P. W. May
Treasury Agency

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., JANUARY 9TH, 1864.

General Orders, No. 1.

I. Frequent Complaints have been made to the Lieutenant General Commanding, of depredations and illegal seizures of private property, by cavalry commands throughout the Department.

District Commanders will spare no exertions, in suppressing such outrages.

Officers must, in every case, be held accountable for the acts of their men.

Where depredations can be clearly traced to any company, it will be immediately dismounted, and the horses transferred to the Artillery service, and to the Quartermaster's Department.

II. The following named Officers are assigned to duty in the Inspector General's Department, and will report to Col. Ben. Allston, Inspector General, Trans-Mississippi Department.

Colonel Charles J. Turnbull, 25th Regt. Arkansas Vols.

Captain Ernest Walworth, A. A. General.

By command of

Lieut-Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., JANUARY 14, 1864.

General Orders, No. 2.

The attention of the Department Commander has been called to the number of deserters and absentees, who are reported to be crossing the Mississippi River into this Department. They are appealed to, to return to their commands without delay.

District Commanders and Enrolling officers will take steps to arrest and send to their commands all officers and men who have come into, and have remained in this Department without lawful military authority since the fall of Vicksburg.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., JANUARY 13, 1864.

General Orders, No. 3.

I. All authority to raise new organizations, from men liable to conscription in this Department, not within the enemy's lines, will expire on the fifteenth of February, 1864.

These commands must be assembled immediately, and all men, absent from, and claiming to belong to them after the fifteenth of February next, will be arrested by the enrolling officers as conscripts and sent to the Camp of Instruction.

All officers who have received such authority must forward, on or before the fifteenth of February next, muster rolls of the men recruited by them, whether the organization is complete or not.

II. In accordance with orders from the War Department at Richmond, Major J. Horace Lacy is announced as Chief Inspector of Field Transportation in the Trans-Mississippi Department.

By command of

Lieut-Gen. E. Kirby Smith,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., FEB. 8TH, 1864.

General Orders, No. 4.

I. The following order, issued from the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, is published for the information of all concerned:

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, January 9th, 1864.

General Orders, No. 2.

I. The following Acts of Congress and Regulations are published for the information of all concerned therein:

ACTS.

AN ACT to prevent the enlistment or enrollment of Substitutes in the military service of the Confederate States.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That no person liable to military service shall hereafter be permitted or allowed to furnish a substitute for such service, nor shall any substitute be received, enlisted or enrolled in the military service of the Confederate States. (Approved December 28th, 1863.)

AN ACT to put an end to exemption from military service of those who have heretofore furnished substitutes.

WHEREAS, In the present circumstances of the country it requires the aid of all who are able to bear arms:

The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That no person shall be exempt from military service by reason of his having furnished a substitute: but this act shall not be so construed as to affect persons who, though not liable to render military service, have nevertheless, furnished substitutes. (Approved January 5th, 1864.)

II. Persons rendered liable to military service by operation of the preceding Acts are placed on the same footing with all others heretofore held liable by acts of Congress.

III.—Persons herein rendered liable to military service are required to report as volunteers or conscripts, without delay, to the enrolling officer; and all who delay beyond the first day of February, 1864, will be considered as having renounced the privilege of volunteering, and held for assignment according to law.

IV. Enrolling officers will proceed as rapidly as practicable in the enrollment of persons herein made liable to military service. Previous

to enrollment, as conscripts, all such persons will be allowed to volunteer in companies in service on the 16th of April, 1862, provided the company chosen does not, at the time of volunteering reach the maximum number allowed, and upon such company being selected, the volunteer will receive from the enrolling officer a certificate to the effect that he has so volunteered; and no volunteer will be received into any company except on such certificate. Persons who fail to make their selections at the time of enrollment will be assigned according to existing regulations.

V. Persons who report to the enrolling officer will be enrolled, and may be allowed a furlough of ten days before reporting to the Camp of Instruction.

VI. All persons, whether volunteers or conscripts, under this order, will pass through the Camps of Instruction of the State to which they belong, and be forwarded thence to the companies which are selected, or to which they may be assigned.

VII. The Bureau of Conscription is charged with adopting proper regulations for the enforcement of this order.

VIII. All exemptions heretofore granted, are subject to revision, under instructions from the Bureau of Conscription, and if found to be improper or unauthorized by law, will be revoked.

By order.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.

II. Paragraph III of the above order, is so modified as to read as follows: "Persons herein rendered liable to military service, are required to report as volunteers or conscripts, without delay, to the enrolling officer; and all who delay beyond the first day of March, 1864, will be consided as having renounced the privilege of volunteering, and held for assignment, according to law."

III. Paraghraph IV of the above order is so modified as to allow persons herein rendered liable to military service, to volunteer in organizations mustered and accepted previous to the first day of July, 1863; and no volunteer will be received in any organization not serving in this Department.

IV. Enrolling officers in this Department will proceed at once to enforce a rigid execution of the foregoing orders.

By command of
Lieut-Gen. E. Kirby Smith.
S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., Feb. 18th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 5.

No impressment of property, within the Trans-Mississippi Department, will be made without written authority from the Department Commander; the District Commanders within their respective Districts, or the Commanding Officer of an army in the field. In all cases of impressment, the authority must be shown by the parties impressing.

By command of

Lieut.-Gen. E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., MARCH 1ST, 1864.

General Orders, No. 6.

General Orders, No. 39, series of 1863, regulating the rate of allowance to detailed men in this Department, is hereby extended, to continue in force until the 31st day of December, 1864.

By command of

Lieut-Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., MARCH 3, 1864.

General Orders, No. 7.

I. Officers in charge of Department Depots of Supplies will only issue, under instructions from, or on requisitions approved at these Headquarters; but all reports, returns, etc., will be made through the Chiefs of their respective Departments, at District Headquarters. Commanders of Districts will cause the Depots to be inspected from time to time by their Inspectors General and reports forwarded to Department Headquarters.

II. Major C. D. Hill, Q. M., will relieve Major J. Horace Lacy, Q. M., as Chief Inspector of Field Transportation in the Trans-Mississippi Department.

By command of

Lieut.-Gen. E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., MARCH 18TH, 1864.

General Orders, No. 8.

The Congress of the Confederate States having appointed the 8th day of April as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

Military exercise will be suspended, and a strict observance of the day is enjoined upon all troops serving in the Department.

On the eve of a campaign in which our resources will be taxed to the utmost, and upon which the destinies of our people depends, we should humble ourselves before the Lord of hosts, who giveth not the battle to the strong, but upholdeth the cause of the just.

The Lieutenant-General Commanding, therefore, feels it his duty to invite the people of this Department to join with the troops in invoking the blessings of peace and security upon our beloved country.

By command of

Lieut-Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., March 25th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 9.

I. Surgeon John M. Haden, C. S. A., is announced as Chief of the Medical Bureau, Trans-Miss. Department.

All reports, returns, &c., required by the Regulations of the Army to be made to the Surgeon-General, will be forwarded to Surgeon Haden.

II. Surgeon D. W. Yandell, P. A. C. S., is announced as Medical Director of the Trans-Mississippi Department in place of Surgeon Haden appointed Chief of Medical Bureau.

By command of

Lieut.-Gen. E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., March 31st, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 10.

The great abuse of the system of telegraphing on military subjects, calls for stringent orders thereon, and their rigid enforcement.

Officers and agents will be permitted to use the telegraph for purposes of communication, only when the interests of the service *manifestly* require it.

When telegrams are sent, they must be couched in the briefest terms admissible to convey their meaning.

Officers and agents sending telegrams on public business, are required to pay for the messages sent; they will not be reimbursed by the Quartermaster's Department unless they have complied with the terms of this order.

By command of

Lieut.-Gen. E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., April 5th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 11.

Captain R. C. Newton, Assistant Adjutant-General, is assigned to duty in the office of the Adjutant-General, Department Head Quarters.

By command of

Lieut.-Gen. E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.

Shreveport, La., April 12th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 12.

I. At a General Court Martial convened by Paragraph VI, Special Orders No. 47, current series, from Department Head Quarters, of which Colonel P. N. Luckett, 3d Regiment Texas Infantry, was President, was arraigned and tried,

Major W. Hyllested, P. A. C. S., on the following charges and specifications, viz:

Charge 1st.

Conduct unbecoming an Officer and a Gentleman.

Specifications, being lengthy, are omitted.

Charge 2d.

Conduct to the prejudice of Good Order and Military Discipline.

Specifications are omitted.

FINDING OF THE COURT.

The Court find the accused, Major W. Hyllested,

Of the 1st specification to the 1st charge - - Not guilty.
Of the 2d specification to the 1st charge - - Not guilty.
Of the 1st charge - - - - - - - - - - - Not guilty.
Of the 1st specification to the 2d charge - - Not guilty.
Of the 2d specification to the 2d charge - - Not guilty.
Of the 2d charge - - - - - - - - - - - Not guilty.

The Court do, therefore, honorably acquit the accused.

The proceedings and findings of the Court in the case of Major W. Hyllested are approved. He will be released from arrest and returned to duty

II. The General Court Martial, of which Colonel P. N. Luckett, 3d Regiment Texas Infantry, is President, is dissolved.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT LA., APRIL 13TH, 1864.

General Orders, No. 13.

The following appointments are made in the Army of the Trans-Mississippi:

I. Brigadier-General C. J. Polignac, P. A. C. S., to be **Major-General,** to date from April 8th, 1864.

II. Colonel John B. Clarke, 9th Missouri Infantry, to be **Brigadier-General,** to date from January 1st, 1864.

III. Colonel A. P. Bagby, 7th Texas Cavalry, to be **Brigadier-General,** to date from March 17th, 1864.

IV. Colonel Horace Randall, 28th Texas dismounted Cavalry, to be **Brigadier-General,** to date from April 8th, 1864.

V. Colonel X. B. Debray, Texas Cavalry, to be **Brigadier-General,** to date from April 8th, 1864.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., April 14th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 14.

I. At a General Court Martial convened at Shreveport, La., by Paragraph VIII, Special Orders No. 29 current series, from Department Head Quarters, of which Lieut.-Col. A. GERARD, 13th La. Vols., was President, was arraigned and tried,

1st. Lieutenant W. H. BOWMAN, Co. I, 21st Regiment Texas Cavalry, on the following charges and specifications, viz:

Charge 1st.—Disobedience of orders.
Charge 2d.—Unofficer like conduct.
Charge 3d.—Insubordination.

Specifications are omitted.

FINDING AND SENTENCE.

Of the Specification to the 1st Charge - - -	Not guilty.
Of the 1st Charge - - - - - - - - - -	Not guilty.
Of the Specification to the 2d Charge - - -	Guilty.
Of the 2d Charge - - - - - - - - - -	Guilty.
Of the 1st Specification to the 3d Charge - -	Not guilty.
Of the 2d Specification to the 3d Charge - -	Guilty,
Except the words "In this that the said Lieut. W. H. Bowman being under arrest as aforesaid."	
Of the 3d Specification to the 3d charge - -	Not guilty.
Of the 3d Charge - - - - - - - - - -	Not guilty.

The Court do, therefore, sentence the said Lieutenant W. H. BOWMAN, Co. I, 21st Regiment Texas Cavalry, to be suspended from rank and pay, for the period of three months, and to be reprimanded by his Brigade Commander in the presence of the Brigade.

2d. Private W. FAUTHERNE, Co. B, Harrison's Battalion, Louisiana Cavalry.

Charge.—Desertion.

Specification omitted.

FINDING OF THE COURT.

Of the Specification to the Charge - - - - -	Not guilty.
Of the Charge - - - - - - - - - - - -	Not guilty.

The Court do, therefore, acquit Private W. FAUTHERNE.

3d. Private HORA UNDERWOOD, Co. I, 17th Regiment Texas Dismounted Cavalry.

Charge.—Desertion.

Specification omitted.

FINDING AND SENTENCE.

Of the Specification to the Charge - - - - -	Guilty.

The Court do, therefore, sentence the said Private HORA UNDERWOOD, Co. I, 17th Regiment Texas Dismounted Cavalry, to hard labor for the period of twelve months, with a 24 pound ball and chain three feet long, attached to his left leg.

4th. Surgeon THOMAS T. BEALL, P. A. C. S.

Charge 1st.—Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Charge 2d.—Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline.

Specifications omitted.

FINDING OF THE COURT.

Of the 1st Specification to the 1st Charge - -	Not guilty.
Of the 2d Specification to the 1st Charge - -	Not guilty.
Of the 1st Charge - - - - - - - - - -	Not guilty.
Of the Specification to the 2d Charge - - -	Not guilty.
Of the 2d Charge - - - - - - - - - -	Not guilty.

The Court do, therefore, honorably acquit the said Surgeon THOMAS T. BEALL, P. A. C. S.

II. The proceedings, finding and sentence in the case of Lieut. W. H. BOWMAN, Co. I, 21st Regiment Texas Cavalry, are approved; he is hereby suspended from rank and pay for three months from the 1st day of April, 1864, and will be reprimanded in the presence of the Brigade to which he is attached, by the commanding Officer thereof. The recommendation of the majority of the Court in this case, "in consequence of the good character and gallant conduct of the accused," is not approved, after a careful review of the evidence. If acts of insubordination are not more severely punished by Courts Martial, the efficiency of the army must be greatly impaired.

The proceedings and finding in the case of Private W. FAUTHERNE, Co. B, Harrison's Battalion, La. Cavalry, are approved. It appearing from the evidence that he properly belongs to York's Company, McNeill's Battalion, and was illegally enlisted in Co. B, Harrison's Battalion, and by the indiscretion of the commanding officer of the Company, subjected to an unnecessary and vexatious trial. He will be released from arrest and sent to his proper command.

The proceedings and finding in the case of Private HORA UNDERWOOD, Co. I, 17th Regiment Texas Dismounted Cavalry, are approved and the sentence confirmed. The Commandant of the Post at Shreveport, La., will carry the sentence of the Court into execution.

The proceedings and finding in the case of Surgeon THOMAS T. BEALL, P. A. C. S., are approved; he will be returned to duty.

III. The General Court Martial, of which Lieut.-Colonel A. GERARD, 13th Regiment La. Volunteers, is President, is dissolved.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., APRIL 15, 1864.

General Orders, No. 15

Colonel HENRY GRAY, 28th Regiment, Louisiana Infantry, is appointed **Brigadier General**, to date from April 8th, 1864.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., April 16th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 16.

The following appointments are made in the Army of the Trans-Mississippi:

* * *

Colonel W. H. King, 18th Regiment Texas Infantry, to be **Brigadier-General**, to date from April 8th, 1864.

A. H. May to be **Captain** in the Adjutant-General's Department, to date from January 1st, 1864.

W. D. Maclay, 6th Regiment Florida Infantry, to be **Captain** in the Adjutant-General's Department, to date from April 15th, 1864.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., April 18th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 17.

Captain W. D. Maclay, Assistant Adjutant-General, is assigned to duty in the office of the Adjutant-General, Department Head Quarters.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., MAY 6TH, 1864.

General Orders, No. 19.

The allowance of transportation to the troops, in the Trans-Mississippi Department, when in the field, will be as follows:

One six mule wagon to every one hundred men.

One six mule wagon to each Regimental Head Quarters.

One six mule wagon to each Regimental Medical Staff.

One six mule wagon to each Brigade Head Quarters.

Two six mule wagons to each Division Head Quarters.

Three six mule wagons to each Commanding General of a Corps.

Four six mule wagons to each Division for field Hospital service.

One six mule wagon to every Battery of one hundred men.

Two six mule foraging wagons to each field Battery.

The Ordnance train of each Brigade will be sufficient to carry one hundred rounds of ammunition, including the rounds carried by the troops of the Brigade.

The Chief Quartermasters of Divisions will retain a sufficient number of wagons to carry eight days subsistence for the troops of the Division, and one forage wagon for every six wagons allowed to the command by this order.

The Division wagons will be divided into trains of twenty-one wagons each, three of the wagons in each twenty-one, to be forage wagons.

All the serviceable wagons and teams of the different Commands of this Department, except those allowed in this order, will be turned over to the Chief Quartermaster of each District, and all unserviceable wagons and teams will be turned over to the District Inspector of Field Transportation.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., MAY 12, 1864.

General Orders, No. 20.

The following order is republished for the information of all concerned :

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, Feb 4, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 14.

The following Order is published for the information of all concerned :

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
War Department, Richmond, Feb. 1, 1864.

EXCHANGE NOTICE, NO. 8.

1. *All prisoners* heretofore held by the United States authorities, whether *officers, soldiers or civilians*, received at City Point *before the first January*, 1864, *are hereby declared exchanged.*

2. *All officers and men of the Vicksburg capture*, who reported for duty at Enterprise, Mississippi, at any time *prior to the 14th of November*, 1863, and whose names were forwarded to me by Major Gen. John H. Forney, *are declared exchanged.*

3. All officers and men of the Vicksburg capture, belonging to the 1st Tennessee Heavy Artillery, who reported for duty at Marietta, Georgia, and whose names were forwarded to me by Col. A. Jackson, *are declared exchanged.*

R. OULD, *Agt. of Exchange.*

By order S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.

