

States Air Force, shall, upon retirement, be advanced on the retired list to the highest active duty grade held while so serving and shall receive retired pay computed upon such higher active duty grade.

SEC. 4. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent the prosecution, punishment, mitigation, or other action, by the United States acting through appropriate officers of either the Department of the Army or the Department of the Air Force as to any offense made punishable by the Articles of War committed prior to the date of this Act by any person subject to military law, and either of those departments may enforce or mitigate any penalty, forfeiture, fine, or liability, heretofore adjudged against such person.

Approved June 25, 1948.

Prior offenses.

[CHAPTER 649]

AN ACT

To amend the Organic Act of Puerto Rico.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Organic Act of Puerto Rico (39 Stat. 951) is amended by inserting the following new section:

"SEC. 5b. Section 404 (c) of the Nationality Act of 1940 (U. S. C., title 8, sec. 804 (c)), shall not be applicable to persons who acquired citizenship under the provisions of sections 5 and 5a of this Act." This amendment to be retroactive to October 13, 1945.

Approved June 25, 1948.

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[Public Law 776]

48 U. S. C. § 731
note; Supp. I, § 737
et seq.

54 Stat. 1170.

39 Stat. 953; 44 Stat.
1416.
8 U. S. C. § 602 note.

[CHAPTER 650]

AN ACT

To fix the rank of the Assistant to the Chief of Engineers in charge of river and harbor and flood-control improvements.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the officer of the Corps of Engineers assigned to duty as Assistant to the Chief of Engineers in charge of civil works, including river and harbor and flood-control improvements, shall, while assigned to such duty, have the rank, pay, and allowances of a brigadier general: *Provided*, That this position shall not be charged against the authorized strength of general officers of the Regular Army: *Provided further*, That the pay and allowances, mileage and travel allowances, of the officer holding such position shall be paid from the appropriations for the work or works upon which he is engaged.

Approved June 25, 1948.

June 25, 1948
[S. 2770]

[Public Law 777]

Assistant to Chief
of Engineers.
Rank, pay, and al-
lowances.

[CHAPTER 651]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To increase the sum authorized to be appropriated for the presentation to Eire of a statue of Commodore John Barry.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the joint resolution approved June 10, 1941, which authorized the President to present to Eire on behalf of the people of the United States a statue of Commodore John Barry, is hereby amended by striking out "\$20,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$30,000".

Approved June 25, 1948.

June 25, 1948
[H. J. Res. 207]

[Public Law 778]

55 Stat. 260.