

addition to the infantry and naval commands of the State, the commander-in-chief may, whenever in his judgment the State appropriation shall justify the expenditure and the efficiency of the service require it, authorized and direct the enlistment and formation of a troop of cavalry, and the enlistment and formation of a battery of artillery of four guns, the kind and calibre of the guns to be designated by the commander-in-chief, and the enlistment and formation of a signal corps to consist of the following officers and men: one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, one first sergeant, three sergeants, four corporals and twenty privates. The said brigade, infantry, cavalry, artillery and signal corps, shall be commanded by a brigadier general, or, in case of a vacancy, by the senior ranking line officer until a brigadier general shall be duly commissioned and qualified; and the headquarters of the brigade shall be in the city of Baltimore.

The first naval battalion shall be officered and organized as follows: there shall be one commander, who shall command the same; one lieutenant commander, to act as executive officer, who shall be next in rank and in succession to command to the commander; and one lieutenant, to act as navigator and ordnance officer, 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 two ensigns. The staff shall consist of a paymaster, a surgeon and a chaplain, each with the rank of lieutenant; an assistant paymaster and an assistant surgeon, each with the rank of ensign; a passed assistant engineer, with the rank of lieutenant junior grade, one assistant engineer, with the rank of ensign, and one ensign to act as aid, all of whom shall be appointed and commissioned by the commander-in-chief, on the nomination of the commander. 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 commander or commanding officer; divisional petty officers shall be appointed by the commanding officers of the respective divisions who shall certify the same to the commander or commanding officer; the commander, 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 first naval battalion is naval rank. The relative rank of officers in said battalion with officers in

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