By command of
General E. KIRBY SMITH,
S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,
SHREVEPORT, LA., May 13th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 21.

The following Officers are assigned to duty with the rank affixed to their respective names, subject to the approval of the PRESIDENT:

Brigadier-General J. F. FAGAN, P. A. C. S., as **Major-General,** to date from April 25th, 1864.

Brigadier-General T. J. CHURCHILL, P. A. C. S., as **Major-General,** to date from April 30th, 1864.

Brigadier-General M. M. PARSONS, P. A. C. S., as **Major-General,** to date from April 30th, 1864.

Brigadier-General J. S. MARMADUKE, P. A. C. S., as **Major-General,** to date from April 30th, 1864.

Colonel RICHARD WATERHOUSE, 19th Texas Infantry, as **Brigadier-General,** to date from April 30th, 1864.

Major ROBERT P. MACLAY, P. A. C. S., as **Brigadier-General,** to date from April 30th, 1864.

Captain B. L. JOHNSON, A. A. G., as **Major,** in the Adjutant-General's Department.

Lieutenant A. H. SEVIER, P. A. C. S., as **Captain,** in the Adjutant-General's Department.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,
S. S. ANDERSON,
Ass't. Adj't. General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., May 17th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 22.

I. At a General Court-Martial, convened at Brig.-Gen. M. M. Parson's Division, by Paragraph 13, Special Orders, No. 74, current series, from Department Head Quarters, of which Lieut.-Col. JOHN W. FRAIZER, 8th Regiment Missouri Infantry, was President, was arraigned and tried,

1st. Private JOHN W. WALKER, Co. A, 10th Regiment Missouri Infantry, on the following charges and specifications, viz:

Charge 1st.—Desertion.

Specification.—In this, that the said John W. Walker, a private of Co A, (Moore's) 10th Regiment Missouri Volunteers, Infantry, P. A. C S., did, on or about the 20th day of March, 1864, and whilst on the march from Camp Sumter, Arkansas, to Shreveport, La., and while being a duly enlisted soldier in the Confederate States Army, desert his Company and command, with the view of evading further service in said Army; and did not return until brought back by Private John Jackson of said Company and Regiment, under guard, to camp, near Shreveport, La., on or about the 29th day of March, 1864.

Charge 2d.—Absence without leave.

Specification to Charge 2d.—In this, that the said John W. Walker, a private, Co. A, (Moore's) 10th Regiment Missouri Volunteers, Infantry, P. A. C. S., did, on or about the 20th day of March, 1864, and while on the march from Camp Sumter, Arkansas, to Shreveport, La., and while being a duly enlisted soldier in the Confederate States Army, leave his Company and command without the knowledge or consent of his Company or commanding officers, and did not return until brought back by Private John Jackson of said Company and Regiment, under

guard, to camp, near Shreveport, La., on or about the 29th day of March, 1864.

FINDING AND SENTENCE.

Of Specification to 1st Charge - - - - - - Not guilty.
Of 1st Charge - - - - - - - - - - - - Not guilty.
Of Specification to 2d Charge - - - - - - Guilty.
Of 2d Charge - - - - - - - - - - - - Guilty.

The Court do, therefore, sentence the said John W. Walker, Private, Co. A, 10th Regiment Missouri Volunteers, Infantry, to hard labor for six hours in each day, for fifteen days, and to be confined in the guard-house, in irons, during the remaining hours of said fifteen days.

2d. Private Abraham Wise, Co. C, (Lewis') 16th Regiment Missouri Volunteers, Infantry, on the following charge and specification, viz:

Charge.—Desertion.

Specification.—In this, that the said Abraham Wise, a Private, Co. C, (Lewis') 16th Regiment Missouri Volunteers, Infantry, being a duly enlisted soldier in the service of the Confederate States, did, on or about the 23d day of February, 1864, and while so being a duly enlisted soldier in said Company and Regiment aforesaid, at Camp Sumter in the county of Hempstead, State of Arkansas, did then and there wilfully desert the service of the Confederate States, and did not return until he was brought back under guard, on or about the 26th day of February, 1864, contrary to the laws and regulations in such cases made and provided.

FINDING AND SENTENCE.

Of the Specification - - - - - - - - - - Not guilty,
But the Court do find, from the evidence, that accused, Private Abraham Wise, Co. C, (Lewis') 16th Regiment Missouri Volunteers, Infantry, a regularly enlisted man in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, did, at Camp Sumter, Arkansas, on the 23d day of February, 1864, absent himself from his command without leave of his commanding officers, and did remain absent, without leave, until the 26th of the same month, and until he was arrested and brought into camp.
Of the Charge - - - - - - - - - - - - Not guilty,
But guilty of absence without leave.

And the Court do, therefore, sentence the said Private Abraham Wise, Co. C, (Lewis') 16th Regiment Missouri Infantry, to

perform hard labor for six hours of each day, for fifteen days, and to be confined in irons, in the Brigade guard-house, during the remaining hours of said term of fifteen days.

3d. Private Abraham Fine, Co. C, (Lewis') 16th Regiment Missouri Volunteers, Infantry, on the following charge and specification, viz:

Charge.—Desertion.

Specification.—In this, that the said Private Abraham Fine, Co. C, 16th Regiment Missouri Volunteers, Infantry, being a duly enlisted soldier in the service of the Confederate States, did, on or about the 23d day of February, 1864, and while so being a duly enlisted soldier in said Company and Regiment aforesaid, at Camp Sumter, in the county of Hempstead, State of Arkansas, did then and there wilfully desert the service of the Confederate States, and did not return until he was brought back under guard, on or about the 26th day of February, 1864, contrary to the laws and regulations in such case made and provided.

FINDING AND SENTENCE.

Of the Specification - - - - - - - - - Not guilty,
But the Court do find, from the evidence, that the accused, Private Abraham Fine, Co. C, (Lewis') 16th Regiment Missouri Infantry, a regularly enlisted man in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, did, at Camp Sumter, Arkansas, on the 23d day of February, 1864, absent himself from his company, without leave of his commanding officers, and did remain absent, without leave, until the 26th day of the same month, and until he was arrested and brought into camp.
Of the Charge - - - - - - - - - - - Not guilty,
But guilty of absence without leave.

And the Court do, therefore, sentence the said Abraham Fine, Private, Co. C, (Lewis') 16th Regiment Missouri Infantry, to perform hard labor for six hours in each day, for fifteen days, and to be confined in irons, in the Brigade guard-house, during the remaining hours of said term of fifteen days..

II. The finding and sentence in the case of Private J. W. Walker, 10th Missouri Infantry, is disapproved, as not proportionate to the offence—evidence should have been heard as to the 1st charge. The findings and sentence in the cases of Private Abraham Fine, 16th Missouri Infantry, also Private Abraham Wise, Co. C, 16th Regiment Missouri Infantry, are also

disapproved, on account of the irregularity of the finding of the Court.

Privates Walker, Fine and Wise will be released and returned to their commands.

III. The General Court-Martial, of which Lieut.-Col. J, W. Fraizer is President, is dissolved.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., May 18th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 23.

I. The attention of all concerned is called to the provisions of section 8 of an "Act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17th, 1864.

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8. "That hereafter the duties of provost and hospital guards and clerks, of clerks, guards, agents, employees or laborers in the Commissary's or Quarter-Master's Departments, in the Ordnance Department, and clerks and employees of Navy agents, as also in the execution of the enrollment acts, and all similar duties shall be performed by persons who are within the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, and who by the report of Board of Army Surgeons shall be reported as unable to perform active service in the field, but capable of performing some of the above named duties, specifying which, and when those persons shall have been assigned to those duties as far as practicable, the President shall assign or detail to their performance such bodies of troops or individuals, required to be enrolled under the fifth section of this act, as may be needed for the discharge of said duties: *Provided*, That persons between the ages of seventeen and eighteen shall not be assigned to these duties: *Provided* further, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to prevent the President from detailing artisans, mechanics or persons of scientific skill, to perform indispensable duties in the Departments or Bureaux herein mentioned."

II. All Quarter-Masters, Commissaries, Provost Marshals, Naval Agents or other Government officials are notified to comply immediately with the requirements of the preceding extract.

Enrolling officers will report to these Head Quarters the names of all officers failing to comply with this order.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., MAY 19, 1864.

General Orders, No. 24.

I. The following officers are assigned to duty with the rank affixed to their names, subject to the approval of the President:

Brigadier-General S. B. MAXEY, P. A. C. S., as **Major-General**, to date from April 18th, 1864.

Lieutenant S. D. YANCEY, as **Captain**, in the Adjutant General's Department, to date from May 1st, 1864.

HORACE CONE, of Texas, as **Captain**, in the Adjutant General's Department, to date from May 1st, 1864.

II. Lieutenant E. CUNNINGHAM, C. S. A., is announced as **Chief of Artillery**, for the Trans-Mississippi Department. Battery commanders will report to him through their respective chiefs the number and calibre of their guns and the strength of their Batteries. If of field artillery, they will also report the number and condition of their horses and equipments.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT LA., MAY 20TH, 1864.

General Orders, No. 25.

I. The following Act of Congress is published for the information of the army in this Department:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RETIRING OFFICERS OF THE ARMY.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the President be and he is hereby authorized, upon the recommendation of any General commanding a Department or an army, to discharge from service any officer of the Confederate States Army or of the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, who has no command and cannot be assigned to any appropriate duty, or who is incompetent or inefficient, or who may be absent from his command or duty without leave: Provided, That any officer who may be discharged for incompetency, inefficiency or absence from his command without leave, shall be entitled to a trial before an Examining Board, under existing laws, if he demands it of the Commanding General within thirty days: Provided further, That it shall not extend to any officer who is absent on account of captivity." (Approved February 17th, 1864.)

II. In pursuance of the above Act of Congress, all officers, whether of the Regular or Provisional Army in this Department, who are absent from their commands without authority, will be dropped from the Rolls of the Army on the 30th day of June, 1864.

III. All officers in this Department who have been assigned to duty away from their commands, whether by order from the Secretary of War, Department or District Commanders, will report, by letter, to Department Head Quarters, their address and the duty upon which they are engaged.

IV. All Returns required by the Army Regulations to be made to the Adjutant and Inspector-General, Richmond, Va., will in future be forwarded to these Head Quarters.

V. Enrolling officers are authorized to call out the Reserve Corps of their respective Counties or Parishes, whenever their assistance is required in arresting deserters, or for arresting and quelling bands of marauders.

VI. Officers engaged in the collection of the Tax in Kind, and officers drawing the same for troops, will conform strictly to the instructions of the War Department, the Quartermaster-General and of the Controlling Quartermasters.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT LA., MAY 21ST, 1864.

General Orders, No. 26.

I. The following act of Congress is published for the information of the army:

"SECTION 3rd. No officer under the rank of Brigadier-General shall hereafter be entitled to forage, or commutation for forage, for more than one horse, except when on service in the field."

II. The Staff officers of Department, District, and Sub-District Commanders, and officers on duty in the Inspector-General's and Engineer Departments, being liable to be called into the field at any moment, are permitted to keep two horses, and other mounted officers, not serving in the field, will be permitted to keep one horse, which horse shall not be subject to impressment. The horses of all officers not serving in the field, other than those allowed above, will be liable to impressment, whenever the necessities of the service require it.

III. Hereafter, no public ambulance or spring-wagon will be kept by any officer not in the field. No officer under the grade of Division Commander will be permitted to keep an ambulance or spring-wagon, whether public or private, while in the field. Division Commanders will be allowed one and no more.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., MAY 22, 1864.

General Orders, No. 27.

1. The following act of Congress is published for the information of the army.

AN ACT to allow commissioned officers of the army rations and the privilege of purchasing clothing from the Quartermaster's Department.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That from and after the passage of this act, all commissioned officers of the armies, whilst on duty in the field, or in the naval service, whilst afloat, of the Confederate States, shall be entitled to one ration in kind, each, in quantity and quality, the same as are now allowed by law to privates, and shall draw and receive the same under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

SEC. 2. All commissioned officers of the armies of the Confederate States shall be allowed to purchase clothing and cloth for clothing from any Quartermaster at the price which it cost the government, all expenses included: Provided, That no Quartermaster shall be allowed to sell to any officer any clothing which would be proper to issue to privates, until all privates entitled to receive the same shall have been first supplied: *Provided* that the officer offering to purchase shall give his certificate on honor that the articles are necessary for his own personal comfort and use, and in no case shall more than one suit per annum be allowed to be so purchased by any officer: Provided, That no law or army regulation shall thereafter be construed to allow an officer to purchase or draw from subsistence stores more than one ration a day, or for less price than the cost thereof including transportation.

II. Rations in kind, the same in quality and quantity as are now allowed by law to privates, will be issued to regimental commisioned officers, whilst on duty in the field, upon Provision Returns, approved by the commanding officer of the regiment, and to general and staff officers upon their own certificates.

III. One ration a day in kind may be purchased by any officer—not in the field—who is upon duty under orders from this office or from any District commander, at cost, including transportation.

IV. Officers allowed to purchase or draw rations by the preceding paragraphs will also be permitted to purchase one ration a day in kind, for one servant upon his certificate that the servant is actually in his service.

V. When supplies on hand will permit, District Commanders may order limited amounts of subsistence stores to be sold to the families of officers and soldiers who may be in indigent circumstances.

VI. All orders conflicting with the above, whether issued from Department or District Head Quarters, are hereby revoked.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.

SHREVEPORT, MAY 25, 1864.

General Orders, No. 28.

1. By a General Court Martial convened at Shreveport, La., by Special Order No. 91, Par. XI, current series from Dept. Hd. Qrs., of which Col. W. R. Shivers, P. A. C. S., is President, was tried:

1. Private Jacob Citron, an enrolled conscript, on the following charge:

Desertion.—(Specifications omitted.)

Finding and sentence.

Of the 1st specification of the charge,	Guilty.
Of the 2nd specification of the charge,	Guilty.
Of the 3rd specification of the charge,	Guilty.
Of the charge,	Guilty.

And the Court therefore sentence the said private Jacob Citron "to be shot to death with musketry, at such time and place as the Com'dg Gen. may appoint." Two-thirds of the members having voted the above sentence it is so recorded.

2nd. Private G. W. English, of Capt. J. L. Smith Kirby's Co. of engineer troops, on the following charge:

Conduct prejudicial to good order, and military discipline.

Specifications omitted.

Finding and sentence.

Of the 1st specification of the charge, Guilty, except the words, "break the window-glass and otherwise."

Of the 2nd specification of the charge, Guilty, except the words, "after having broken the window-glass," as set forth in specification first.

Of the charge, Guilty,

And the Court do therefore sentence the said private G. W. English of Kirby's Co. of Engineer troops, to be confined at hard labor, in charge of the guard, for three successive calendar months.

3rd. Private Wm. Nolan, Lafayette, Missouri Batt'n, on the following charge:

Desertion.—(Specifications omitted.)

Finding.

Of the specification of the charge,	Not Guilty,
Of the charge,	Not Guilty,

and the Court do, therefore, acquit the accused.

4th. Drill Master, Arthur Claiborne, P. A. C. S., on the following charge:

Disobedience of orders.—(Specifications omitted.)

Finding.

Of the specification of the charge,	Not Guilty,
Of the charge,	Not Guilty,

and the Court do, therefore, acquit the accused.

5th. Private P. Murvane, an enrolled conscript, on the following charge:

Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

(Specifications omitted.)

Finding.

Of the 1st Specification of the charge,	Not Guilty,
Of the 2nd specification of the charge,	Not Guilty,
Of the charge,	Not Guilty,

and the Court do, therefore, acquit the accused.

6th.—Second Lieut. Chas. Woolworth, Co. "A," 6th Reg't Texas Cavalry, on the following charges and specifications:

Charge 1st.—Gross neglect of duty.

Specification 1st.—In this, that on the 5th day of April, 1864, the said Charles Woolworth, 2nd Lieut. Co. "A," 6th Reg't Texas Cavalry, being duly detailed as the officer of the guard at Post Shreveport, La., entered upon the duties thereof at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was relieved on the 6th day of April, at 9 o'clock, A. M., at which time he rendered his report for the time he was on guard; and upon examination of said report a large number of prisoners were not accounted for, or mentioned in his report, that were known to be confined in the Guard House; but a number much less than the true number was reported for the whole; the names of a large number being left off the report.

Specification 2nd.—In this, that while acting as officer of the guard at Post Shreveport, La., from 9 o'clock, A. M., on the 5th day of April, 1864, to 9 o'clock, A. M., on the 6th day of April, 1864, several prisoners confined in the Guard House on Texas street by proper authority, to-wit: twelve in number did escape from the Guard House by the gross neglect of the said Woolworth, in as much as he did not even visit the Guard House to examine the same or to poll the prisoners or to see that the guard were strict in the performance of their duties.

