

SEC. 51. Enlisted men may be transferred, upon their own applications, in the same organization by the commanding officers of such organizations; from one organization to another, by a commanding officer of the Brigade; or from the Brigade to the Naval Brigade, or vice versa, by the Commander-in-Chief. All such transfers to be approved by the commanding officers of the respective organizations. Non-commissioned officers must be returned to the ranks before they can be transferred.

SEC. 52. Commanding officers of regiments, and of battalions not part of regiments, shall appoint and warrant the non-commissioned staff officers of their respective regiments, and they shall, in their discretion, warrant the non-commissioned officers of the companies of their respective regiments or battalions from the members thereof, upon the written nomination of the commanding officer of the company. In the troop, battery or separate company and in the signal corps the non-commissioned officers shall be warranted by the commanding officer of the brigade, at his discretion, from the members thereof, upon the written 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. To be eligible for appointment as Sergeant (first class) of the hospital corps, a candidate must be a registered pharmacist. A Sergeant of the hospital corps must be appointed from 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 provisions of this section apply to the warrant and petty officers of the Naval Brigade.

SEC. 53. 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, cannot 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.

SEC. 54. An enlisted man discharged by reason of removal, upon re-enlistment at any time after his original enlistment in