

COMPLETION OF PUBLIC ROAD TO ARLINGTON NATIONAL
CEMETERY.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY OF
WAR SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR COM-
PLETING THE PUBLIC ROAD ACROSS THE POTOMAC RIVER TO
THE ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

JULY 25, 1913.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be
printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, July 24, 1913.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration
of Congress, copy of a communication from the Acting Secretary of
War of the 23d instant submitting an estimate of appropriation in
the sum of \$11,000, required by the War Department for completing
the construction of a public road from the southern end of the new
highway bridge across the Potomac River to the Arlington National
Cemetery and for completing the resurfacing of the roadway between
the United States Government experimental farm and the Arlington
National Cemetery.

Respectfully,

W. G. McADOO,
Secretary.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, July 23, 1913.

From: War Department.

To: The honorable the Secretary of the Treasury.

Subject: Supplemental estimate of appropriation.

1. Herewith is forwarded, for transmission to Congress, a supple-
mental estimate of an appropriation of \$11,000 required by the War
Department for the fiscal year 1914 for completing the construction

of a public road from the southern end of the new Highway Bridge across the Potomac River to the Arlington National Cemetery, and for completing the resurfacing of the roadway between the United States Government experimental farm and the Arlington National Cemetery.

2. In accordance with the provisions contained in the Army act approved August 24, 1912, under the appropriation for "Roads, walks, wharves, and drainage," providing \$66,000 for the construction of a public road from the southern end of the new Highway Bridge across the Potomac River to the Arlington National Cemetery, and for resurfacing the roadway between the United States Government experimental farm and the Arlington National Cemetery, the Quartermaster Corps took the necessary steps to procure the land for the right of way, to advertise the road work, and put the same under contract. On account of the large amount of filling required, and the necessity for providing more culverts, drains, etc., than were contemplated at the time the original estimates were prepared, the lowest bids received were found to be in excess of the amount of available funds. In order, therefore, to keep the cost of the work within the amount appropriated, the width of the paved portion of the Georgetown-Alexandria Turnpike was reduced from 20 feet to 18 feet and that of the roadway from the Highway Bridge to the cemetery from 24 feet to 15 feet.

3. It is now estimated that it will cost approximately \$11,000 to pave both roads the width originally contemplated, and as the work can be done more cheaply now, since the contractors are on the ground, it is deemed imperative that the additional funds estimated for be provided by this Congress.

4. The necessity for the additional amount now estimated for could not be foreseen at the time the regular annual estimates for the fiscal year 1914 were prepared and submitted.

HENRY BRECKINRIDGE,
Acting Secretary of War.

Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, by the Quartermaster Corps, United States Army.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

QUARTERMASTER CORPS.

Road from Highway Bridge to the Arlington National Cemetery—

For completing the construction of a public road from the southern end of the new Highway Bridge, across the Potomac River, to the Arlington National Cemetery, and for completing the resurfacing of the roadway between the United States Government experimental farm and the Arlington National Cemetery (act Aug. 24, 1912, vol. 37, p. 583, sec. 1).....

Amount appropriated for the fiscal year for which the appropriation is required..... \$11, 000

required..... 66, 000

NOTE.—The act making appropriation for the support of the Army for the fiscal year 1913, under "Roads, walks, wharves, and drainage," provided "that \$22,000 of the amount herein appropriated may be expended to macadamize the roadway upon the Government property between the United States Government experimental farm and the Arlington National Cemetery, in the county of Alexandria, Va.: *Provided further*, That \$44,000 of the amount herein appropriated may be used for constructing

a public road from a point near the southern end of the new Highway Bridge, across the Potomac River, to a convenient point on or near the southern boundary line, as near as practicable to the old county road which passes centrally through the Arlington Reservation; thence along said road, improving and repairing it, to the northern boundary of the reservation; and that the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to purchase or acquire by condemnation such piece or parcel of land as may be necessary for the construction of said road from the new Highway Bridge to the Arlington Reservation, said piece or parcel of land not to exceed 4 acres."

Accordingly, this office took the necessary steps to procure the land for the right of way, to advertise the road work and put the same under contract. On account of the large amount of filling required and the necessity for providing more culverts, drains, etc., than were contemplated at the time the original estimates were prepared, the lowest bids received were found to be in excess of the amount of available funds. In order, therefore, to keep the cost of the work within the amount of the appropriation, the width of the paved portion of the Georgetown-Alexandria Turnpike was reduced from 20 feet to 18 feet, and that of the roadway from the Highway Bridge to the cemetery from 24 feet to 15 feet.

It is estimated that it will cost about \$11,000 to pave both roads the width originally contemplated, and that the work can be done more cheaply now, since the contractors are on the ground, than if it were deferred.—(*Henry G. Sharpe, Brigadier General, Quartermaster Corps, Acting Chief Quartermaster Corps.*)