Charge 2nd.—Absence without leave.

Specification.—In this, that the said Charles Woolworth, 2nd Lieut. Co. "A," 6th Reg't Texas Cavalry, did absent himself from Post at Shreveport, La., from the 6th day of April, 1864, until the 8th day of April, 1864, without permission from either Capt. S. N. Jackson commanding Co. Post Guard or the Post Commandant or any other authority; the said Woolworth being on duty at said Post, by order of Gen. E. Kirby Smith and placed on duty in the Co. of Post Guard under Capt. S. N. Jackson by order of Col. W. R. Shivers, Commandant of the Post at Shreveport, La.

Finding and Sentence.

Of the 1st specification of the 1st charge,	Guilty.
Of the 2nd specification of the 1st charge,	Not Guilty.
Of the 1st charge,	Guilty.
Of the specification of the 2nd charge,	Guilty.
Of the 2nd charge,	Guilty.

And the court do, therefore, sentence the said 2nd Lieut C. Woolworth, Co. "A," 6th Texas Cavalry, to be cashiered.

7th.—Capt. J. A. Hawkins, Co. "A," 1st Battalion Trans-Miss. Cavalry, on the following charges and specifications:

Charge 1st.—Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Specification.—In this, that the said Capt. J. A. Hawkins, Trans-Miss. Cavalry, did encourage and assist certain privates in his company in writing and forwarding to Major Bird, commanding the courier lines at Department Head Quarters, under whom the said Capt. J. A. Hawkins' Co. was doing duty, caricatures of disrespect, representing the said Maj. Bird as commanding geese and chickens, and the words "you are no gentleman," and "God damn you if you do not resign you are not a white man," were written on said caricatures, and the said Captain J. A. Hawkins did endeavor to conceal the authors of the said caricatures and denied the knowledge of them to Lieut. W. B. Carlisle, who had been sent by orders approved by Gen. Smith to investigate them. This occurred at or near Alexandria, La., on or about the 8th of November, 1863.

Charge 2d.—Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

Specification.—In this that the said Captain J. A. Hawkins, Trans-Miss. Cav'y. did, while under arrest, come to the Courier office, and took off some five or six of the couriers to his room, at a distance from the office, when he, the said Capt. J. A. Hawkins, knew it was contrary to orders and in direct violation of the rules of the office,—and on Major Bird's sending the Serg't-Major for the said couriers, the said Capt. J. A. Hawkins prevailed on one of the couriers to disobey Major Bird, and ordered the Serg't-Major to ask the said Major Bird, if he, the said Capt. Hawkins, would not have to ask him, the said Major Bird, for permission to go aside. This occurred about the 26th or 27th of March, 1864, at or near Shreveport, La.

Charge 3d.—Wilful disobedience of orders.

Specification.—In this that the said Capt. J. A. Hawkins, Trans-Miss. Cav'y., while stationed at Vienna, La., in charge of the Courier Line, after he had been ordered to remain there until further orders, did abandon his post and come to Shreveport. All this at Vienna, La., on or about the 20th of March, 1864.

Finding and Sentence.

Of the specification of 1st charge,	Not Guilty.
Of the 1st charge,	Not Guilty.
Of the specification of 2d charge,	Guilty.
Of the 2d charge,	Guilty.
Of the specification of 3d charge,	Not Guilty.
Of the 3d charge,	Not Guilty.

And the court do, therefore, sentence him, Capt. J. A. Hawkins, 1st Trans-Miss. Cav'y., to be cashiered.

II. The proceedings, findings and sentences of the Court in the foregoing cases are approved. As it appears from the evidence, that private Citron was actuated, more by a disposition to skulk, and evade duty temporarily, than to desert the service, his punishment is commuted to hard labor for twelve months. Col. Shivers, Commanding

Post of Shreveport, is charged with the duty of carrying this sentence into effect.

Capt. J. A. Hawkins, Co. "A," 1st Trans-Miss. Battalion Cav'y. and 2d Lieut. Chas. Woolworth, 6th Texas Cav'y., cease, from this date, to be officers in the Confederate States' service.

III. The General Court Martial, of which Col. W. R. Shivers is President, is dissolved

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Ass't. Adj't. Gen'l.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., MAY 26TH, 1864.

General Orders, No. 29.

I. Paragraph II, General Orders No. 67, series of 1863, from the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Richmond, Va., is amended as follows:

If any cavalryman "shall not keep himself provided with a serviceable horse, he shall serve on foot," and be transferred to any regiment of Infantry from the State where he volunteered or was conscribed, that the Department or District Commander may order.

II. District Commanders will have their cavalry commands *immediately*, (and, hereafter, *monthly*,) inspected, for the purpose of enforcing the above order.

III. Men transferred from Cavalry to Infantry, will be permitted to select the command to which they are to be assigned: *Provided*, That command is serving in the same District, and does not exceed the minimum allowed by law.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., MAY 27, 1864.

General Orders, No. 30.

I. All persons liable to military duty will be immediately enrolled. They will be assigned in accordance with the following regulations:

1st. All assignments must be made by the Commandant of Conscripts, of the State where the conscript is enrolled.

2nd. No conscript will be assigned to a cavalry command, until the infantry regiments and artillery companies have received their complement.

3rd. Conscripts will be assigned to companies having less than the minimum, sixty four privates, until all the companies reach that number.

4th. Assignments will be made to regiments in the order in which they were organized, filling the oldest regiment first.

II. All officers in command of companies of infantry and artillery will forthwith send to the Commandant of Conscripts of the State in which the command was raised, accurate certified reports of their companies, stating strength present and absent, date of organization and arm of service, and without such reports, showing they do not exceed sixty-four privates, no conscript will be assigned.

III. Officers are prohibited from receiving conscripts who have not been assigned in accordance with this order.

IV. Officers in command of regiments, battalions, &c., will furnish to Brig. Gen. Greer, Chief of the Bureau of Conscription, Marshall, Texas, a monthly roll of deserters and absentees without leave. This will be arranged according to the County and State to which the parties belong, and will set forth the time and place of desertion in each case.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., May 28th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 31.

I. The following is published for the information of all persons concerned, and the guidance of officers commanding independent armies and detachments in the field:

Officers capturing prisoners of war, should immediately prepare duplicate lists, setting forth the Christian and surnames, and the companies and regiments to which the prisoners belong. These lists should also show when, where and by whom the captures were made. Should one or more officers be included in the capture, the signature of the highest in rank should be obtained to attest the correctness of the list. One of these lists must be forwarded, at once, through the regular military channel, to Department Head Quarters, and the other retained by the officer making the capture.

In the present situation of affairs, paroles had better not be given. The Federal authorities recognize no delivery of a paroled man, except at Vicksburg or City Point, unless made in accordance with an agreement between commanders of opposing armies. Where there are prisoners on both sides, they can be exchanged, man for man, on the spot.

The above instructions will be implicitly obeyed, as thousands of prisoners have been lost by failing to comply with them. If captures are not correctly reported, nothing is gained in making them.

II. The following exchanges have been made:

1. All officers and men captured and paroled at any time previous to September 1st, 1863, except such as were captured at Vicksburg, July 4th, 1863, and are not mentioned under the following heads:

2. The General Officers captured at Vicksburg, July 4th, 1863;

The Staff of Gen'ls Pemberton, Stevenson, Bowen, Moore, Barton, S. D. Lee, Cummings, Harris and Baldwin, and of Colonels Reynolds, Cockrell and Dockery;

The officers and men of Stevenson's Division, Bowen's Divi-

sion, Moore's Brigade, Waul's Legion and the 2d Texas Regiment;

The officers and men of the Engineer Corps, Sappers and Miners, and the 4th and 46th Mississippi Regiments, all captured at Vicksburg, July 4th, 1863;

All officers and men captured at Vicksburg, July 4th, 1863, who reported at Enterprise, Mississippi, at any time prior to the 14th of November, 1863, and whose names were forwarded by Major-Gen'l J. H. Forney to the Commissioner of Exchange;

All officers and men of the 1st Tennessee Heavy Artillery, captured at Vicksburg, July 4th, 1863, and reported for duty at Marietta, Georgia, and whose names were forwarded by Colonel A. Jackson to the Commissioner of Exchange;

3. All civilians who have been arrested at any time before the 6th of May, 1863, and released on parole, are released from any and every obligation contained in said parole. If any such person has taken an oath of allegiance to the United States, or given any bond, or if his release has been accompanied with any other condition, he is discharged from the same;

4. All prisoners heretofore held by the United States, whether officers, soldiers or civilians, received at City Point before the 1st of January, 1864.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., MAY 29, 1864.

General Orders, No. 32.

I. The following rules in regard to paroles, are published for the information of the army.

1. Paroling must always take place by the exchange of signed duplicates of a written document, in which the names and rank of the parties paroled are correctly stated. Any one who intentionally misstates his rank, forfeits the benefit of his parole, and is liable to punishment.

2. None but commissioned officers can give the parole for themselves or their commands, and no inferior officer can give a parole without the authority of his superior if within reach.

3. No paroling on the battle field—no paroling of entire bodies of troops after a battle—and no dismissal of large number of prisoners with a general declaration that they are paroled, is permitted, or of any value.

4. An officer who gives a parole for himself or his command on the battle field, is deemed a deserter, and will be punished accordingly.

5. For the officer, the pledging of his parole is an individual act, and no wholesale paroling by an officer for a number of officers of inferior rank, is permitted or valid.

6. No non-commissioned officer or private can give his parole except through an officer. Individual paroles, not given through an officer, are not only void, but subject the individual giving them to the punishment of death, as deserters. The only admissable exception is, where individuals properly separated from their commands have suffered long confinement, without the possibility of being paroled through an officer.

7. No prisoner of war can be forced, by the hostile government, to pledge his parole, and any threat or ill treatment to force him to do so, is contrary to the laws and usages of war.

8. No prisoner of war can enter into an agreement inconsistent with his character and duties as a citizen and subject of his State. He can only bind himself not to bear arms against his captor for a limited period, or until exchanged, and this only with the stipulated or implied consent of his own government. If the engagement which he makes is not approved by his government he is bound to return and surrendor himself as a prisoner of war. His own government cannot at the same time disown his engagement and refuse his return as a prisoner.

9. While the pledging of the military parole is a voluntary act of the individual, the capturing power is not obliged to grant it, nor is the government of the individual bound to approve or ratify it.

10. Paroles not authorized by the usages of war are not valid until approved by the government of the individual pledging it.

11. The pledging of an unauthorized parole is a military offence and punishable accordingly.

II. These rules being founded upon the usages of war, will be enforced in this Department.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Ass't. Adj't. Gen'l.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., May 30th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 33.

I. The Bureaux of the Ordnance, Medical, Quartermaster and Subsistence Departments, and of Conscription, are established at Marshall, Texas. All Returns, Reports, Papers, &c., required by law, and Orders, to be made to the several Bureaux at Richmond, Va., will be forwarded to Marshall, Texas, addressed to the following officers:

Maj.-Gen. B. Huger,	Chief of Bureau of Ordnance.
Brig.-Gen. E. Greer,	Chief of Bureau of Conscription.
Lieut.-Col L. W. O'Bannon,	Chief of Quartermaster Bureau.
Maj. W. B. Blair,	Chief of Subsistence Bureau,
Surgeon J. M. Haden,	Chief of Medical Bureau.

II. The exportation of Beef Cattle from this Department is prohibited, except when made under the supervision of Major R. A. Howard, Commissary of Subsistence.

III. The practice of relieving officers from commands to which they have been appointed and assigned, and ordering them to report to Department Head Quarters, will cease, unless specially required by orders from the Department Commander.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., June 1st, 1864.

TO THE CITIZENS
OF THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT.

I have deemed it my duty to issue a General Order, directing the purchase, and, if necessary, the impressment of one half the Cotton in this Department, to supply the pressing wants of our armies in the field.

Your soldiers are the sole reliance for the defence of the country from invasion and desolation. They have recently furnished you a signal instance of their willingness and ability to defend your homes. Without munitions of war, clothing and medicines, they cannot be kept in the field. These articles can be obtained only by importation. Cotton is the sole means of purchase. In the same lofty spirit of patriotism, which leads your sons and brothers to offer their lives for your protection, will you not sell to the Government the only product, by which their valor can be made effective against the public enemy?

The impressment of Cotton will be avoided, if possible. But supplies for the army *must be had.* It is left with you to determine, whether, for the preservation of your homes, you will force the Government to resort to impressment!

E. KIRBY SMITH,

General Commanding.

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Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., June 1st, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 34.

The pressing necessity of the armies in the field make it absolutely necessary that the Government should use one-half

of the Cotton in this Department, for the purchase of naval and military stores, required for the defence of the country.

Discreet and proper bonded and commissioned officers have been selected, who will purchase, if possible, the amount required.

If it cannot be obtained by purchase, they are authorized to impress it, in strict accordance with the terms of the Impressment act and the General Orders, issued on that subject.

District Commanders will furnish them such assistance as may be needed, in executing this order.

Any attempt at illegal impressment, will be promptly punished, on being reported, with satisfactory proof, to District or Department Head Quarters.

The following officers are charged with the execution of this order:

Major A. S. Cabell,	Capt. B. Shropshire,
Major W. P. Baughn,	Capt. W. W. Barrett,
Capt. F. J. Lynch,	Capt. N. A. Birge.

All Cotton procured by them in Texas, will be placed under the control of Lieut.-Col. W. J. Hutchins, who will use it solely in procuring army supplies.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., JUNE 4, 1864.

General Order, No. 35.

I. The following regulations of the overland trade to Mexico are published for the information of all concerned:

Sec. 1. All cotton, tobacco, military or naval stores, sugar, molasses or rice, intended for exportation overland to Mexico, must be entered and registered with the Collector of Customs at one of the established ports of entry, and receive a permit from him after payment of export duties.

2d. Such permit shall only be granted by the Collector upon the certificate issued by a bonded and commissioned officer of the Government, to be hereafter designated, and stationed at San Antonio, Texas. Such certificate shall be issued upon the affidavit of the party applying for it, accompanied with a sworn list of the articles to be exported, stating the point of exportation, to the effect that the articles so to be exported are the sole and exclusive property of the Confederate States Government, or of some State of the Confederacy, and are to be exported on the sole account of said Government or State, and that no third party has any pecuniary interest therein, except for freight wages, the amount of which shall be stated in said affidavit, which said affidavit and list shall be filed and preserved among the records of such office, and a duplicate of said certificate and list to be forwarded to the Collector of the point of exportation for his information.

3d. Any person violating the above will be liable to the penalties declared by law.

4th. All persons introducing machinery and mechanical and agricultural implements in the Confederate States, upon making proof to the officer at San Antonio by the certificate of the Collector, or the introduction of the machinery, &c., into the Confederate States or its arrival at the port of entry, that officer will allow a sufficient quantity of cotton to pay for the same to go forward to the port of entry.

5th. All persons to whom the Government has furnished any of the articles named in the first section of these regulations, in exchange for army supplies already delivered, or who have actually delivered to the Government, by purchase or otherwise, any of the articles above named, will be allowed a permit to export the articles so furnished by the Government, in exchange for army supplies, or to export a like amount of the article so delivered to the Government. The permit of the Collector to be based upon the certificate to that effect of the bonded and commissioned officer at San Antonio, which said certificate shall be based upon the receipt in the first instance of a bonded and commissioned officer, that the army supplies were actually delivered to him for the

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Government, and in the other, that a like amount of the article to be exported had actually been delivered to him, also for the Government.

II. The Commanding Officers of Districts will furnish, on application of the officer at San Antonio, and the Collector of the different Ports of Entry, such mounted force as may be necessary to ensure a compliance with these regulations.

III. The Chief of the Cotton Bureau for the Trans-Mississippi Department is charged with the exportation of all cotton belonging to the Confederate Government, and the introduction of supplies for the use of the Department.

IV. Major Asa H. Willie, C. S., P. A. C. S., will be stationed at San Antonio, Texas, and charged with the duties prescribed in the above regulations.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., June 5th, 1864.

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No. 36.

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"To effect this, the Paymaster must keep and return to the "Depositary a numbered Register of the names of depositors, "stating Company and Regiment, dates of deposit, and the "amounts deposited by each, which can only be in sums of $100 "or its multiple, and number the notes received from each, with "the corresponding number on the Register, so as to know from "whom any counterfeit note may have been received."

P. W. GRAY,
Agent Treasury,
T. M. Dep't."

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SHREVEPORT, JUNE 6, 1864.

General Orders, No. 37.

1. The following Order from the War Department is republished for the information of the army:

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
RICHMOND, APRIL 29, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 44.

1. The number of general staff officers, and the grade of each, allowed to the several commands in the field, are established as follows:

1. To an army composed of two or more corps—A senior assistant adjutant and inspector general, and an assistant adjutant and inspector general, not to exceed the grade of colonel, each of whom may have two assistant adjutant and inspector generals—one not to exceed the grade of lieutenant colonel, and the other of major. One of the assistants to the senior assistant adjutant and inspector general, selected with a view to his special qualifications for the duty, will be charged with the examination of court martial records. A surgeon as medical director, who may be assisted by one other surgeon. A surgeon as medical inspector.

