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{ REPORT
No. 204.

MAJ. GEN. ENOCH H. CROWDER.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1919.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. KNOX, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 2867.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2867) to authorize the President, when Maj. Gen. Crowder retires, to place him on the retired list of the Army as a lieutenant general, having had the same under consideration, report favorably thereon with amendments, with the recommendation that the bill as so amended do pass.

Your committee recommend, in line 11 of page 1, to strike out the words "and emoluments" and insert in the same line following the word "grade" the words "as fixed by section 24 of the act of Congress approved July 15, 1870."

The purpose of the bill is to recognize the exceptional service rendered by Gen. Crowder in the preparation and administration of the selective-draft act, and the amendment proposed by your committee makes it plain that he is to receive the retired pay commensurate with the rank which will be conferred. Your committee believes that the recognition extended in this bill is but just and believes that it should become law. The Secretary of War approves the bill in a letter which is printed below, together with a memorandum from The Adjutant General giving in full the general's military record.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, September 2, 1919.

MY DEAR SENATOR WADSWORTH: The clerk of the Senate Military Affairs Committee has brought to my attention Senate bill 2867, by Mr. Knox, "To authorize the President, when Maj. Gen. Crowder retires, to place him on the retired list of the Army as a lieutenant general."

I beg leave to inclose herewith a copy of the record of Gen. Crowder from September 1, 1877, when he entered the United States Military Academy as a cadet to the present date. It would be idle for me to attempt to illustrate a record of service so long, so zealous, and so distinguished.

My own contact with Gen. Crowder, of course, began when I became Secretary of War in March, 1916, from which time until America's entry into the

World War he continued actively in charge of the duties of Judge Advocate General and was in daily conference with me about difficult legal problems. I then conceived an admiration, which has daily increased, for his great range of knowledge and experience in questions of law, military and civil, and the detailed history of the Military Establishment of the United States. In 1917 Gen. Crowder prepared, in consultation with me, the selective-service law, and I appointed him Provost Marshal General to execute that law, a service delicate and intricate, requiring the institution of nation-wide machinery which would function harmoniously and with such visible and obvious justice as to commend both the law and its execution to public favor. This service he performed with conspicuous ability, and it is one of the outstanding features of America's military mobilization that, although we resorted to conscription, there is a general consensus of opinion to the effect that the law was executed without fear or favor, and that justice and wisdom characterized its interpretations and applications.

I am very happy to be able to assure the committee of my belief that the services rendered by Gen. Crowder merit the recognition of Congress, and the bill proposed by Mr. Knox seems to me a suitable reward for a great service rendered self-sacrificingly by a soldier as the latest act of a life devoted to the service of his country.

Cordially, yours,

NEWTON D. BAKER,
Secretary of War.

HON. JAMES W. WADSWORTH, JR.,
*Chairman Committee on Military Affairs,
United States Senate.*

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Statement of the military service of Enoch H. Crowder: Cadet United States Military Academy, September 1, 1877; second lieutenant Eighth Cavalry, June 11, 1881; first lieutenant, July 5, 1886; major, judge advocate, January 11, 1895; accepted, January 24, 1895; lieutenant colonel, judge advocate, June 22, 1898; accepted, June 24, 1898; vacated, August 18, 1899; lieutenant colonel Thirty-ninth United States Infantry, August 17, 1899; accepted, August 18, 1899; honorably discharged, May 6, 1901; lieutenant colonel, judge advocate, May 21, 1901; brigadier general, June 20, 1901; accepted, June 21, 1901; honorably discharged, June 30, 1901; colonel, judge advocate, April 16, 1903; brigadier general, Judge Advocate General (act Feb. 2, 1901), February 15, 1911; accepted, February 15, 1911; major general, October 6, 1917.

Served on frontier duty at Fort Brown, Tex., September 29 to October 30, 1881; Santa Maria, Tex., to December 28, 1881; Fort Brown, Tex., to April 1, 1882; Santa Maria, Tex., to June 2, 1882; and Fort Brown, Tex., to July 21, 1884; on leave of absence to October 1, 1884; on duty at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to June 30, 1885; as professor of military science and tactics at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., to July 23, 1886; scouting in New Mexico to October 7, 1886; as professor of military science and tactics at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., October 11, 1886, to September 1, 1889; and on frontier duty at Fort Yates, N. Dak., to April 19, 1891; captain and acting judge advocate, Headquarters Department of Platte, from April 21, 1891, to January 11, 1895; at Omaha, judge advocate, Department of Platte, until March 13, 1898; at same place, judge advocate, Department of Missouri, to April 17, 1898; judge advocate, First Independent Division and Fourth Army Corps, Mobile, Ala., April 17 to May 22, 1898; judge advocate, Expeditionary Forces, May 28 to June 23, 1898; judge advocate Department of Pacific and Eighth Army Corps, June 23, 1898, to June 3, 1899; associate justice Supreme Court, Philippine Islands, May 29, 1899, to ———; detached service, Iloilo, P. I., with verbal instructions from corps commander, December 26, 1898, to January 8, 1899; member of commission to determine capitulation of Manila and Spanish army, August 14, 1898; commissioner to treat with commission appointed by Gen. Aguinaldo, January 9 to February 1, 1899; commissioner to receive records of Royal Spanish court at Manila, April 17 to June 26, 1899; president Board of Claims, Philippine Islands, April 18 to ———; special duty, law department military governor's office in the Philippines, June 4, 1899, to November, 1901; on commission to receive surrender of Manila, and as judge advocate, Department of the Pacific and Eighth Army Corps; judge advocate, Philippine

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Division; associate justice of the Supreme Court (civil branch); legal adviser and secretary to the military governor; president Board of War Claims; on board of officers for conference with commissioners of Aguinaldo; on board of officers for revision of customs, tariff, and regulations, Philippine Islands; counsel for the Government, 1902, in the Deming case in the United States Circuit Court and Circuit Court of Appeals, and on appeal therefrom to the Supreme Court of the United States; assigned to the General Staff, August 15, 1903; detached for duty in 1904; as observer with the armies of Japan, being with the First Army of Kuroki, from May 15, 1904, to April 1, 1905; returned to duty with the General Staff, War Department, and served as Acting Judge Advocate General from May 16 to September 7, 1906; was assigned as Chief of Staff, Atlantic Division, September 21, 1906, and shortly thereafter was detailed for duty with the Provisional Government of Cuba, serving as legal adviser to the Provisional Government since October 2, 1906; supervisor of the Department of State and Justice since that date; president of the Advisory Commission since January 3, 1907; and in charge of the electoral administration in Cuba since April 1, 1908; returned to the United States from Cuba February 2, 1909, and thereafter on duty in the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Washington, D. C., until June 16, 1909; judge advocate, Department of California, from July 23 to October 22, 1909; and on duty as assistant to Judge Advocate General, United States Army; appointed delegate to fourth Pan American Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 5, 1910; in the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Washington, D. C., to March, 1919 (Judge Advocate General of the Army from February 15, 1911); detailed as Provost Marshal General in General Orders, No. 65, War Department, May 22, 1917, to July 15, 1919, the functions of that office having terminated; reappointed Judge Advocate General of the Army February 15, 1919; detailed as special representative of the United States to assist in the revision of Cuban electoral laws, March, 1919, and was relieved from that duty on completion of same, August 15, 1919; in Washington, D. C., to date.

By direction of the President, awarded distinguished-service medal for especially meritorious and conspicuous service as Provost Marshal General in the preparation and operation of the draft laws of the Nation during the war, by General Order No. 144, War Department, December, 1918.

P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1919.

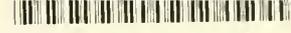
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