

tioned in the preceding Section may be sentenced to be dishonorably discharged, reprimanded, and if a non-commissioned officer, reduced to the ranks, or fined to an amount not exceeding \$100.00, or to all or either of such fines and penalties. No excuse shall be valid for any absence from assemblies except *bona-fide* absence from the city or place where such assemblies are ordered, illness of member (such as would prevent attention to ordinary pursuits), or sickness in family requiring his personal care and presence; provided, however, that the court may, in its discretion, excuse his absence for any other reason satisfactory to it. No excuse will be valid for absence from annual inspection except illness of member such as would prevent his attendance, or illness in family requiring his personal care and presence.

Service of summons to appear before a court-martial shall be made by delivery to and leaving with each delinquent a copy thereof, or by reading it to him, or by leaving a copy at his last known place of abode or business, or by mailing to him a copy directed to his last known place of abode or business. The officer or enlisted man serving such summons shall, if required, make a return thereof containing the time, place and manner of such service, which may be verified by oath before any commissioned officer. Such verified return shall be as good evidence on the trial of such person so summoned of the facts therein stated, as if such officer or enlisted man had testified to the same before the court-martial.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 46. 1922, ch. 490, sec. 44.

48. Any person who shall secrete, sell, dispose of, offer for sale, purchase, retain after demand by a commissioned officer of the Organized Militia, or in any manner pawn or pledge any arms, uniforms, equipment or other military property issued under the provisions of this Article, and any person who shall wear any uniform or device, strap, knot or insignia of any design or character used as a designation of grade, rank or office, such as are by law or general regulations duly promulgated and prescribed for the use of the Organized Militia or similar thereto, except members of the Army or Navy of the United States and the Organized Militia of this or any other States, officers of the independent military organizations as designated in this Article, members of associations wholly composed of soldiers honorably discharged from the service of the United States, and members of the Confederate Veterans or like societies, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace having criminal jurisdiction of the city or county wherein such offense was committed, or by the Circuit Court of the county wherein such offense was committed, or the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, should the accused party prefer a jury trial, shall be fined not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for each and every offense, and in default of the payment of the fine and costs, shall be committed to the jail of the county or city, as the case may be, until such fine and costs are paid, provided, that said term of imprisonment shall not exceed thirty days for each offense; such fines shall be paid to the Ranking Line Officer of the State, who shall apply the same to the use of the Organized Militia.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 47. 1922, ch. 490, sec. 45.

49. Any person who shall wilfully and unlawfully misapply or convert to his own use any money or other property belonging to said Organ-