2. To an army corps—A senior assistant adjutant and inspector general, and an assistant adjutant and inspector general, not to exceed the grade of lieutenant colonel, each of whom may have one assistant adjutant and inspector general, not to exceed the grade of major. A surgeon as medical director and inspector.

3. To a division—A senior assistant adjutant and inspector general, and an assistant adjutant and inspector general, not to exceed the grade of major. A surgeon as chief surgeon and inspector, who will also have charge of the field infirmary.

4. To a brigade.—An assistant adjutant and inspector general, of the grade of captain. A brigade quartermaster, and a brigade commissary, each of the grade of major, as now authorized by law. The senior surgeon will act as brigade surgeon and inspector. He will also have charge of the field infirmary, and perform at the same time his duties as regimental surgeon.

5. Each general officer will have the aids de camp allowed by law—one for a brigadier general and two for all other general officers.

6. Cavalry divisions and brigades may each have an assistant adjutant and inspector general, not to exceed the grade of major, in addition to the number allowed infantry divisions and brigades.

II. Senior assistant adjutant and inspector generals and assistant adjutant and inspector generals may be required to alternate their duties.

III. The number and grade of the preceding general staff officers attached to the head quarters of a military department, will be assimilated,

according to the above scale, to the number of troops constituting the military force in the department. Special assignments, in addition, may be made by the War Department, when the extent of country and nature and scope of duties may require it.

IV. The assistant adjutant and inspector generals will not be of higher grade than is herein designated. Should the General prefer an officer having a lower grade, he may be assigned to duty with the command.

V. General officers will report to the Adjutant and Inspector General all officers of the several staff departments, now serving in their respective commands, and will at the same time recommend for reassignment such as may be required under the provisions of this order.

VI. All assignments of general staff officers will be made by order from this office, and they will not be changed except by like authority.

VII. Commands will not be allowed a greater number of staff officers than is herein established; nor will officers of the line be assigned to staff duty without special authority. Should it be deemed insufficient for the transmission of orders on the battle field, couriers and guides (authorized in General Orders, No. 17, last series) will be employed by general officers, who will announce them in orders as persons accredited to convey their instructions and other communications.

VIII. Vacancies will be filled by selection from the officers of the department in which they occur.

IX. These Orders being confined to the general staff proper, the organization of the other departments will not be effected by them.

X. Promotions in the general staff of the army will be by selection and not by seniority, except in cases of known competency for higher grade.

By order

S COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.

II. The reports required by paragraph V of the above order, will be made to these Head Quarters.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith,
S. S. ANDERSON, Ass't. Adj't. Gen.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., June 7th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 38.

I. Whenever the Light Batteries in this Department are not required for active operations, they will be concentrated in the rear, where the field officers of artillery can give their personal attention to the drill and discipline of the men, regulate the Batteries and improve the stock.

II. General Order, No. 19, current series, is modified, so that where troops are serving in the field, and the necessities of the service demand it, District Commanders may allow one wagon to Divisions, Brigades or Regiments, as the case may require, for the transportation of carpenter and blacksmith tools, &c. When the exigency which causes the extra allowance, shall cease to exist, the wagons must be withdrawn and turned over to the supply train.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., June 8th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 39.

I. The following Act of Congress is published for the information of the Army:

"AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO PUNISH DRUNKENNESS IN THE ARMY,' approved April 21st, 1862."

The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That the jurisdiction conferred upon Courts of Enquiry in the Act above recited, is hereby repealed, and the said jurisdiction is hereby conferred, for the punishment of the offence therein named, upon the Military Courts and General Courts-Martial, convened in the Army of the Confederate States; and the proceedings therein shall be subject to review as in other cases.

SEC. 2. That any citizen of the Confederate States is hereby authorized to make a report of any violation of the provisions of the Act to which this is an amendment, in the same manner as officers of the army are now required to do.

SEC. 3. Upon trial for drunkenness, it shall be lawful to prove, without special charge, that the accused is of intemperate habits; and if the Court shall find that he is of such habits, he shall be cashiered, or otherwise punished, at the discretion of the Court.

Approved February 17th, 1864.

II. Paragraph 6, General Orders, No. 13, from the Adjutant and Inspector-General's Office, is thus amended:

In making payments to soldiers upon descriptive lists, officers of the Quartermaster's Department will be careful to endorse thereon the amounts paid, and the time for which they have been paid, returning the same for delivery to their Company commanders. Disbursing officers will file, with receipts given by soldiers thus paid, a certificate in each case, that the descriptive list was according to the prescribed form, dated and subscribed by the officer commanding the Company; that the station of the Company was given, and that no money was paid the soldier except that certified by the officer as due from the records of the Company.

III. District Commanders and other commanding officers are prohibited from detaching officers, and ordering them to duty, or for assignment, beyond the limits of their Districts or commands, without previous authority from these Head Quarters. The transportation of an officer so detached and ordered, without previous authority, will be charged to the officer giving the order.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., JUNE 9, 1864.

General Orders, No. 40.

I. In order that detachments, unaccompanied by Commissaries, may be supplied with the means of obtaining subsistence, Commissaries of the command to which they belong are hereby authorized to furnish to the officer in command, or such other officer as may be designated, sufficient funds for that purpose, upon duplicate receipts being given therefor. Upon the return of the detachment, the officer receiving such funds shall return to the Commissary an account of the expenditures for subsistence, which will exhibit the amount expended, the number of men, and the time during which they shall have been subsisted. Upon the rendition of such accounts, and the repayment of any unexpended balance in his hands the officer will be entitled to the return of his original receipts, and the Commissary will account for the subsistence so obtained as if the same had been purchased and issued by him.

II. When small detachments are sent off, unaccompanied by a commissioned officer, Commissaries are authorized to commute their rations in advance for the time designated in the order for such detached service, filing a certified copy of said order in support of the voucher; or upon return of detachments to their commands, when no funds shall have been supplied under the foregoing provisions: expenditures incurred for subsistence by the officer in command of such detachments, within the regulation allowance, may be reimbursed by the Commissary of the command, upon accounts supported by affidavits, and approved by the commanding officers.

III. Purchases of beef cattle for the army will be made in Texas by the following officers, or officers and agents acting under their authority:

Major S. Maclin, C. S.
Major R. A. Howard, C. S.
Major W. G. Merick, C. S.
Capt. Jno. T. Fisher, A. C. S.

IV. The price to be paid for beef cattle will be that established by the Commissioners appointed under the Impressment Act, and should the officers authorized to purchase, be unable to do so, they may impress, conforming to the requirements of the Impressment Act.

V. Whenever a necessity arises for a change in the assignment of any officer of the Ordnance, Quartermaster, Commissary, or Medical Departments, a copy of the order making such change will be forwarded. The officer receiving such orders will send a copy of the same to the Chief of Bureau of his Department, giving date of leaving the old and entering upon the new assignment.

VI. The following is substituted for Pars. 1107 and 1109 Army Regulations of 1861:

The ration for the Trans-Miss. Department, to take effect on and

after the 1st day of July, 1864, is established as follows: half a pound of salt pork or bacon or jerked or dried beef, or one and a fourth pounds of fresh or salt beef or mutton; eighteen ounces of soft bread or flour, or twelve ounces of hard bread, or one and one-fourth pounds of corn meal; and at the rate to one hundred rations of eight quarts of peas or beans, or in lieu thereof ten pounds of rice; six pounds of sugar; four quarts of vinegar; one and a half pounds of tallow, or one and a fourth pounds of adamantine, or one pound of sperm candles; four pounds of soap; five pounds of salt.

On a campaign or on marches, or on board of transports the ration of hard bread will be one pound. When other meat of a good and wholesome quality cannot be procured, fresh pork may be issued at the rate of three-fourths of a pound per ration, on the order of the commander of troops in the field. These commanders will only exercise this authority in cases of urgency, as shown by evidence that the officers of the Commissariat cannot procure other meat of proper quality.

In the absence of any of the above articles, an equivalent in value of any of the other articles named, and that can be procured, may be issued in lieu of them. Whenever there is a supply of molasses on hand, an extra issue of it is authorized at the rate of four quarts to the 100 rations.

VII. Slaves engaged upon the public works in this Department will receive the same rations as troops in the field.

VIII. Par. 1105, Army Regulations, is amended so as to read as follows: Wastage on issues, or from evaporation or leakage, will be ascertained quarterly, or when it can be most conveniently, and the actual wastage thus found will be charged on the monthly return. Loss from whatever cause, exceeding ordinary waste, must be accounted for by the certificate of an officer other than the party interested, or other satisfactory evidence. Ordinary waste on issues should not exceed, say, 10 per cent on salt pork, salt beef, bacon, sugar, soap, vinegar, meal and potatoes, and 5 per cent on hard bread, beans, rice, coffee, salt, flour and molasses.

IX. Agents of the Staff Departments who are appointed by the War Department, or by the Commander of the Trans-Miss. Department, and duly bonded, are placed on the same footing as officers in regard to the allowance of rations.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Ass't. Adj't. Gen'l.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., JUNE 10, 1864.

General Orders, No. 41.

I. The following is published for the information of all concerned:

EXCHANGE NOTICE NO. 9.

RICHMOND, VA., May 2nd, 1864.

All Confederate officers and men who have been delivered at City Point, Virginia, at any time previous to the 20th of April, 1864, are hereby declared to be duly exchanged.

RO. OULD,
Agent of Exchange.

II. Special attention is called to the appropriation by impressment of horses for cavalry service. It is without warrant of law, and will not be allowed under any circumstances whatever. Commanding Generals and Inspecting officers will promptly report to these Headquarters any violation of this order.

III. All horses impressed by the Government, sold or in any manner assigned to officers, will be immediately restored to the Quartermaster's Department to be appropriated to the *public* service, as contemplated by law. Such sales and assignments by order of a Commanding General are prohibited and will not be sanctioned.

IV. Every officer hereafter appearing in behalf of a prisoner, on trial before a military court or court-martial, will do so only upon the condition and understanding that he is under a pledge of honor that he has not and will not receive compensation therefor.

V. General Orders No. 29 is modified so that where any cavalry man is dismounted by having his horse killed in action, he shall be allowed forty days to remount himself. Upon the certificate of his Commanding officer to the fact, such soldiers will be allowed to purchase from the horses in the infirmaries of the Field Transportation Department.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Ass't. Adj't. Gen'l.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., June 11th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 42.

I. Before a General Court-Martial, convened at the Head Quarters of Brig.-Gen. GANO, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 192, series of 1863, from the Head Quarters of the District of the Indian Territory, was arraigned and tried the following named privates, for

DESERTION:

1. Private THOS. KINNEY, Co. I, 30th Texas Cavalry;
" THOS. CAMPBELL, Co. I, 30th Texas Cavalry;
" PETER McDANIEL, Co G, Hardeman's Texas Cavalry Regiment.

FINDING AND SENTENCE.

The Court found all the above named guilty, and sentenced the two first named to the Texas State Penitentiary for twelve months; and the last named to the same place during the war, and at its termination, to be dishonorably discharged.

2. Private JACKSON MORRISON, Co. C, Hardeman's Regiment Texas Cavalry.

Private MARION SKINNER, Co. C, Hardeman's Regiment Texas Cavalry.

Charge.—Desertion.

They were both found guilty and sentenced to be shot to death with musketry.

II. Before a General Court-Martial, convened at the Head Quarters of Gen. Gano's Brigade, by virtue of General Orders, No. 15, current series, from the Head Quarters of the District of the Indian Territory, was arraigned and tried:

1. Private JOHN DAVIS, Co. G, 29th Texas Cavalry;
" R. R. BRIGANCE, Co. D, 29th Texas Cavalry;
" ALEX. KINCAID, Howell's Battery;
" O. H. BROOKS, Howell's Battery;
" HENRY DAVIS, Howell's Battery;
" HENRY SIFFORD, Co. C, Hardeman's T. C. Reg't;
" WM. SIFFORD, Co. C, Hardeman's T. C. Reg't;
" J. M. SIFFORD, Co. C, Hardeman's T. C. Reg't;
" J. H. DEAN, Co. H, Hardeman's T. C. Reg't;
" A. J. BUTLER, Co. F, 29th Tex. Reg't Cav'lry;

All charged with—Desertion.

The Court found them all guilty and sentenced each of them to five years hard labor in some Penitentiary, at the discretion of the Commanding General.

2. Also was tried,

Private W. J. Watts, Co. E, 30th Regiment Texas Cavalry, on the charge of

DESERTION.

The Court found him guilty and sentenced him to hard labor for six months with ball and chain.

3. Also was tried,

Private Thos. Rogers, Co. F, 29th Texas Cavalry;
" Joshua Coffee, Co. C, Hardeman's Texas Cav. Reg't;
" Alex. Porter, Co. C, Hardeman's Texas Cav. Reg't;
" F. A. Nance, Co. C, Hardeman's Texas Cav. Reg't;
" F. P. Alexander, Co. C, Hardeman's Tex. Cav. Reg't.
" S. M. Compton, Co. C, Hardeman's Tex. Cav. Reg't;

All charged with—Desertion.

The Court found the above named parties guilty and sentenced them to be shot to death with musketry.

4. Also was tried,

Captain E. P. Nicholson, Assistant Adjutant-General, on the charge of

ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE.

The accused pleaded guilty and the Court so found and sentenced him to be cashiered.

III. Before a General Court-Martial, convened at Fort Washita, C. N., by virtue of General Orders, No. 29, current series, from the Head Quarters of the District of the Indian Territory, was arraigned and tried,

Private G. T. Forkner, Co. B, Wells' Battalion, Texas Cavalry on the charge of

DESERTION.

The Court found the accused guilty and sentenced him to be shot to death with musketry.

IV. Proceedings, finding and sentences in the cases of Privates Kinney, Campbell, McDaniel, John Davis, Brigance, J. M. Sifford, Dean and Butler, are all disapproved. If they were in proportion to the guilt of the party, the sentence cannot be executed. The Commanding General has no control over any Penitentiary.

The proceedings, finding and sentences in the cases of Privates Kincaid, Brooks, Henry Davis, Henry Sifford and Wil-

liam Sifford, are disapproved. They should not have been tried jointly; their offences were all distinct, and they should each have had a separate trial; they were, no doubt, guilty, and deserved a severer punishment than that fixed upon by the Court.

The proceedings, finding and sentences in the cases of Privates Coffee and Porter are disapproved. They should have been tried separately.

The proceedings, finding and sentences in the cases of Privates Skinner and Morrison, are disapproved. The record does not show, as it should, that two-thirds of the Court concurred.

The proceedings, finding and sentences in the cases of Privates Rogers, Nance, Alexander and Compton, are disapproved, because they are irregular and informal. The charges, themselves, are not, as they should be, embodied in and constituting a part of the record. These men richly deserved the fate they have so narrowly escaped.

The proceedings, finding and sentence in the case of Captain E. P. Nicholson, Assistant Adjutant-General, are approved, but owing to the representations of his superior officers, as to previous good conduct, the Commanding General is induced to remit the sentence Without this recommendation, the punishment would not have been disturbed. The record presents the accused in a light that reflects no credit on him as a soldier. Captain Nicholson will be released from arrest and returned to duty.

The proceedings, finding and sentence in the case of Private Forkner, are approved; but, inasmuch as the commanding officer of his Company seems to have connived at his desertion, the punishment will be commuted to twelve months hard labor, under charge of the guard. Maj.-Gen'l S. B. Maxey is charged with the execution of this sentence.

V. The Legislature of Texas having declined to allow the Confederate Government the use of the Penitentiary as a place of confinement for military criminals, the Military Courts in this Department will not, hereafter, pass sentences requiring such punishment,

VI. By a General Court-Martial, convened at Shreveport, La., by virtue of Special Order, No. 129, Paragraph X, current series, from Department Head Quarters, of which Col. A. W. Bosworth is President, was arraigned and tried:

1st. Private Henry Walden, Co. A, Zacharie's Battalion, Louisiana Volunteers, on the charge of

DESERTION.

The Court found the accused not guilty of the charge, but guilty of absence without leave, and sentenced him to be placed at hard labor, upon the public works, for thirty days.

2d. Also was tried:

Private ANDREW SOOTER, Co. C, Buster's Battalion, Arkansas Cavalry, on the following charges:

Charge 1st.—Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline.

Charge 2d.—Encouraging Desertion.

The Court found the accused, of both charges, not guilty.

3d. Also was tried:

Private LEONIDAS WORTMAN, Co. B, Buster's Battalion, Arkansas Cavalry, on the following charges:

Charge 1st.—Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline.

Charge 2d.—Encouraging Desertion.

The Court found the accused, of the 1st charge, guilty, and of the 2d, not guilty, and sentenced him to be placed at hard labor, on the public works, for ninety consecutive days.

