"ARMY MINE PLANTER SERVICE: That hereafter there shall be in the Coast Artillery Corps of the
Regular Army a service to be known as the Army Mine Planter Service, which shall consist, for each
mine planter in the service of the United States, of one master, one first mate, one second mate, one
chief engineer, and one assistant engineer, who shall be warrant officers appointed by and holding
their offices at the discretion of the Secretary of War, and two oilers, four firemen, four deck hands,
one cook, one steward, and one assistant steward, who shall be appointed from enlisted men of the Coast
Artillery Corps, under such regulations as the Secretary of War may prescribe:

(Ed. Note 1, - In this instance, the term "mine planter" refers to a boat or ship, used to place or "plant"
antisubmarine mines. One such vessel was the US Army Mine Planter Ship, "US MP-15 Bundy").

Provided, That the Coast Artillery Corps is hereby increased by such numbers of warrant officers
and enlisted men as may be necessary to constitute the force provided by this chapter:

Provided further, That the annual pay of the warrant officers and enlisted men in the various grades
established by this chapter shall be as follows:

(Ed. Note 2 - Each mine planter boat had 5 positions in the grade of Warrant Officer) Masters, $1,800;
first mates, $1,320; second mates, $972; chief engineers, $1,700; assistant engineers, $1,200;

(Ed. Note 3 - Each boat had 6 positions authorized for up to 13 enlisted men) oilers, $432; firemen, $396;
deck hands, $216; cooks, $360; steward, $540; assistant stewards, $288:

And provided further, That warrant officers shall have such allowances as the Secretary of War may
prescribe, and shall be retired, and shall receive longevity pay, as now provided by law for officers of the
Army, and that the enlisted force herein provided for shall receive the allowances and continuous-service
pay now provided by law for the enlisted men of the Army;

And provided further, That in computing length of service for retirement, and in computing longevity pay
for warrant officers and continuous-service pay for enlisted men authorized by this chapter, service on
boats in the service of the Quartermaster Department of the Quartermaster Corps prior to the passage of
this act shall be counted: And provided further, That during the continuation of the present emergency all
enlisted men of the Mine Planter Service of the Army of the United States in active service whose base
pay does not exceed $21 per month shall receive an increase of $15 per month; those whose base pay is
$24, an increase of $12 per month; those whose base pay is $30, $33, $36, or $40, an increase of $8 per
month; and those whose base pay is $45 or more, an increase of $6 per month:

And provided further, That the increases of pay herein authorized shall not enter into the computation of
continuous-service pay."

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