by passing the necessary examination before Boards of Officers; Commissions will be issued only to officers who are qualified as above.

51. Boards of Officers, for the examination of such officers of corps of Infantry as desire to have their proficiency in drill and discipline tested and certified by such Board, may be named from time to time on application to Head Quarters; The certificates which the Board will be authorized to give, will be of two classes, based upon the result of the examinations of each candidate, both orally and by written answers.

Class 1. For such officers as shall have proved to the Board, their ability to handle a Battalion at Battalion drill.

Class 2. For such officers as shall have proved to the Board, their ability to drill a Company at Company's drill, and to command a Company at Battalion drill.

- 52. Field Officers and Adjutants must, in order to be considered qualified, hold 1st class certificates; Company Officers 2nd class certificates.
- 53. Special instructions relative to examinations, will be given when Boards are named for the examination of Officers of Cavalry and Artillery.
 - 54. As far as practicable, consistent with a due