4th. Also was tried,

Private JOHN A. LEACH, Co. C, 1st Battalion, Trans-Miss. Cavalry, on the charge of

DESERTION.

The Court found the accused guil y and sentenced him to be placed at hard labor, on the public works, for the term of twelve successive calendar months, with ball and chain attached to his leg.

VII. The proceedings, findings and sentences in the foregoing cases, are approved. The Commandant of the Post of Shreveport, La., is charged with carrying these sentences into effect.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., JUNE 13, 1864.

General Orders, No. 43.

In pursuance of General Orders, No. 44, current series, from the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Richmond, Va., the following promotions, on the Staff of the General Commanding, are announced, to date from June 1st, 1864, subject to the approval of the PRESIDENT:

Lieut. Colonel S. S. ANDERSON, to be **Colonel**—Senior Assistant Adjutant General.

Major GEORGE WILLIAMSON, to be **Lieutenant Colonel**—Assistant Adjutant General.

Major W. C. SCHAUMBERG, to be **Lieutenant Colonel**—Assistant Adjutant General.

Captain C. S. WEST, to be **Major**—Assistant Adjutant General.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Ass't. Adj't. Gen.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.

Shreveport, La., June 14th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 44.

The following Order from the War Department is republished for the information of all concerned:

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
RICHMOND, VA., April 16th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 43.

I. By the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the common defence," approved 6th February, 1864, the exportation of cotton, tobacco, military and naval stores, sugar, molasses and rice, from the Confederate States, except under such uniform regulations as might be made by the President was prohibited. And the President was authorized to employ any portion of the military and naval forces of the Confederacy in order to prevent the departure of any vessels or vehicles that might be employed in carrying on a commerce in these articles contrary to law.

II. The commanding generals of departments and districts will issue orders and instructions to their officers, that wherever it shall reasonably appear that any vessel or vehicle has been laden, in whole or in part, with any of the said articles for exportation or conveyance beyond the limits of the Confederacy, or to any place within the Confederacy not under the control of their civil or military authorities, and whenever there is reason to believe that any of the articles aforesaid have been so laden, or have been collected at any place of deposit with a view to exportation or conveyance beyond the limits or lines aforesaid, to seize and detain the same with the vehicles, teams and slaves employed, that investigation may be had according to the conditions of the act aforesaid, and these orders, unless the owner, or his agent or bailee, has a permit from a collector of the revenue, or from an officer of this department who may be authorized to grant such licenses.

III. The conditions upon which the trade by sea or overland to Mexico can be carried on, have been determined by the regulations of the President, and any exportation, or attempt to export any of the articles aforesaid, contrary to these regulations, will authorize the detention of the vessel or other instruments of transport.

IV. When a deposit of the prohibited articles is made at a point from which easy access to the lines of the enemy can be obtained; or are on a vehicle apparently on the way to their lines, or in the vicinity thereof, or when the owner is not a permanent resident of the place where the articles are found, and from which they can easily be transported beyond the lines, or is a suspicious person, detention of the articles and vehicles for inquiry will be made.

V. All vehicles, animals, slaves or other means of transportation, and all cotton or other articles that may be seized, whether by the officers of the revenue or by military authorities, for any violation of law or of these regulations, shall be, without any waste, spoliation, impressment or injury of any kind, forthwith conveyed and delivered to the nearest marshal or deputy marshal of

the Confederate States, and a detailed receipt taken from him, setting forth a full description of the property seized and delivered to him for safe custody. And it shall be the duty of said marshal or deputy marshal to keep the property so surrendered in safe custody until the further order of the Judge or a commissioner of a District Court of the Confederate States, having jurisdiction of the subject matter; and the said marshal or deputy marshal shall forthwith, upon the receipt by him, of the property seized, give information to the collector of the District, or to the District Attorney, or to both, if practicable, of all the facts in relation to the seizure of the property and its delivery to him for safe keeping.

VI. No military authority shall presume under any circumstances to seize property, while being carried under the provisions of the law, and of these regulations for any other cause than a violation of said provisions, nor in case of seizure to dispose of the property seized in any other manner than that prescribed in the foregoing regulation. But in case where there is great risk of the property falling into the hands of the enemy, it shall be competent for the proper military authorities to require the licensed carrier to suspend his trip till the danger be passed, or to pursue a different route from that originally designated, or even in cases of imminent danger to abandon the trip.

VII. Information will be given from time to time from this Department to the commanding Generals of the conditions on which transportation by land may be made.

By order.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General

Approved JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

By command of
General E. Kirby Smith,
S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., June 15th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 45.

I. The requirements of the Army making it necessary that the present supply of artillery horses and other field transportation be carefully husbanded, and a more perfect system of supply adopted, Major C. D. Hill, Inspector of Field Transportation, is hereby charged with this duty.

II. Under his orders, all inspections, purchases, impressments and issues of field transportation (including artillery horses) will be made, and recruiting, fabricating and repairing done throughout the Department; and all other officers are prohibited from purchasing or disposing of this description of property, except such as may be specially authorized to purchase by the Commanding General of an Army, whose field of operations, in such cases, shall be confined to the limits of the Army and the country immediately in the advance, and under no circumstances will such officers be allowed to purchase within any district of country to which a regularly appointed purchasing officer has been assigned.

III. Officers charged with inspection of field transportation, are authorized to make inspections anywhere within the limits of their assignment, and to condemn and order to be turned in to the nearest Post Quartermaster, all artillery horses and other transportation found unserviceable, to be so disposed of as the Chief Inspector of the District may direct.

IV. Chief Quartermasters of Armies, or Quartermasters at Posts, other than those in the field, will make their estimates on the Chief Inspector of the District for such field transportation as they may require. When necessary for the protection of parties collecting animals near the enemy's lines, a cavalry escort will be furnished by the nearest commander of the troops.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., JUNE 16, 1864.

General Orders, No. 46.

I. The following statement of the cost of clothing for the army is published for the information of all concerned:

Statement of the cost of clothing for the army in the Trans-Miss. Department, for the six months commencing July 1st, 1864.

Cap, complete,	$2,00
Cover,	38
Jacket,	14,00
Trowsers,	12,00
Shirt,	3,00
Drawers,	3,00
Shoes, (pairs,)	6,00
Socks "	1,00
Leather Stock,	25
Great Coat,	25,00
Staple Frock, (for mounted men,)	2,00
Fatique Overall, (for Engrs. and ord.)	3,00
Blanket,	10,00

II. From the time this takes effect, and until further orders, soldiers will be charged and credited on account of clothing to which they are entitled, as provided in General orders No. 100, series 1862, from the Adj't and Insp. General's office, at these rates, and *not* at invoice prices.

By command of
General E. Kirby Smith,
S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., June 18th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 47.

I. Before a General Court-Martial, convened at Shreveport, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 129, Paragraph X, Current Series, from Department Head Quarters, of which Col. A. W. Bosworth is President, was arraigned and tried:

1. Private J. P. Yancey, Co. E, Harrison's Battalion, Louisiana Cavalry, on the charge of

DESERTION.

The Court found the accused guilty of absence without leave, and sentenced him to hard labor on the public works for the space of three successive calendar months.

2. Private S. Beauchamp, Co. E, Harrison's Battalion, Louisiana Cavalry, was tried on the charge of

DESERTION.

The Court found the accused not guilty, and acquitted him.

Private R. I. Evers, Co. E, Harrison's Battalion, Louisiana Cavalry, on the charge of

DESERTION.

The Court found the accused guilty, and sentenced him to hard labor on the public works for the space of twelve successive calendar months, with a twelve pound ball attached to his right leg by a chain and shackle.

4. Also was tried, Private T. H. Bright, an enrolled Conscript, on the charge of

DESERTION.

The Court found the accused guilty of absence without leave, and sentenced him to be confined for a month in the Guard House of the Camp of Instruction.

5. Also was tried, Private Thomas H. Nichols, an enrolled Conscript, on the charge of

DESERTION.

The Court found the accused guilty of absence without leave, and sentenced him to hard labor for sixty days on the public works.

II. The proceedings, findings and sentences in the foregoing cases are approved. The Commandant of the Post, at Shreveport, is charged with the duty of carrying the sentences into effect.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.

SHREVEPORT, LA., JUNE 20th, 1864.

General Orders No. 48.

I. The following acts of Congress, and the orders of the War Department, establishing and regulating the Military Courts are republished for the information of the army.

An act to organize Military Courts to attend the army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said Courts.

The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That Courts shall be organized, to be known as Military Courts, one to attend each army corps in the field, under the direction of the President. Each Court shall consist of three members, two of whom shall constitute a quorum, and each member shall be entitled to the rank and pay of a Colonel of cavalry, shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall hold his office during the war, unless the Court shall be sooner abolished by Congress. For each Court there shall be one Judge Advocate, to be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, with the rank and pay of a Captain of cavalry, whose duties shall be as prescribed by the Rules and Articles of War, except as enlarged or modified by the purposes and provisions of this act, and who shall also hold his office during the war, unless the Court shall be sooner abolished by the Congress; and in case of the absence or disability of the Judge Advocate, upon the application of the Court, the commander of the army corps to which such Court is attached, may appoint or detail an officer to perform the duties of Judge Advocate during such absence or disability, or until the vacancy, if any, shall be filled by the President.

SEC. 2. Each Court shall have the right to appoint a Provost Marshal to attend its sittings, and execute the orders of the Court, with the rank and pay of a Captain of cavalry; and also a Clerk who shall have a salary of one hundred and twenty-five dollars per month, who shall keep the record of the proceedings of said Court, and shall reduce to writing the substance of the evidence in each case, and file the same in Court. The Provost Marshall and the Clerk shall hold their offices during the pleasure of the Court. Each member and officer of the Court shall take an oath well and truly to discharge the duties of his office to the best of his skill and ability, without fear, favor or reward, and to support the Constitution of the Confederate States. Each member of the Court, the Judge Advocate, and the Clerk, shall have the power to administer this.

SEC. 3. Each Court shall have power to adopt rules for conducting business, and for the trial of causes, and to enforce the rules adopted,

and to punish for contempt, and to regulate the taking of evidence, and to secure the attendance of witnesses, and to enforce and execute its orders, sentences, and judgments, as in cases of Courts Martial.

SEC. 4. The jurisdiction of each Court shall extend to all offences now cognizable by Courts Martial under the Rules and Articles of war and the customs of war, and also to all offences defined as crimes by the laws of the Confederate States, or of the several States, and when beyond the territory of the Confederate States, to all cases of murder, manslaughter, arson, rape, robbery, and larceny, as defined by the common law, when committed by any private or officer in the army of the Confederate States, against any other private or officer in the army, or against the property or person of any citizen or other person within the army; *Provided*, said Courts shall not have jurisdiction of offenders above the grade of Colonel. For offences cognizable by Courts Martial, the Court shall, on conviction, inflict the penalty prescribed by the Rules and Articles of war, and in the manner and mode therein mentioned; and for offences not punishable by the Rules and Articles of war, but punishable by the laws of the Confederate States, said Court shall inflict the penalties prescribed by the laws of the Confederate States; and for offence against which penalties are not prescribed by the Rules and Articles of war, nor by the laws of the Confederate States, but for which penalties are prescribed by the laws of a State, said Court shall inflict the punishment prescribed by the laws of the State in which the offence was committed; *Provided*, That in cases in which by the laws of the Confederate States or of the State, the punishment is by fine or by imprisonment, or both, the Court may, in its discretion, inflict any other punishment less than death; and for the offences defined as murder, manslaughter, arson, rape, robbery and larceny, by the common law, when committed beyond the territorial limits of the Confederate States, the punishment shall be in the discretion of the Court. That when an officer under the grade of Brigadier General, or private, shall be put under arrest for any offence cognizable by the Court herein provided for, notice of his arrest, and of the offence with which he is charged, shall be given to the Judge Advocate by the officers ordering said arrest, and he shall be entitled to as speedy a trial as the business before said Court will allow.

SEC. 5. Said courts shall attend the army, shall have appropriate quarters within the lines of the army; shall be always open for the transaction of business, and the final decisions and sentences of said courts in convictions, shall be subject to review, mitigation, and suspension, as now provided by the Rules and Articles of War in cases of courts martial.

SEC. 6. That during the recess of the Senate, the President may appoint the members of the conrts and the Judges Advocate provided for in the previous sections, subject to the confirmation of the Senate at its session next ensuing said appointments. [Approved October 9, 1862.]

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, January 27, 1863.

General Orders, No. 11.

The Military Courts, appointed and organized under the act approved October 9, 1862, will be governed and controlled as other Courts Martial, by the Articles of War and Regulations of the Army, in connection with the aforesaid act of October 9, 1862.

Their proceedings will therefore be subject to review by the Commanding General of the army corps to which they are attached, who, by the decision of the President, is the proper reviewing officer of all such proceedings, under the provisions of the law and Articles of War. The original proceedings of these Courts, after full action is had on them, will be transmitted to the office of the Adjutant and Inspector General, agreeably to the 90th Article of War.

By order,

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector Gen'l.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to organize Military Courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said Courts, approved October 9th, 1862.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That, in addition to one military court to attend each army corps in the field, as now authorized by an act entitled an act to organize military courts to attend the army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the power of said courts, approved October ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, one military court shall be organized in each of such military departments, as, in the judgment of the President, the public exigencies may require; to be organized in the manner and with powers prescribed in the act of which this is amendatory." [Approved May 1, 1863.]

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE.
RICHMOND Nov. 17th, 1863.

General Orders, No. 147.

For the due authentication of military orders exhibited in evidence before the Judicial tribunals, it is hereby declared that the orders of the Adjutant and Inspector General have the force of Regulations, for the government of all branches of the army, and that printed or written copies of the same are duly authenticated when endorsed as official by any Assistant Adjutant General, or by any Chief of a Bureau of this Department.

By order,

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to organize Military Courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the Powers of said Courts.

"The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the act entitled an act to organize military courts to attend the army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts, be so amended as to authorize the President to establish one in North Alabama, which shall sit at such times and places as said court may direct, and shall have all the powers and jurisdiction given to said military courts by said act; but the judges thereof shall give ten days' notice of the times and places of holding said courts, before the same are held: provided, however, that said court shall cease to exist after one year from the passage of this act, unless longer continued by Congress." [Approved February 13, 1864.]

An Act to authorize the President to establish additional Military Courts.

"The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That in addition to the military courts now authorized by law, the President be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a military court, to attend any division of cavalry in the field, and also one for each State within a military department, whenever in his judgment such courts would promote the public interest; which courts shall be organized, and have the same powers and duties, and the members thereof appointed as provided by law." [Approved February 16, 1864.]

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to organize Military Courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the Powers of said Courts (approved October ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two).

"The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That when two or more army corps are united in the same army, charges shall be referred to said courts, and their proceedings be subject to review, by the army commander, as in the case of general courts martial; and that the jurisdiction of each of said courts shall extend to any person connected with the army of which the corps to which the court is attached may be a part, without being limited to members of the particular corps to which said court may be attached.

SEC. 2. That when the corps to which any military court may be attached shall from any cause cease to exist as such, the Secretary of War shall assign the members and officers of such court to any other unsupplied corps, or other subdivision of any of the armies of the Confederate States, where a military court may be needed; and exchanges and transfers of individual members and officers from any one court to another, may be made by the Secretary of War, on application of the parties concerned—the consent of the commander or commanders of the army or armies to which the particular courts may belong having been first obtained to such exchange or transfer.

SEC. 3. That the fourth section of the act of which this is amendatory,

be and the same is hereby so amended as to extend the jurisdiction of the military courts to all offenders below the grade of Lieutenant General."—[Approved February 17, 1864.]

An Act to authorize Commanders of Corps and Departments to detail Field Officers as members of the Military Courts, under certain circumstances.

The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That commanders of corps and departments be and they are hereby authorized to detail field officers as members of military courts, whenever any of the judges of said courts shall be disqualified, by consanguinity or affinity, or unable, from sickness or other unavoidable cause, to attend such courts.

Approved February 6, 1864.

"AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO PUNISH DRUNKENNESS IN THE ARMY', approved April 21st, 1862."

The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That the jurisdiction conferred upon Courts of Enquiry in the Act above recited, is hereby repealed, and the said jurisdiction is hereby conferred, for the punishment of the offence therein named, upon the Military Courts and General Courts-Martial, convened in the Army of the Confederate States; and the proceedings therein shall be subject to review as in other cases.

SEC. 2. That any citizen of the Confederate States is hereby authorized to make a report of any violation of the provisions of the Act to which this is an amendment, in the same manner as officers in the army are now required to do.

SEC. 3. Upon trial for drunkenness, it shall be lawful to prove without special charge, that the accused is of intemperate habits ; and if the Court shall find that he is of such habits, he shall be cashiered, or otherwise punished, at the discretion of the Court.

Approved Febuary 17th, 1864.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., June 23d, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 49.

I. Lieut.-Colonel L. W. O'Bannon, Chief of Quartermaster Bureau, is relieved from his duties as Chief Quartermaster of the Department.

