

# [ Acts No. 4194, December 08, 1934 ]

## **AN ACT CREATING AN AVIATION UNIT IN THE PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:*

SECTION 1. There is hereby created within the Philippine Constabulary an Aviation Unit which shall have and exercise such functions and duties as may from time to time be prescribed and designated by the Chief of Constabulary.

In addition to the normal functioning of this Unit as a basic part of the Constabulary, the aircraft, personnel and other facilities of the Aviation Unit may, upon prior approval by the Governor-General in each instance, be used for the control of locusts or other pests, for assisting the customs or immigration authorities in the performance of their duties, or for such other purposes as he may deem expedient or advisable.

SEC. 2. The Chief of Constabulary is hereby charged with the responsibility and vested with the necessary authority to organize, train, and administer the unit herein created, and he is hereby specifically authorized and empowered to make such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary therefor and as authorized under existing provisions of law, and within the limits of available appropriations made by the Philippine Legislature:

- a. To transfer from other divisions of the Constabulary such personnel as may be necessary for the organization of the Aviation Unit;
- b. To increase the number of commissioned officers in the Constabulary by not more than ten officers, if such mission action should become necessary due to the failure or unwillingness of Constabulary officers to qualify as aircraft pilots, in order to have ten commissioned officers as aircraft pilots in the Aviation Unit;
- c. To provide for the examination and training of the personnel in the said Unit;
- d. To provide for appropriate grades and ratings for personnel of the Unit: *Provided, however,* That due to the high mortality rate among flying personnel, officers whose duty requires regular and frequent aerial flights, shall receive an additional compensation equivalent to twenty-five per cent of the basic pay received by non-flying personnel of the same rank or grade: *And provided, further,* That due to the necessity for technically trained enlisted personnel to properly maintain flying equipment, those enlisted men not to exceed fourteen per centum of the entire enlisted personnel of the Unit who qualify as air mechanics, first, second, and third-class, shall receive a monthly pay of seventy-five pesos, fifty pesos, and twenty-five pesos, respectively;
- e. To acquire, operate, and maintain such aircraft and accessories and provide shelter therefor, within the limits of available appropriations made by the Philippine Legislature, as he may deem necessary for executing his duties and