

GENERAL ORDERS, }
 No. 79. }
 WAR DEPARTMENT,
 ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
 Washington, March 31, 1863.

I..The following is announced as the CORPS OF ENGINEERS established by the act of March 3, 1863, consolidating the Corps of Engineers and Corps of Topographical Engineers, heretofore existing.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

Chief Engineer, with rank of Brigadier General.

Joseph G. Totten March 3, 1863.

Colonels.

Stephen H. Long September 9, 1861.
 Sylvanus Thayer..... March 3, 1863.
 René E. DeRussy..... March 3, 1863.
 Hartman Bache March 3, 1863.

Lieutenant Colonels.

James D. Graham..... August 6, 1861.
 Richard Delafield..... August 6, 1861.
 Henry Brewerton August 6, 1861.
 Thomas J. Cram..... September 9, 1861.
 Alexander H. Bowman March 3, 1863.
 John G. Barnard March 3, 1863.
 George W. Cullum..... March 3, 1863.
 Henry W. Benham March 3, 1863.
 Andrew A. Humphreys..... March 3, 1863.
 John N. Macomb..... March 3, 1863.

Majors.

Daniel P. Woodbury August 6, 1861.
 James H. Simpson August 6, 1861.
 Lorenzo Sitgreaves..... August 6, 1861.
 Israel C. Woodruff..... August 6, 1861.

Zealous B. Tower	August 6, 1861.
Horatio G. Wright.....	August 6, 1861.
John Newton	August 6, 1861.
George Thom	September 9, 1861.
Amiel W. Whipple.....	September 9, 1861.
George G. Meade.....	June 18, 1862.
John D. Kurtz.....	March 3, 1863.
Barton S. Alexander	March 3, 1863.
James W. Abert	March 3, 1863.
William F. Reynolds.....	March 3, 1863.
William F. Smith.....	March 3, 1863.
Edward B. Hunt.....	March 3, 1863.
Charles S. Stewart.....	March 3, 1863.
Charles E. Blunt.....	March 3, 1863.
John G. Foster.....	March 3, 1863.
James C. Duane	March 3, 1863.

Captains.

Robert S. Williamson	August 6, 1861.
Quincy A. Gillmore.....	August 6, 1861.
Frederick E. Prime	August 6, 1861.
James St. C. Morton.....	August 6, 1861.
Thomas L. Casey	August 6, 1861.
James B. McPherson.....	August 6, 1861.
Nathaniel Michler	September 9, 1861.
John G. Parke.....	September 9, 1861.
Gouverneur K. Warren.....	September 9, 1861.
George H. Mendell	September 28, 1861.
Henry L. Abbot	June 18, 1862.
Charles N. Turnbull	July 14, 1862.
William P. Craighill	March 3, 1863.
Cyrus B. Comstock.....	March 3, 1863.
Junius B. Wheeler.....	March 3, 1863.
Godfrey Weitzel	March 3, 1863.
David C. Houston	March 3, 1863.
Miles D. McAlester	March 3, 1863.

George H. Elliot	March 3, 1863.
John C. Palfrey	March 3, 1863.
Henry M. Robert	March 3, 1863.
Haldemand S. Putnam.....	March 3, 1863.
William C. Paine.....	March 3, 1863.
William E. Merrill.....	March 3, 1863.
Chauncey B. Reese.....	March 3, 1863.
Walter McFarland	March 3, 1863.
John A. Tardy, jr.....	March 3, 1863.
Charles E. Cross.....	March 3, 1863.
Nicholas Bowen	March 3, 1863.

First Lieutenants.

Orlando M. Poe.....	July 1, 1860.
James H. Wilson	September 9, 1861.
Orville E. Babcock.....	November 17, 1861.
John M. Wilson.....	May 14, 1861.
Franklin Harwood.....	May 14, 1861.
John W. Barlow.....	May 15, 1861.
Peter C. Hains	June 24, 1861.
Patrick H. O'Rorke.....	March 3, 1863.
Francis U. Farquhar.....	March 3, 1863.
Arthur H. Dutton	March 3, 1863.
Ranald S. Mackenzie.....	March 3, 1863.
George L. Gillespie, jr.....	March 3, 1863.
George Burroughs	March 3, 1863.
Charles R. Suter.....	March 3, 1863.
Jared M. Smith	March 3, 1863.
Samuel A. Mansfield	March 3, 1863.
Henry C. Wharton.....	March 3, 1863.

II..The commissions of the officers above named will be considered as continuous with those held by them in their respective corps before the passage of the act consolidating them ; and any commissions to a higher grade which may be conferred to carry out the provisions of the act will be held to have been accepted by the officers concerned, on the date of the passage of the act, unless they shall be declined.

III..The following assignment of officers of the Corps of Engineers is made to the Battalion of Sappers, Miners, and Pontoniers :

Major James C. Duane to command the Battalion.

Captain Nathaniel Michler and First Lieutenant Ranald S. Mackenzie to Company A.

Captain Charles E. Cross and First Lieutenant Franklin Harwood to Company B.

Captain Chauncey B. Reese and First Lieutenant John W. Barlow to Company C.

Captain Charles N. Turnbull and First Lieutenant George L. Gillespie, jr., to Company D.

Captain Thomas L. Casey to Company E, (late Company A, Topographical Engineers.)

Companies A, B, C, and D will remain with the Army of the Potomac ; and the officers assigned to the Battalion, not now with that Army, will report for duty to Major General Hooker as soon as their present commanding officers can dispense with their services.

Captain Casey will continue at Portland, Me , and, in addition to his present duties, will, under the direction of the Chief Engineer, recruit for the Engineer Companies in the field, after filling which to their full complement he will organize his own Company.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR :

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Assistant Adjutant General.