II. Captain John E. Garey, A. Q. M., is announced as Chief Quartermaster of the Department.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., July 4th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 50.

I. Officers in charge of prisoners of war, will immediately report the names, rank and corps of those under their charge; when, where and by whom they were captured, with a list of all who have died or escaped. These reports will hereafter be forwarded, upon the first of every month, to Major Ig. Szymanski, Agent of Exchange for this Department.

II. Officers in the field are entitled to rations from the seventeenth of February, 1864.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

HOUSTON, JULY 11, 1864.

General Orders, No. 51.

The supply trains engaged in transporting Cotton for the Cotton Bureau to the RioGrande and returning with supplies to the Army, are declared in the Field. The detailed men employed with these trains will not be enterfered with by Enrolling Officers.

Enrolling Officers will detail unassigned Conscripts, upon application of the Chief of Cotton Bureau, or officers authorized by him. Other details will be obtained in accordance with existing Orders and Regulations.

By Command of

General E. Kirby Smith,

C. S. WEST,

Maj. & Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

HOUSTON, JULY 12, 1864.

General Orders, No. 52.

The necessities for supplying the Army in the Field requires the use of all transportation that can be procured in the Department—one half of all the wagons and trains engaged in overland commerce is needed for Government. If freely offered, fair and remunerative prices will be paid, otherwise, they will be impressed until the emergency requiring it shall have passed. Wagons engaged in hauling Exempted Cotton will not be impressed under the requirements of this order.

The Impressing officers for this purpose will be designated by District Commanders, upon application of Chief of Cotton Bureau.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith,

C. S. WEST,

Maj. & Ass't. Adj't. Gen

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.

Shreveport, La., July 16th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 53.

I. The War Department having declined to issue commissions to many persons in this Department, who were recommended for appointment as Staff Officers, owing to informality in the applications, commanding officers will immediately apply for the appointment of those who have not been commissioned.

II. The following information is required by the War Department, *and must be furnished before any application will be considered.*

1st. All applications must state clearly, and in detail, the command for which the appointments are desired, and when the vacancy is an original one, must show the date of organization, and whether the muster rolls have been forwarded to the Adjutant and Inspector-General, Richmond, Va.

2d. The full name and age of the person recommended; the State where born, and that of which he now claims to be a citizen.

3d. Whether the vacancy to be filled is original or not; if not, the former incumbent must be satisfactorily accounted for.

4th. If the person is acting in the capacity for which he is recommended, the date on which he entered upon the discharge of such duty should be stated.

5th. The papers must be separate in each case, and be forwarded through the regular channel, and commanding officers must endorse upon them their opinion as to the ability of the person recommended to perform, mentally and physically, the duties of the position, and, in the case of a bonded officer, whether he can furnish the bond required by law.

III. The following Act of Congress is published for the information of the Army:

AN ACT TO ABOLISH SUPERNUMERARY OFFICERS IN THE QUARTERMASTER AND COMMISSARY DEPARTMENTS.

Sec. 5. That Quartermasters and Commissaries, Assistant Quartermasters and Assistant Commissaries, who become permanently detached from Divisions, Brigades or Regiments to which they are originally appointed or assigned, respectively, whether by resignation or otherwise, shall cease to be officers of the Army, and their names shall be dropped from the rolls of the Army, unless re-assigned by a special order of the Secretary of War. [Approved May 1st, 1863.]

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., JULY 18, 1864.

General Orders, No. 54.

I. Surgeons certificates of disability for the discharge of soldiers must be made in duplicate, and after being completed, the *duplicates* will be forwarded to these Head Quarters. The authority for and the date of discharge must be clearly shown on these papers.

II. Capt. Charles C. Greene, Corps of Artillery, P. A. C. S., is announced as Assistant to the Chief of Ordnance, Trans-Mississippi Department.

By Command of

General E. Kirby Smith,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, JULY 20, 1864.

General Orders, No. 55.

I. In accordance with an act of Congress entitled: *An act to increase the efficiency of the army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities*, approved February 17th, 1864, all male free negroes and other persons of color, not including those who are free under the treaty of Paris of 1803, or under the treaty of Spain of 1819, resident in the Confederate States, between the ages of 18 and 50 years, will be immediately enrolled under the direction of the Bureau of Conscription.

II. The Bureau of Conscription will take the necessary steps through the Enrolling Officers, to enroll immediately one-fifth of all the male slaves, in this Department, between the ages of 18 and 45 years.

III. All free negroes and slaves so enrolled will be sent to rendesvouz designated by the Commandants of negro labor for the several States, accompanied by descriptive rolls.

IV. Requisitions for negro labor must be made upon the Commandants of negro labor of the several States.

V. All Officers and Agents of the Government in charge of slaves will furnish monthly, to the Commandants of negro labor of the several States to which the slaves belong, correct and certified muster rolls of those in their charge.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., JULY 21, 1864.

General Orders, No. 56.

I. All officers and men, captured at Vicksburg, who have reported at Enterprise, Demopolis, Vienna, Natchitoches, Shreveport and Alexandria, at any time prior to April 1st, 1864, have been declared duly exchanged by the Commissioner of Exchange.

All those in this Department, who are embraced in this list, will immediately rejoin their commands in the field.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., JULY 23, 1864.

General Orders, No. 57.

I. General Orders No. 19, current series, from these Head quarters, is amended to allow to the Batteries, one six mule forage wagon, for every thirty-six animals.

II. Enrolling officers will cause to be arrested and sent to their commands or to camps of Instructions, all able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 45 years, (except artizans, mechanics and persons of scientific skill) who may be found in the employment of Quartermasters, Commissaries, Ordnance officers, Navy agents, Provost Marshals and Officers of the Conscript service, and will promptly report, through the Bureau of Conscription, such officers as have such persons in their employ, accompanied with the affidavit of some credible person to the fact, that charges may be preferred against them according to the act of Congress. No details from any source, except those from Department Head quarters, specially exempting the parties under the law for a limited time w ll protect employees from this order. Assessors and Collectors of Confederate Taxes, Officers of the Confederate Treasury, and employees of the Nitre and Mining Bureau, and the Adjutant Generals Department, will not be interferred with until they can be replaced with competent and creditable persons from the Reserve Corps, or those found unfit for field service. Nor will this order apply to the parties of herders, drovers, &c., made up by the agent of Major R. A. Howard, until such parties can be completed, and lists of these furnished to Department Head quarters for approval.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., JULY 25, 1864.

General Orders, No. 58.

I. At a General Court Martial convened at the Head Quarters of Gano's Brigade by General Orders, No. 15, from Head Quarters, Dist. Ind. Territory, current series, was arraigned and tried:

Private W. J. Watts, Co. "E," 30th Reg't. Tex. Cav.

Charge—Desertion.

The Court found the accused "*guilty*," and sentenced him to hard labor with ball and chain for six months.

The proceedings, finding and sentence in the above case are disapproved and private Watts will be restored to duty. The record shows great irregularities in the proceedings of the Court, and carelessness upon the part of the Judge Advocate.

II. At a General Court Martial convened at Shreveport, La., by Special Orders No. 177, dated Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department, July 6th, 1864, was arraigned and tried:

Col. J. F. Hill, Hill's Reg't., Ark. Cav.

Charge—Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline.

The Court found the accused "*not guilty*," and therefore acquitted him.

The proceedings, finding and sentence in the above case are approved. Col. Hill is released from arrest and will rejoin his command.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., JULY 27, 1864.

General Orders, No. 59.

I. The following act of Congress is published for the information of the army:

An act to amend an act approved February 17th, 1864, entitled "An act to allow commissioned officers of the army rations, and the privilege of purchasing clothing from the Quartermaster's Department.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That all commissioned officers in the army and navy shall be entitled to one ration, and all commissioned officers in the field and afloat, in addition thereto, shall be allowed to purchase from any Commissary, or other officer required to issue subsistence to soldiers, marines and seamen, at the prime cost thereof, including transportation, as follows:—One ration each for officers of and below the rank of Colonel; two rations each for officers of the rank of Brigadier General, Major General and Lieutenant General; and three rations each for a General; one ration each for commissioned officers of the navy of and below the rank of Commander; and two rations each for officers above that rank.

Sec. 2. That an officer shall not draw or purchase, at any time, more of the component part of a ration than is issued to the private soldier at the same time.

Sec. 3. That nothing contained in this act, or the act to which this is an amendment, shall be construed as allowing commutation for rations, or as authorizing an officer to receive or purchase rations, except when he requires them for his own use.

Sec. 4. That this act shall continue in force only during the war.—Approved, June 7, 1864.

II. Paragraph IV, General Orders, No. 27, current series, allowing officers to purchase one ration for their servants, is hereby revoked.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., AUGUST 4TH, 1864.

General Orders, No. 60.

The following changes are announced in the District Commanders:

Major General **J. B. Magruder,** P. A. C. S., to command the District of Arkansas.

Major General **S. B. Buckner,** P. A. C. S., to command the District of West Louisiana.

Major General **J. G. Walker,** P. A. C. S., to command the District of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT LA., AUGUST 5TH, 1864.

General Orders, No. 61.

Before a General Court Martial, convened at Shreveport, La., by virtue of Par. IV. Special Orders, No. 177, current series, from Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department, was arranged and tried: Lieut. T. K. Lowe, 15th Texas Cavalry—charged with "DRUNKENNESS and CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN.

[The specifications are omitted.]

The Court found the accused, of the first charge "GUILTY," and of the second, "NOT GUILTY," and sentenced him to "*be suspended from command, for four months, and suspension from pay and emoluments for the same period. The defendant, Lieut. Lowe, to be made to remain with his command for the same time.*"

It appears from the record that after the evidence on both sides was closed, the accused asked until the following morning to prepare his written defense, which was granted. On the next morning, the Court re-assembled—all the members and Judge Advocate were present—and then follows the entry: "*Lieut T. K. Lowe, absent; cause of absence not known. The Counsel for the accused informed the Court that the accused would not present a written defence.*" The Court thereupon was cleared, and proceeded to consider of its finding and sentence. The record no where shows that the accused ever introduced any one as his counsel; and even if he had, the Court had no right to take any steps during the progress of the trial, (except when cleared for deliberation, from time to time, when necessary,) without the personal presence of the accused. The *trial* is not deemed to be closed until the accused's defence and the Judge Advocate's reply, are in; or the parties announce that they have no statements to make. The counsel, when one is introduced, only *advises* the accused, and has no right to address the Court, for any reason whatever. The Court committed an error in receiving any statement of his at all; and a very gross one in allowing such statement to deprive the accused of his defence, which he had a right to make, and which he alone, in his own proper person, could waive.

For this error, the finding and sentence are disapproved. Lieut. T. K. Lowe will be released from arrest, and will return to duty with his command, unless there be other charges pending against him.

II. Before a General Court Martial, convened at Fort Towson, C. N., by virtue of Par. II, General Orders, No. 42, current series, from

Head Quarters, District of Indian Territory, were arraigned and tried:

I. Private L. T. Day, Co. "C," Johnson's Battalion, charged with

Desertion.

The Court found the accused GUILTY, and sentenced him "*to be shot to death with musketry*"

2. Private Isaac N. McCoy, of Co. "D" Hardeman's Regiment, charged with

Desertion.

The Court found the accused *guilty*, and sentenced him "*to be shot to death with musketry.*"

The proceedings in both these cases are defective in this, that several members named in the order convening the Court, were absent, and are not accounted for. The law gives to a party accused of an offence cognizable before a General Court Martial, the right to be tried by *thirteen* officers, when they can be assembled "without manifest injury to the service." The authority convening the Court decides how many officers can be so assembled, and its decision is final. An officer ordered upon the Court, cannot, at his pleasure, absent himself. The accused has a right to be heard before the full Court, if it be possible, and if any member be absent, for good cause, the accused has a right to know what it is, and the record must show that such good cause existed. In the case (2) of private McCoy, the Court seems to have considered the statement of the accused, in the presence of the Court, as *part of the evidence.* This was an error. Where the prisoner pleads *not* guilty, his defence, after the evidence is in, may be taken to *explain* the testimony, but the Court should be slow to base a conviction upon it, either wholly or in part. Where, as in this case, the accused is a private soldier and has not the assistance of counsel, the Judge Advocate ought to interpose, and so far assist the accused, as not to allow him to prejudice his case, by making statements, which, by reason of his painful condition, as the accused party, and his embarrassment in presence of the Court, may compromise and confound him.

The findings and sentences are disapproved, and privates Day and McCoy will be released from custody, and returned to duty.

III. Before a General Court Martial, convened at Fort Washita, C. N., by virtue of General Orders No. 22, current series, from Head Quarters, District of Indian Territory, were arraigned and tried:

1. Private McJudson, of Brown's Co., Warren's Battalion, charged with

Desertion.

The Court found the accused *guilty*, and sentenced him "*to be shot to death with musketry.*"

2. Private John Webb, Co. "C." Warren's Battalion, charged with

Desertion.

The Court found the accused *guilty*, and sentenced him "*to be shot to death with musketry.*"

The proceedings in these two cases have the same defect as that first pointed out in the cases of privates Day and McCoy, reviewed above. The words in the order convening the Court, "should any of the officers named in the foregoing detail, be prevented from attending, the Court will nevertheless proceed to and continue the business before it," &c., do not cure the defect, inasmuch as the record does not show that the absent officers were *prevented* from attending, within the intent and meaning of the order.

The findings and sentences are disapproved, and privates McJudson and John Webb will be released from custody and returned to duty.

IV. Before a General Court Martial convened at Shreveport, La., by virtue of Par. X, Special Orders No. 129, current series, from Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department, was arraigned and tried, 2d Lieut. Charles F. Wood, of Company C, Buster's Battalion, Arks. Cavalry, upon charges and specifications in substance as follows, to-wit:

Charge 1st.—NEGLECT OF DUTY.

Specification.—In this that the said Lieut. Charles F. Wood, of Company C, &c., did on or about the 17th day of May, 1864, hear certain soldiers of his and other companies of Buster's battalion make use of mutinous language, and see them make arrangements to desert their command, and did neglect to report these facts to his immediate commanding officer. All this at or near Shreveport, &c.

Charge 2d.—ENCOURAGING MUTINY.

Specification.—In this that the said 2d Lieut. Charles F. Wood did on or about the 6th of April, 1864, when *en route* from Spring Hill, Arkansas, to Shreveport, Louisiana, &c., encourage his company in mutiny by mounting his horse, when a number of soldiers of his command had mounted theirs with the avowed intention of returning to Arkansas, contrary to orders, and by giving his consent to go with them in case they should return to Arkansas as aforesaid, &c., &c.

The Court found the accused GUILTY of both the charges and the specifications thereto, and sentenced him "*to be cashiered.*

The finding and sentence in this case are approved, and the said Charles F. Wood, a 2d Lieutenant of Company C, of Buster's battalion of Arkansas Cavalry, ceases to be an officer from this date. If within the ages prescribed by law, he will be immediately conscribed and placed in the ranks. Maj. Gen'l Sterling Price, commanding District of Arkansas, will see that this order is executed.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., AUGUST 9TH, 1864.

General Orders, No. 62.

I. Supplies accumulated by the Commissary Department, being necessary for the subsistence of the troops will not be diverted to other uses, without orders from these Head Quarters.

II. Detailed men employed in the Arsenals, Laboratories and Government Work-Shops, when working for ten hours or more per day, will be allowed one and a half rations.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., AUGUST 18, 1864.

General Orders, No. 63.

I. Conscripts may be assigned to artillery companies having less than one hundred enlisted men.

II. The expenses incurred in apprehending slaves who may runaway while employed in the Government service, and the legal charges for their support while in jail, will be paid by the Departments in which the slaves are employed.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., AUGUST 24TH, 1864.

General Orders, No. 64.

At a General Court Martial convened at Bonham, Texas, by Special Orders, No. 57, from these Head Quarters, dated March 8th, 1864, was arraigned and tried:

1. Col. E. J. Gurley, 30th Texas Cavalry, upon the following charges:

Charge 1st. Disobedience of orders.
" 2nd. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.
" 3rd. Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

The Court found the accused "Not Guilty," and acquitted him.

2. Col. Peter Hardeman, Hardeman's Regt., Texas Cavalry, upon the charge of

Exciting mutiny by addressing his Regiment in mutinous and seditious language.

The Court found the accused "Not Guilty." and acquitted him.

The proceedings and findings in the above cases are approved.—Colonels Gurley and Hardeman are relieved from arrest, and will rejoin their commands.

II. At a General Court Martial convened at Shreveport, La., by Special Orders, No. 177, from these Head Quarters, dated July 16th, 1864, was arraigned and tried:

1. Major Jas. S. Ashton, P. A. C. S. upon the following charge:

Absence without leave.

The Court found the accused "Guilty," and sentenced him to be suspended from rank and pay for one month.

2. Lieut. T. K. Lowe, 15th Texas Cavalry, upon the following charges:

Charge 1st.—Drunkenness.

Charge 2d.—Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline.

The Court acquitted the accused.

