

HEADQUARTERS, U. S. FORCES, TEXAS, }  
MATAGORDA ISLAND, MARCH 11TH, 1864. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 29. }

I. The following communication, from Headquarters, Department of the Gulf, is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

HEAD QUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, }  
NEW ORLEANS, March 3d, 1864. }

COMMANDING OFFICER, U. S. FORCES, TEXAS, }  
(Near Fort Esperanza, Texas, )  
Through Com. Officer, 13th Army Corps. }

SIR:--By direction of Maj. Gen'l. Banks, I have the honor to inform you that the General Order, issued by authority of Maj. Gen'l. Washburn, at Fort Esperanza, Texas, under date of December 23d, 1863, directing Commissaries to issue fresh beef to officers, free of charge, is disapproved, being in direct contravention of the Army Regulations as well as of General Orders from the War Department. The Commanding General directs that the above mentioned order be at once revoked.

I have the honor to be, sir,  
Very respectfully,  
Your ob'dt. servant,  
RICHARD B. IRWIN.  
A. A. Gen'l.

II. In accordance with the above Commissaries will make no further issues of beef to officers, free of charge, but will sell to them at the rate, four cents per pound, established by Special Orders No. 92, from Hd. Quarters 13th Army Corps, of date October 9, 1863.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL  
N. J. T. DANA.

BLUFORD WILSON,  
Capt. & Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.

OFFICIAL:

*Bluford Wilson*  
Capt. and A. A. Gen'l.

