftsmen, etc., in Signal Office.—The service of skilled draftsmen and such other service as the Secretary of War may deem necessary may be employed only in the Signal Office to carry into effect the various appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, and for the Signal Service of the Army, to be paid from such appropriations: *Provided*, That the Secretary of War shall each year in the Budget report to Congress the number of persons so employed, their duties, and the amount paid to each. (Feb. 12, 1925, c. 225, 43 Stat. 906.)

Chapter 12.—CHEMICAL WARFARE SERVICE.

Sec.

221. Creation and organization of Chemical Warfare Service.

222. Duties of Chief of Chemical Warfare Service.

223. Employment of chemists, etc., in office of chief.

Section 221. Creation and organization of Chemical Warfare Service.—There is hereby created a Chemical Warfare Service. The Chemical Warfare Service shall consist of one Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service with the rank, pay and allowances of a major general, seventy officers in grades from colonel to second lieutenant, inclusive, and five hundred and thirty-six enlisted men. (June 4, 1920, c. 227, subchapter I, § 12, 41 Stat. 768; June 30, 1922, c. 253, 42 Stat. 723; Feb. 21, 1925, c. 307, 43 Stat. 970.)

222. Duties of Chief of Chemical Warfare Service.—The Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service under the authority of