3. Private St. James Dubroe, Co. F., Crescent Regiment, upon the following charge:

Desertion.

The Court found the accused "Guilty," and sentenced him "to hard labor with a 24 lb ball attached to his leg, on public works, for the period of twelve months."

4. Private James Erwin, Co. "B," Clarke's Texas Battallion, on the following charges:

Charge 1st.—Mutiny.
Charge 2d.—Disobedience of orders.

The Court found the accused of the first charge— Not Guilty.
Of the 2d charge— Guilty,

and sentenced him to hard labor on the public works for ninety days.

The proceedings, findings, and sentences in the above cases are approved. The Commanding officer at Shreveport, La., is charged with the execution of the sentences in the cases of Privates St. James Dubroe and James Erwin. Lieut. T. K. Lowe is released from arrest.

By command of
General E. Kirby Smith.
S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., AUGUST 25, 1864.

General Orders, No. 65.

The following act of Congress is republished and the attention of commanding officers especially called thereto:

An act to authorize the formation of new commands, to be composed of supernumerary officers, who may resign to join such commands, and to limit and restrict the appointment of officers in certain cases.

The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That the President is hereby authorized to grant authority for the organization of companies, battalions or regiments, to be composed of supernumerary officers of the provisional army.

Sec. 2. That it shall be lawful for any supernumerary officer to join said organization, or any other company in the Confederate service, which does not exceed the maximum prescribed by law, upon tender to the proper authorities of his resignation for that purpose.

Sec. 3. That the offices left vacant by such resignations shall not be filled, and that hereafter the lowest grade of commissioned officers of a company shall not be filled unless there are upon the rolls of the company for service, at least forty-six non-commissioned officers and privates; nor shall the position of Senior Second Lieutenant be filled in case of vacancy therein, unless there are upon the rolls of the company for service at least thirty non-commissioned officers and privates; nor shall the position of First Lieutenant be filled, in case of a vacancy, unless there are at least twenty non-commissioned officers and privates on the rolls of the company for service, which fact shall in each case be certified to by the Captain of the company and approved by the Colonel of the regiment before such promotion can be made." Approved June 14, 1864.

II. The above act is so construed, as to require that the requisite number of men shall be *present for duty*, before an election or promotion can be had.

III. In case there shall not be twenty non-commissioned officers and privates for service in any company, and it should be deprived of all its officers, the company will cease to exist, and the men will be transferred to other companies in the same regiment or battalion.

IV. General Orders No. 55, series 1863, is modified so that all persons who have been assigned to duty as medical officers by orders from these Head Quarters, will be paid upon the production of said orders, as though they had received their appointments.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

State Forces, Camp-Lines, Department,

SOUTHWESTERN LA. ALGIERS, etc.

General Orders, }
No. 63. }

The following act of Congress is republished and the attention of company officers especially called to it:

An act to authorize the detention of negro refugees, to be employed as laborers, or others, who may engage to labor and support themselves, and to limit and regulate the apprentices of officers in certain cases.

The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That the President is authorized to grant authority for the organization of companies, both horse or foot, to be composed of supernumerary officers of the provisional army.

Sec. 2. That no claim shall be made for supernumerary officers in said organizations, or any such company in the Confederacy, unless, when the same shall be organized, the same shall be filled by law, upon trial, by the proper authorities, and be organized for that purpose.

Sec. 3. That the officers left vacant by such promotions shall be filled, and their successors the same, with the same rights, as in case of company officers, and shall be filled under laws now in force, upon the vacancies of the company to which they belong. Any supernumerary commissioned officers not provided for in the organization of regular commissioned officers, shall be in case of vacancy, under the same rules as upon the rolls of the company for which they are [illegible] commissioned officers and provided the number of [illegible] in case of a vacancy, [illegible] officers and privates on the rolls of any company, [illegible] to the company and [illegible] the [illegible] of the company and squadron [illegible] proved June 14, 1862.

II. The [illegible] number of [illegible] to be employed, [illegible] tion can be had.

III. [illegible] and provided [illegible] company, and it should [illegible] in the above, the company [illegible] to [illegible] transferred to other companies in the same regiment or battalion.

IV. General Orders No. 3, series 1862, is modified so that persons who have been assigned to duty as medical officers by [illegible] these Local Quartermasters, will be paid upon the production of such orders, though they had received their appointments.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

R. K. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT LA., SEPT. 1st, 1864.

General Orders, No. 67.

I. A Bureau charged with the supervision of the collection of the Tax in kind, in this department, is hereby established at Marshall, Texas. Major Benj. A Botts, Q. M., is assigned to duty as chief of this Bureau; all returns and papers in reference to the Tax in kind will be forwarded to him.

II. Contractors for carrying the Confederate States mail, and the drivers of their mail coaches and hacks, provided for by law, will be exempt from conscription; Provided, they are taken from the Reserve Corps, or they were not in the army at the time of making such contracts or engaging as such drivers.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT LA., SEPT. 1ST, 1864.

General Orders, No. 68.

Before a General Court Martial convened at Shreveport, La., by virtue of Paragraph X, Special Orders, No. 129, current series, from Department Head Quarters, of which Col. A. W. Bosworth Crescent Regt., La. Vols., was President, was arraigned and tried: Capt. R. T. Buckner, Ass't Qr. Master, P. A. C. S.

Charge—Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

(Specifications omitted.)

Finding of the Court.

Of the specifications to the charge,	Guilty.
Of the charge,	Guilty.

The proceedings and findings of the Court are approved.

Captain Buckner's conduct subjects him to severe censure, but on account of his good character, the absence of any criminal intention, and the fact that the interests of the Government have not suffered by his irregularities, the sentence of the Court is remitted and he is restored to duty.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., September 6th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 69.

The following Act of Congress is republished for the information of the Army:

AN ACT TO FURNISH TRANSPORTATION TO OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY WHILE TRAVELING UNDER ORDERS.

The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That Officers of the Army and Navy, while traveling under orders of the War or Navy Department, shall be allowed transportation in kind for themselves and their personal baggage, and ten dollars per day for expenses while necessarily traveling in the execution of their orders. [Approved June 4th, 1864.

All Officers traveling under orders from Department Head Quarters, and those making special inspections by order of the District Commanders, will be entitled to the above allowance.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., September 12th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 70.

This Department is hereby divided into four Purchasing Districts for the accumulation of supplies for the Subsistence Department:

1st. The District of Arkansas.

2d. The District of West Louisiana.

3d. All the State of Texas south of the southern boundaries of the Counties of Sabine, San Augustine, Nacogdoches, Cherokee, Anderson, Freestone, Limestone, McClennan, Coryell, Hamilton and Brown, thence along the Colorado river to its source, thence due west to the Rio Grande.

4th. The Indian Territory and all the State of Texas not embraced in the 3d District.

II. The Chief Commissaries upon the Staff of the Generals commanding the Districts of Arkansas, West Louisiana and Texas, will be the chief purchasing officers of the 1st, 2d and 3d Districts, respectively. Major J. K. P. Campbell, C. S., is announced as the chief purchasing officer of the 4th District, and will report to the Chief of Subsistence of the Department for instructions.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.

Shreveport, La., September 13th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 71.

The following regulations of the War Department are republished for the information of the Army:

Upon the death of a commissioned officer in the service of the Confederate States, *his immediate commanding officer* will forthwith make out a certificate of the fact, stating his rank and the command to which he belonged; when, where and from what cause he died; and, if possible, when and by whom he was last paid.

Upon the death of a non-commissioned officer or private in said service, *the officer commanding his company at the time of his death*, will, in like manner, forthwith make out a descriptive list, in which he will set forth when, where and by whom he was enlisted; when, where and from what cause he died; when and by whom he was last paid; whether there is any bounty or commutation for clothing due him, and whether there are any stoppages against him—for what cause and of what amount.

These certificates and descriptive lists will be transmitted directly to the Second Auditor of the Treasury of the Confederate States.

Upon the death of any soldier, the Surgeon in charge of the hospital in which it occurs, will cause an inventory to be made of all his military clothing, and will make a fair appraisement of each article thereof. It will then be turned over to the nearest Quartermaster for re-issue The original appraisement shall be forwarded to the Second Auditor to secure its value to the personal representatives of the deceased soldier.

Surgeons will turn over the money and other effects of deceased soldiers, except clothing, to the Quartermaster of the Regiment to which he belonged, if he died in the field, or to the Quartermaster of the Post, if he died in hospital, taking therefor receipts in duplicate, one of which will be forwarded by him to the commanding officer of the Company of which the soldier was a member, to be sent by him to the family of the deceased, and the other to the Second Auditor of the Treasury.

The certificates and descriptive lists above referred to, will be forwarded to the Auditor of the Treasury Agency, Marshall, Texas

The above papers are necessary to enable the Treasury Department to settle these claims and must be furnished promptly.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., Sept. 14th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 72.

All officers and men belonging to commands east of the Mississippi river, and who have come into this Department since the fall of Vicksburg, and are not now serving in the field, will report immediately, in person, to Brig.-Gen. H. T. Hays, at Alexandria, Louisiana.

II. Commanding officers will turn over to Brig.-Gen. Hays, all officers and men serving in their commands, belonging to military organizations east of the Mississippi now, who may have come into this Department since the fall of Vicksburg and have not been regularly assigned to the command with which they are serving, by proper authority.

III. Quartermasters and Commissaries will furnish the necessary supplies, transportation, &c., to enable Brig.-Gen. Hays to establish a Camp near Alexandria, La., and which may be required to collect and forward the men to their commands east of the Mississippi river.

By command of
General E. Kirby Smith,
S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., SEPT. 24TH, 1864.

General Orders, No. 73.

The following is published as a schedule of the average cost of arms, parts of arms, and accoutrements, as required by paragraph 78 of Ordnance Regulations:

PARTS.	PERCUSSION LOCK.		
	Model 1842. Musket.	Model 1855. Rifle.	Holster Pistol.
Barrel with sight, without breach,	$10 25	11 15	5 00
Breech screw,	56	56	42
Bayonet, or band stud,	02	02	
Tang screw,	18	18	15
Cone,	17	17	17
Lock plate,	1 35	1 35	1 08
Tumbler,	98	98	92
Tumbler screw,	05	05	05
Bridle,	34	34	31
Sear,	74	74	62
Sear spring,	44	44	39
Main spring,	1 06	1 06	1 00
Lock screws, each,	04	04	04
Hammer,	72	72	54
Side plate (with band for pistol),	18	12	96
Side screws, each,	21	21	17
Upper band,	69	17	
Middle band,	45	45	
Lower band,	17	17	
Upper band spring,	14	14	
Middle band spring,	14	14	
Lower band spring,	14	14	
Guard plate,	70	70	50
Guard plate screws, each,	06	06	04
Guard bow, without swivels,	48	48	28
Guard bow nut, each,	10	10	10
Swivels and rivets, each,	25	25	

PARTS.	PERCUSSION LOCK.		
	Model 1842. Musket.	Model 1855. Rifle.	Holster Pistol.
Trigger,	19	19	15
Trigger screw,	04	04	04
Butt plate,	2 05	2 05	
Butt plate screw, each,	19	19	05
Ramrod,	3 50	3 56	1 60
Ramrod spring,	28		
Ramrod wires,	02		
Ramrod stop,	02	02	
Stock,	3 20	3 20	
Bayonet,	5 48	5 48	
Bayonet clasp,	31	31	
Bayonet clasp screw,	04	04	
Ramrod swivel and rivet,			60
Ramrod swivel and rivet screw,			04
Sword bayonet blade,		6 00	
Sword bayonet hilt, without clasp,		6 00	
Sight base,		32	
Long branch (leaf),		19	
Short,		18	
Sight screws, each,		05	
Sight, complete,		82	
Barrel, complete,	10 81	11 71	
Lock, complete,	5 88	5 88	
Guard, complete,	1 75	1 75	
Bayonet, complete,	6 00	6 00	
Arm, complete, with bayonet,	41 00	42 00	
Enfield rifle, complete,		60 00	
Appendages for all arms:			
Screw driver and cone wrench,	1 50	1 50	1 50
Wiper,	75	75	75
Ball screw,	75	75	75
Spring vise,	1 50	1 50	1 50

PARTS.	SWORDS AND SABRES.					
	Cavalry Sabre.	Horse Artillery Sabre.	Artillery Sword,	Sword Bayonet.	Non-Commissioned Officer's Sword.	Musician's Sword.
Hilt, Gripe, - -	$0 60	71			79	90
Hilt, Head, - -	2 10	1 85	3 70	3 36	1 64	1 98
Hilt, Guard, - -	3 30	2 44			3 93	1 98
Blade - - - -	8 50	8 32	9 05	4 47	7 20	8 64
Scabbard, Mouth-piece,	60	42				
Scabbard, Body, -	3 60	4 20	2 13	1 30	2 16	2 25
Scabbard, Bands and rings,	1 80	2 52				
Scabbard, Ferule and stud,	50	54	1 06	84	1 14	1 13
Scabbard, Tip, -			1 06	53	1 14	1 12
Arm, complete, - -	21 00	21 00	17 00	10 50	18 00	18 00

PARTS.	ACCOUTREMENTS.			
	Infantry.	Artillery.	Cavalry.	Rifle.
Cartridge box, - - - -	$6 00	—	4 50	5 50
Cartridge box belt (leather), - -	2 57			
Cartridge box belt (canvass), - -	1 50			
Bayonet scabbard and frog, - -	2 57			
Waist belt (leather), - - -	2 06	—	—	2 06
Waist belt (canvass), - - -	1 50			
Cap pouch and pick, - - -	2 23	—	2 23	2 23
Gun sling, - - - -	1 20	—	1 20	1 20
Sabre belt, - - - -	—	5 00	5 00	
Sword belt, - - - -	—	5 00		
Carbine sling, - - - -	—	—	6 00	
Powder flask (tin), - - -	50			
Canteen, - - - -	1 25			
Canteen strap, - - - -	25			
Knapsacks, - - - -	6 50			
Haversacks, - - - -	50			

ACCOUTREMENTS—Continued.

Carbine (breech loading), - - -	$75 00
Carbine (muzzle loading), - - -	60 00
Parts of same (see prices of parts of rifle, model 1855).	
Skeleton saddles, - - -	75 00
Halter, - - -	12 00
Crupper, - - -	3 00
Stirrup leathers, - - -	6 00
Moss blanket, - - -	4 00
Halter reins, - - -	5 00
Head stall, - - -	7 00
Horse brush, - - -	2 00
Bridle, - - -	14 00
Bit. - - -	2 00
Girth, - - -	5 00
Stirrups, - - -	2 00
Bridle reins, - - -	7 00
Spurs, - - -	1 50
Curry comb, - - -	1 25
Nose bag, - - -	2 50
Cartridges of all kinds. each, - - -	25
Caps " " - - -	05

The price of bayonets is increased to $11 each.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., SEPT. 26TH, 1864.

General Orders, No. 74.

The per diem and transportation allowed by the act of Congress, approved June 4th, 1864, and published in General Order No. 69, from these Hd. Qrs. will be granted only to officers traveling under orders from Department Hd. Qrs., from the Commanding Generals of the Districts of Arkansas, West Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, and the Indian Territory, and from the Chiefs of the Several Bureaux at Marshall, Texas.

Paragraph *V.*, G. O. No. 59, current series, A. & I. G. O., will not be construed to allow transportation, or per diem, unless the orders emanate from one of the above named authorities.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT LA., SEPT. 25TH, 1864.

General Orders, No. 75.

The Reserve Corps is placed under the control of the Superintendent of the Bureau of Conscription, who is charged with its complete organization. When called into the field, the Reserve Corps will be subject to the orders of the General commanding the district, in which they are serving.

Quartermasters and Commissaries will issue to detachments of the Reserve Corps when on duty, upon the requisitions of the officer in command, approved by the Enrolling officer of the County or Parish in which they are operating.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., Sept. 27th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 76.

In obedience to instructions from the War Department, Mr. T. G. Clemson is relieved from duty as Chief of the Iron Service, in this Department, and announced as "Supervisor of Mines and Mineral Works." His duties will be scientific and advisory. He will inspect existing works and make recommendations for their improvement, modification or suspension. These recommendations will be made to the officer in charge of the work inspected, and be forwarded by him to the Chief of Ordnance Bureau of this Department. Should there be any material difference of opinion in regard to these recommendations, they will be forwarded for the decision of the General Commanding.

The "Supervisor of Mines and Mineral Works" will make mineral analyses and collect and preserve notes for a scientific report upon all operations connected with the mining service in this Department. He will report to the General commanding the Department.

II. Captain R. H. Temple, N. & M. Corps, is announced as the officer in immediate charge of the Iron Works, and Captain G. W. Helme as executive officer. They will report to the Chief of the Ordnance Bureau for special instructions.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith,

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Received Oct. 24. 1864
at Treasury Agency —

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., OCTOBER 3, 1864.

General Orders, No. 77.

