

COMMANDER ALBERT NEWTON PARK, JR.

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Mr. VINSON of Georgia, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 10177]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10177) for the relief of Commander Albert Newton Park, jr., having had the same under consideration, report favorably thereon and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to give Commander Park, who is a chaplain in the Navy, the place he would have held in the list of chaplains of the Navy had his service as chaplain with the Fourth Brigade of Marines in the American Expeditionary Forces in 1918 and 1919 been sea service on board ship instead of shore service overseas.

The act of June 30, 1914 (38 Stat. 403), creating the grade of acting chaplain, provides that before receiving a commission in the Navy an acting chaplain, in addition to establishing satisfactorily by examination his fitness to perform the duties of a chaplain, he must have had three years' sea service on board ship.

Had Commander Park's service as acting chaplain from February 25, 1918, to March 6, 1919, been at sea on board ship instead of overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces he would stand 11 numbers higher in the list of chaplains of the Navy than he now does, or next after Commander William Wytche Elder, and the effect of this bill is to consider that service performed by an acting chaplain of the Navy with the American Expeditionary Forces during the World War is the same as sea service on board ship within the meaning of the act of June 30, 1914.

