

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 88. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, July 25, 1862.

1..The recruiting detail for each volunteer regiment in the field will hereafter consist of two commissioned officers from the regiment and *one non-commissioned officer or private from each company*. Paragraph III of "General Orders," No. 105, of 1861, is amended accordingly. Regimental commanders will at once select the additional men herein authorized; and the order for detail will, as before, be given by the Commanders of Departments or Corps d'Armée.

2..One commissioned officer of the detail will remain constantly at the general recruiting depôt to receive the recruits when sent from the rendezvous, and to exercise care and control over them after their arrival until they are ordered to their regiments.

3..*Recruits for regiments now in the field will be permitted to select any company of the regiment they may prefer*. Should the company thus selected be full when they join it, they will be allowed to select another.

4..*All men who desire, singly or by squads, to join any particular regiment or company in the field, are hereby authorized to present themselves to any recruiting officer, when they will be enrolled and forwarded at once to the general depôt for the State or district, there to be duly mustered, and to receive the bounty allowed by law*. In such cases enlistment papers and descriptive lists will be forwarded as directed in "General Orders" No. 105, of 1861, from this office.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,
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