

on the Government), the claimant will be immediately notified in writing of the contemplated action and the detailed reasons therefor and will be given a reasonable period, not to exceed 60 days, from the date on which such notice is mailed to his last address of record, for the presentation of additional evidence pertinent to the question. This procedure is for application except (1) in case of fraud; (2) in case of a change in law; (3) in case of a change of interpretation of law specifically provided in a Veterans' Administration issue; or (4) where the evidence establishes the service connection to be clearly illegal. (March 25, 1937.)

(E). When a reduction of an award for a service connected disability is considered warranted by reason of a change in the physical condition, the claimant will be notified in writing of the proposed action and the detailed reasons therefor and will be informed that sixty days from the date on which such notice is mailed to him his case will be reviewed upon the basis of any evidence that he may desire to submit in the meantime as to why such reduction should not be effectuated. The claimant will also be given the opportunity to appear before the rating agency which reviews his case at the expiration of the sixty day period. The rating agency, after consideration of the representations made by the veteran at the hearing or of any additional evidence submitted, will take such action as may be indicated to develop the evidence further, if necessary, but if it is considered that the available evidence warrants a reduction, an appropriate rating will be rendered, and the provisions of Veterans Regulation No. 2 (a), Part I, Paragraph III (b), will be applied as to the effective date of reduction upon the basis of such rating. (March 25, 1937.) (Public No. 2 and Public No. 141, 73d Congress.)

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FRANK T. HINES,
Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

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REVISION OF REGULATIONS MISCONDUCT

1065. (A) A disabling condition will be considered to be the result of misconduct for the purpose of all adjudications under Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), when it is shown to have been incurred under conditions or in a manner set forth by Veterans Regulation No. 10, paragraph IX, without regard to any prior determinations respecting the manner of its incurrence. A finding in any case that a disabling condition is of misconduct nature, as defined by Veterans Regulation No. 10, paragraph IX, will bar any right to pension or compensation under Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a).

(B) 1. The words "willful misconduct" are used in Section 27 of Public No. 141, 73d Congress, and in all cases arising under this Section of that law, the term "willful misconduct" as defined by precedents under the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, will be applied.

2. For the purpose of adjudications under Section 28, Title III, Public No. 141, 73d Congress, the definition established by precedents under Section 200, World War Veterans Act, 1924, as amended, for willful misconduct will be applied, instead of the definition of misconduct set forth in Veterans Regulation No. 10, paragraph IX.

3. For the purpose of adjudications under Section 31, Title III, Public No. 141, 73d Congress, the definition established by precedents under Section 213, World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, for misconduct will be applied.

(C) Gross negligence or gross carelessness, as referred to in Veterans Regulation No. 10, paragraph IX, is defined as the want of slight care. (A. D. 191-B and 296). (March 25, 1937.)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Office of Indian Affairs.

COLORADO RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION, CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA
ORDER OF RESTORATION

MARCH 8, 1937.

Whereas, section 25 of the Act of April 21, 1904 (33 Stats. 224), as amended by section 3 of the Act of March 3, 1911 (36 Stats. 1063), provided for the reclamation and disposal of lands in the Colorado River Reservation, California and Arizona, and

Whereas, it apparently was intended that after reclamation a portion of such lands should become a part of the public domain and made available for settlement under the public land laws, and

Whereas, no reclamation project was undertaken on the Colorado River Reservation under the reclamation Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), authorized by section 25 of the Act of April 21, 1904, supra, and no part of the lands of said reservation (except a small area in the townsite of Parker), has been opened to settlement and sale or other form of disposition under any of the public land laws of the United States, and such lands have always been regarded as constituting a part of the Colorado River Reservation, and

Whereas, the Indians of the Colorado River Reservation, the Superintendent in charge of that jurisdiction, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs have recommended that the status of the unallotted or surplus lands of the reservation, including vacant townsite areas, be definitely restored as a part of the tribal holdings of the Indians of the Colorado River Reservation.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by sections 3 and 7 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stats. 984), I hereby find that restoration to undoubted tribal ownership of all undisposed of lands within the Colorado River Indian Reservation, including any vacant townsite lots within said reservation, will be in the public interest, and the said lands are hereby restored to such tribal ownership and are added to and made a part of the existing Colorado River Indian Reservation, subject to any valid existing rights, for the use and benefit of the Indians of that reservation and such other Indians as may be entitled to rights thereon.

HAROLD L. ICKES,
Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

ECR-B-101—Kent County, Maryland March, 1937
1937 AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM—EAST CENTRAL REGION

BULLETIN 101—KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Agriculture under section 8 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, payments will be made, in connection with the effectuation of the purposes of section 7 (a) of said Act for 1937, in accordance with the provisions of this East Central Region Bulletin 101 for Kent County in the State of Maryland and such modification or other provisions as may hereafter be made.

The 1937 Agricultural Conservation Program has been developed in accordance with the provisions of sections 8, 15, and 16 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, but the payment of any benefits pursuant to the provisions