

nomination of the commanding officer of the troop, battery, company or signal corps. No enlisted man shall be warranted as a non-commissioned officer unless he shall have passed previously a satisfactory examination before a board of examination to be appointed by the officer authorized to issue such warrant. Sergeants, first class, and sergeants of the hospital corps must be appointed from the members of the hospital corps. The officer warranting a non-commissioned officer shall have power to reduce to the ranks, for good and sufficient reasons, the non-commissioned officers named in this section; but such as were enlisted as non-commissioned officers shall be discharged. Non-commissioned officers who shall be dropped vacate their position. The provision of this section apply to the warrant and petty officers of the naval brigade.

1908, ch. 103, sec. 53.

52. An enlisted man who shall remove his residence to such distance from the armory of his organization as to render it impracticable for him to perform his duties properly, or who, after due diligence, can not be found, or who shall be convicted of a crime, or who shall be expelled from his organization in accordance with the by-laws lawfully adopted, shall be discharged upon the request of his commanding officer or by order of the commander-in-chief.

1908, ch. 103, sec. 54.

53. An enlisted man discharged by reason of removal upon re-enlistment at any time after his original enlistment in his former or any other organization, obtaining in the latter case first the permission of his former commanding officer, approved by the commander-in-chief, shall receive credit for the time served before such discharge.

1908, ch. 103, sec. 55.

54. An enlisted man who has not returned all the public property for which he is responsible shall under no circumstances receive a full and honorable discharge. A discharge or an honorable discharge, at the discretion of the officer discharging him, shall be granted to the following: A non-commissioned staff officer or a non-commissioned officer who, had he not been enlisted as such, would be reduced to the ranks; an enlisted man at his own request, provided he assigns sufficient and valid reason for such request; an enlisted man who by reason of disability is no longer able to perform his military duties properly; an enlisted man who, by the reduction of his regiment, battalion or company has become surplus, or whose signal corps, troop, battery or company shall be disbanded, provided he is not entitled at the time to a full and honorable discharge; an enlisted man who has served the time for which he is enlisted or re-enlisted, and is not entitled to a full and honorable discharge. A full and honorable discharge shall be granted to the following: An enlisted man who shall have performed in each