(c) Action by the Postmaster General in issuing the interim order provided for herein and petitioning for a continuance of such order under this Act, shall not be subject to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (ch. 19, title 5, U. S. C.).

Sect. 2. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to mail addressed to publishers or distributors of publications which have entry as second-class matter under the Act of March 3, 1879, as amended (ch. 180, 20 Stat. 358; 39 U. S. C. 221, et. seq.), or to publishers or distributors of copyrighted books and other publications as to which certificate of registration of copyright has been issued under the copyright laws of the United States (title 17 U. S. C.).


Public Law 822

AN ACT

To validate certain payments made to members and former members of the naval service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all payments of additional pay for sea duty made to enlisted members of the naval service who served on the United States Ship Sequoia (AG-23) from November 1, 1950, through February 28, 1954, and to those who served on vessels operating on the Great Lakes from November 1, 1950, through October 31, 1953, are hereby validated. Any such member or former member who has made repayment to the United States of any amount so paid to him as additional pay for sea duty is entitled to have refunded to him the amount repaid.

SEC. 2. The Comptroller General of the United States, or his designee, shall relieve disbursing officers, including special disbursing agents, of the United States from accountability or responsibility for any payments described in section 1 of this Act, and shall allow credits in the settlement of the accounts of those officers or agents for payments which are found to be free from fraud and collusion.

SEC. 3. Appropriations available to the military department concerned for the pay and allowances of military personnel are available for payments under this Act.


Public Law 823

AN ACT

To provide for the relief of certain members of the Armed Forces who were required to pay certain transportation charges covering shipment of their household goods and personal effects upon return from overseas, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any member of the Armed Forces who was transferred to a duty station outside the continental United States or in Alaska under orders which relieved him from a duty station within the United States before July 10, 1952, and who—

(1) was transferred to any one or more other duty stations outside the continental United States or in Alaska after July 9, 1952, and before his transfer back to the United States; or

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