

charged by reason of disbandment may be enlisted and shall then receive credit for the period served at the time of the disbandment. A man discharged for physical disability shall, if such disability cease and he again enlists, receive credit for the period served, or a man discharged upon his own request shall, if he again enlists, receive credit for the period served prior to such discharge. Bandmasters, drum majors, chief trumpeters, members of the Hospital Corps and musicians may be enlisted as such.

SEC. 49. Any man who has served the period of his original enlistment may be re-enlisted with the right to be granted his discharge at any time after the expiration of one year. No man above the age of forty-five shall be re-enlisted except by permission of the commanding officer of the Brigade or Naval Brigade and upon the recommendation of his company or division commander.

SEC. 50. Every person who enlists or re-enlists shall sign and make oath to an enlistment paper, which shall contain the following statement and oath or affirmation, viz.: I, _____, born in _____, in the State of _____, aged _____ years, and by occupation a _____, do hereby on this _____ day of _____, 1—, volunteer and enlist to serve as a soldier in the Maryland National Guard for the term of three years, unless sooner discharged. I, _____, in the presence of Almighty God, do solemnly promise (or declare) that I will bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland and I will support the Constitution thereof. I, _____, in the presence of Almighty God, do solemnly promise (or declare) that I will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent upon me according to the best of my ability and understanding agreeable to the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland. I, _____, in the presence of Almighty God, do solemnly promise (or declare) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the laws made in pursuance thereof. Such oath shall be taken and subscribed to before a field officer, regimental adjutant or a commanding officer of a signal corps, troop, battery, company or division, or an officer detailed for the purpose of mustering an organization. The officers named in the preceding paragraph are authorized to administer said oaths, but no enlistment shall be valid until it be approved by the commanding officer of the organization to which the signal corps, troops, battery, company or division is attached, or of which it forms a part. A person making a false oath as to any statement contained in such enlistment paper shall upon conviction be deemed guilty of perjury.