

ranking line officer, until a brigadier-general shall be duly commissioned and qualified, and the headquarters of the brigade shall be in Baltimore. The naval brigade shall be officered and organized as follows: There shall be one captain who shall command the same; one commander to act as executive officer, who shall be next in rank and in succession to command to the captain; the commander shall also command the first battalion; one lieutenant-commander to act as navigator and ordnance officer, and to command the second battalion, who shall be third in rank and in succession to command. To each division there shall be one lieutenant to command the same, one lieutenant (junior grade) and one ensign. The staff shall consist of a surgeon, paymaster, chief engineer and chaplain, each with the rank of lieutenant; an assistant surgeon, assistant paymaster and assistant engineer, each with the rank of ensign, and one ensign to act as aide, all of whom shall be appointed and commissioned by the commander-in-chief on the nomination of the captain. The commander-in-chief shall prescribe the number and rank of all warrant and petty officers. Warrant officers and petty officers not assigned to a division shall be appointed and examined, and, if found qualified, warranted by the captain or commanding officer; divisional petty officers shall be appointed by the commanding officers of the respective divisions, who shall certify the same to the captain or commanding officer; the captain or commanding officer shall thereupon cause an examination of the officers so appointed to be held, and if they shall be qualified, he shall issue warrants accordingly. The rank given in this article to officers of the naval brigade is naval rank. The relative rank of officers in said brigade with officers in the United States army is as follows: Captain, with colonel; commander, with lieutenant-colonel; lieutenant-commander, with major; lieutenant, with captain; lieutenant (junior grade), with first lieutenant; and ensigns, with second lieutenant. The relative position of seamen, ordinary seamen and landsmen shall be that of a private in the United States army, and the relative positions of petty officers in the said naval brigade with non-commissioned officers in the United States army shall be determined by the commander-in-chief.

1902, ch. 100, sec. 9 A.

10. In addition to the number of officers and enlisted men hereinbefore authorized, there may be commissioned and