I. The following Regulations are published for the information of all concerned :

AMENDED REGULATIONS,

TO CARRY INTO EFFECT THE ACT TO IMPOSE REGULATIONS UPON THE FOREIGN COMMERCE OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENCE, APPROVED FEBRUARY 6TH, 1864.

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I.—AS TO THE SEA.

1. The owners of any vessel intending to sail from a Confederate port with a cargo consisting in whole or in part of cotton, tobacco, military and naval stores, sugar, molasses or rice, shall, before the lading on board of any such articles, file with the Collector of the port from which the vessel is to sail, a copy of her register, with a declaration of the names of the owners and officers thereof, the place of their birth, and of their residence for the preceding year, together with the port or place to which the said vessel proposes to sail. The said declaration shall also set forth the quantity and value, in Confederate currency, of the cargo proposed to be taken out, as also the consent of the said owners, that one half of the tonnage of the said vessel may be employed by the Confederate Government for its own use, both on the outward and homeward voyage, at the rate of freight hereinafter mentioned. The Collectors shall submit a statement as to the owners and officers, to the military commandant of the port; and if he shall not object to their loyalty, or to the sailing of the vessel, for reasons of military necessity, the collector shall grant a permit for the lading of said vessel, one half for account of the owners, and one-half for account of the Confederate States.

2. Before the said lading shall be completed, the owners of the vessel shall execute to the Confederate States a bond in *one-half* the value of the vessel, with security deemed adequate by the collector, conditioned that she will pursue the voyage designated and that she will return with reasonable dispatch to a Confederate Port, after her outward cargo shall be discharged, with a cargo—consisting one-half of articles not prohibited by the laws of the Confederate Government, and the other half of such articles as the government shall offer for shipment from such port, at the rate of freight hereinafter mentioned.

3. Each shipper of any portion of the cargo proposed to be laden on board the said vessel shall, before the lading thereof, make application to the collector for a permit to lade the same, which application shall declare the articles to be shipped, and the quantity and value thereof in Confederate currency, the port of destination, and the name of the consignee. A permit shall then be granted by the collector, if the application is deemed satisfactory. The lading shall be had under the inspection of a revenue officer, who shall be charged with the duty of seeing that the goods laden conform to the permit.

4. Before the completion of the lading on board, or the granting a clearance, each shipper of any portion of the cargo shall execute and deliver to the collector a bond to the Confederate States, in *one-half* the value of his shipment in Confederate money, with security deemed adequate by the collector, with condition that at least one-half the net proceeds of said shipment shall be invested in goods or articles not prohibited by law; and said goods or articles shall be shipped by the same or some other vessel, to the Confederate States, within sixty days from the unlading of said cargo.

5. The freight to be paid by the Confederate States on all cotton and tobacco shipped from a Confederate port shall be five pence sterling, per pound, payable on delivery at the port of destination, in coin or sterling exchange. Return freight shall be at the rate of £20 per ton, payable on its delivery in a Confederate port, in cotton, at twelve pence sterling per pound for middling uplands, and at a proportionate price for cotton of other qualities; or, at the option of Government, in specie or sterling exchange. In calculating the ton of frieght by weight, 2,240 pounds shall be allowed; by measure, forty cubic feet shall be allowed.

6. The rates of freight for articles other than cotton and tobacco, shall be adjusted at the same relative rate, and payable in the same way.

7. The Government reserves the right to limit or prohibit the shipment of rosin, turpentine, or any manufacture thereof, whenever deemed dangerous to its own shipment.

8. Upon the completion of the lading of the vessel, and before receiving her clearance, there shall be delivered to the collector, in addition to the usual manifest, another, setting forth the names, ages and description of her officers and crew, and of every passenger intending to sail in her. The said last mentioned manifest shall be delivered to the commandant of the port, who shall thereupon cause the entire vessel to be searched, and if satisfied that the parties on board are persons who may safely be permitted to leave the Confederacy, and that the passengers had the proper passports, he shall certify the same on the manifest, and return the same to the collector; whereupon, and not before, a clearance shall be granted to the vessel, and she shall be permitted to sail.

9. The owners of each vessel and of each portion of a cargo,

sailing from a Confederate port, shall be allowed to take up their respective bonds, by producing to the collector the certificate of the proper agent of the Confederate Government at the port of delivery, setting forth the particulars, showing that the said party has complied with the obligations of the said bond, so far as the same was practicable; and the collector, upon being duly satisfied, shall be authorized to surrender the said bonds.

10. Nothing in these regulations shall be so construed as to conflict with the proviso of the law which declares "that nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit the Confederate States, or any of them, from exporting any of the articles herein enumerated on their own account," nor shall a bond be required of a State in any case.

11. The penalties of all bonds executed in conformity with these regulations, shall be recoverable in full, on proof of breach of the conditions of the bond, and without proof of any damage suffered by the Confederate States in consequence of such breach; and all bonds shall be executed in such form as to give effect to this regulation.

12. Vessels sent into the Confederacy for the purpose of exporting cotton received in payment of any Confederate bond or obligation, shall be subject to these regulations only so far as relates to such portion of the tonnage, if any, as may remain vacant after the lading of the cotton received in payment as aforesaid.

13. Whenever any vessel shall bring into the Confederate States an entire cargo for account of the Confederate States, the owners of the said vessels and the shippers of her cargo shall be relieved from the bonds previously given, to invest and bring in one-half of the net proceeds of her outward cargo; and the certificate of the agent of the Treasury Department at the port of lading, that such cargo was duly shipped in pursuance of the regulations, shall authorize the collector to cancel and surrender said bonds.

G. A. TRENHOLM,
Secretary of the Treasury.
J. A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

Approved 3d August, 1864.
JEFFERSON DAVIS.

II.—OVERLAND COMMERCE WITH MEXICO.

1. The owner of any wagon, cart or vehicle, or of any boat or other vessel, and of any horses, mules or other animals employed in transporting cotton, tobacco or naval stores from the Confederacy to Mexico, shall, before receiving any article for transportation, require of the owner thereof the collector's permit for its exportation, as herein-

after set forth; and shall before loading any article for transportation, present to the collector of the department, or officer assigned by him to that duty, a declaration setting forth a full description of all the vehicles, vessels and animals to be used by him, and their value in Confederate currency, and the names and value of the slaves if any, employed as teamsters or otherwise, in his business of transportation; and the names and such other particulars as may be required, of the free persons so employed, and the place of destination; and the collector or other officer as aforesaid shall, if satisfied of the loyalty and fidelity of the applicant, and that the application may be safely granted, endorse thereon his consent and approval, and grant a license to the applicant as a public carrier of exports to Mexico for the single trip, or for any length of time, not exceeding one year, that may be deemed proper; and the cotton, tobacco or naval stores transported shall on every trip, be one-half on account of the Government, and one-half may be for account of private persons.

2. Before the lading of said cotton, tobacco or naval stores shall be completed, the owners of the wagon, cart or other vehicle, boat or other vessel, or of the beasts of burthen, shall execute and deliver to the collector a bond to the Confederate States, in one-half the value of said wagon, cart or other vehicle, boat or other vessel, or beasts of burthen, with security deemed adequate by the collector, conditioned that the proposed journey shall be pursued; and that the said wagon, cart or other vehicle, boat or other vessel, or beasts of burthen, shall return with reasonable dispatch after the outward lading shall be discharged, with a load consisting one-half of articles not prohibited by the laws of the Confederate States, and the other half of such articles as the Government shall offer for shipment at the rate of freight hereinafter mentioned.

3. Any person desiring to export to Mexico overland, any cotton, tobacco or naval stores, shall before placing the same on any wagon, cart or other vehicle or beast of burthen, or on board of any boat or vessel, present to the collector of the department whence the merchandise is to be exported, or to the officer assigned by him as aforesaid, a declaration stating the quantity and value in Confederate currency of the articles he proposes to export, the name of the licensed carrier to be employed by him, the point of departure, the route to be pursued, the name of the consignee and the place of destination in the neutral country, and if the officer to whom the application is made shall be satisfied of the loyalty and fidelity of the applicant, and that the permission may be safely granted, he shall endorse on the application his approval; and the lading shall be had under the inspection of a revenue officer, who shall be charged with the duty of seeing that the goods ladin conform to the permit.

4. The applicant shall, before loading the merchandise which he intends to export, file with the collector of the district, whence the exportation is to be made, his application endorsed as aforesaid, and

shall execute and deliver to him a bond to the Confederate States, with security deemed adequate by the collector, in an amount equal to the value in Confederate money of the merchandise embraced in his application, with condition that at least one-half the net proceeds of said merchandise at the place of destination shall be invested in goods and merchandise not prohibited by law, and that said goods and merchandise shall be brought into the Confederate States within sixty days after the delivery of the exported articles at their place of destination in Mexico ; and the collector shall thereupon deliver to the applicant a permit to load the articles embraced in said application.

5. The freight to be paid by the Confederate Government on all cotton and other merchandise transported by a carrier, for account of the Government, shall be at such uniform rates as may be fixed from time to time ; and will be published by the collector of the district in the daily papers.

6. The owner of each wagon, cart or other vehicle, and of each boat or other vessel, and of all beasts of burthen, and the exporter of each parcel of produce or merchandise, shall be allowed to take up their respective bonds, by producing to the collector the certificate of the proper agent of the Confederate Government at the port or place of delivery, setting forth the particulars, showing that the said party has complied with the obligations of said bond, as far as the same was practicable, and the collector, upon being duly satisfied, shall be authorized to surrender the said bond.

7. Nothing in these regulations shall be so construed as to conflict with the proviso of the law which declares "that nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit the Confederate States or any of them, from exporting any articles hereinafter enumerated on their own account," nor shall a bond be required of a state in any case.

8. No licensed carrier shall depart on the trip for which permits have been granted, until he shall have delivered to the collector of the customs a manifest verified by his oath, setting forth the names of all owners of the cotton or other articles which he is about to carry, and the quantity received from each owner, and shall have obtained from the collector a clearance authorizing his departure.

9. The military commander of any department from which exports are conveyed to Mexico, shall establish, by General Orders to be published by him, as many convenient points as may be necessary for the assemblage and departure of all vehicles or means of transportation used in the business, and detail officers for the examination, search and seizure of all vehicles, teams and slaves employed as drivers, whenever engaged in the infraction or evasion of these regulations, or the law which they are intended to enforce.

10. All vehicles, animals, slaves or other means of transportation, and all cotton or other articles that may be seized, whether by revenue officers or military authorities, for any violation of law or of these regulations, shall be, without any waste, spoilation impressment,

or injury of any kind, forthwith conveyed and delivered to the nearest marshal or deputy marshal of the Confederate States, and a detailed receipt taken from him, setting forth a full description of the property seized and delivered to him for safe custody. And it shall be the duty of said marshall or deputy marshal to keep the property so surrendered in safe custody until the further order of the judge or a commissioner of a district court of the Confederate States having jurisdiction of the subject matter; and the said marshal or deputy marshal shall forthwith upon receipt by him of the property seized, give information to the collector of the district or to the district attorney, or to both if practicable, of all the facts in relation to the seizure of the property and its delivery to him for safe keeping.

11. The penalties of all bonds executed in conformity with these regulations, shall be recoverable in full, on proof of breach of the conditions of the bonds, and without proof of any damage suffered by the Confederate States in consequence of such breach; and all bonds shall be executed in such form as to give effect to these regulations.

12. No wagon, cart or other vehicle, no boat or other vessel, nor beasts of burthen, shall, without the consent of the Government, depart until one-half the load shall have been laden for the use of the Government.

13. Whenever any wagon, cart or other vehicle, boat or other vessel, or beast of burthen, shall bring into the Confederate States an entire cargo for account of the Confederate States, the owners of said wagon, cart or other vehicle, boat or other vessel, or beast of burthen, and the shippers of the cargo, shall be relieved from the bonds previously given, to invest and bring in one-half of the net proceeds of their outward cargo; and the certificate of the agent of the Treasury Department at the port of lading, that such cargo was duly shipped in pursuance of the regulations, shall authorize the collector to cancel and surrender the said bonds. No military authority shall presume, under any circumstances to seize property, while being carried under the provisions of the law and of these regulations, for any other cause than a violation of said provisions, nor in case of seizure to dispose of the property seized in any other manner than that prescribed in the foregoing regulations. But in cases where there is great risk of the property falling into the hand of the enemy, it shall be competent for the proper military authorities to require the licensed carrier to suspend his trip till the danger be passed. or to pursue a different route from that originally designated, or even in cases of imminent danger, to abandon the trip.

The foregoing regulations have this day been adopted, and will take effect from the date of publication, and the regulations hitherto in force are revoked. But all transactions actually commenced under

the previous regulations will be completed and settled upon the terms and according to the conditions of the same.

Approved, G. A TRENHOLM,
Secretary of Treasury.
J. A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

Approved 3d August, 1864.
JEFFERSON DAVIS.

II. By these Regulations the overland commerce to Mexico is placed in charge of the Treasury Department, and the military authorities will afford such assistance as may be necessary to enforce them.

III. Until further orders, San Antonio and Goliad, Texas, are designated as the points of assembly for all trains, where they will be inspected before their departure for Mexico.

IV. The officers serving with the Cotton Bureau will continue to discharge their present duties until relieved by officers or agents of the Treasury Department.

By command of
General E. KIRBY SMITH.
S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., OCT. 4TH, 1864.

General Orders, No. 78.

For the purpose of calling promptly into the field all detailed men, they will be classified as follows :

1st Class	Artisans and Mechanics.
2d. Class	Clerks, Contractors, and all others.

II. The order making the detail must designate the class to which the man belongs.

III. Brig. Gen. E. Greer, Superintendent of the Bureau of Conscription, will assign to commands in the field those who have been or may be, detailed by his authority. Every detailed man must belong to some organization, and in cases of conscripts, copies of the detail and assignment, with a descriptive roll must be forwarded to the company commander, who will take the man up on his rolls.

IV. Applications for details must state that the services of the man applied for, are indispensably necessary, and if the man is absent from his command, must state the authority for his absence,

By command of
General E. KIRBY SMITH.
S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., OCTOBER 7, 1864.

General Orders, No. 79.

Surgeon D. W. YANDELL is relieved from duty as Medical Director of this Department.

Surgeon S. A. SMITH is announced as Medical Director; until further orders he will continue to discharge the duties of Medical Director of Hospitals.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., OCTOBER 11, 1864.

General Orders, No. 80.

Information having been received from the Secretary of War, of the promotion of Major General S. B. BUCKNER, to the rank of **Lieutenant General,** he is announced as such to the Department.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., OCTOBER 12, 1864.

General Orders, No. 81.

The General Commanding announces to the army the complete success of one of the most brilliant raids of the war.

The expedition under Brigadier Generals Gano and Stand Watie, penetrating far within the enemy's lines, has captured his forage camp and train, destroyed five thousand tons of hay, and brought out one hundred and thirty captured wagons, loaded with stores, after destroying as many more, which were disabled in the action.

These, with one hundred and thirty-five prisoners, and more than two hundred of the enemy killed and wounded, attest the success of the expedition.

The celerity of the movement, the dash of the attack, and their entire success, entitle the commands engaged to the thanks of the country.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., OCTOBER 13, 1864.

General Orders, No. 82.

I. No changes will be made in the organization of troops as furnished the District Commanders without authority from Department Head Quarters.

II. The Act of Congress organizing the Reserve Corps having imposed upon it the duties, to perform which, companies for local defence were organized, all such companies are hereby disbanded, and those composing them will be enrolled and assigned according to law.

III. Officers will furnish the lists of detailed men to the enrolling officers, required to be furnished by Circular from the Bureau of Conscription, dated Marshall, Texas, September 29th, 1864.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON.

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., OCTOBER 17, 1864.

General Orders, No. 83.

Major H. W. MONTGOMERY, Consolidated Crescent Regiment Louisiana Infantry, is assigned to duty in the Adjutant General's Department at these Head Quarters.

By command of
General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON.
Assistant Adjutant General.

Cir. Dec. 29, 1864

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., OCTOBER 24, 1864.

General Orders, No. 84.

The officers serving in the Cotton Bureau will hereafter report to and act under instructions from the Treasury Department.

They will grant no more certificates on purchase of cotton, entitling parties to permits for exportation, and all persons holding such certificates or permits based thereon, must use them by exporting their cotton prior to the 1st of February, 1865, until which time, and no longer, by arrangement with the Treasury Department, they will be respected. After the 1st of February, 1865, cotton will be exported exclusively under the Regulations.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., OCTOBER 27, 1864.

General Orders, No. 85.

To the end that the accounting officers of the Treasury may be enabled to act advisedly on the claims of pay due deceased officers, and to prevent the possibility of error or fraud, in twice paying for the same period of service, all Quartermasters, charged with pay funds, will immediately prepare and transmit to Hon. D. F. Shall, Auditor T. M., at Marshall, Texas, a roll or list of all officers to whom they have heretofore made payments on account of their pay and emoluments, and hereafter will furnish similar rolls at the end of each calendar month according to the following form :

List of Officers, C. S. A., to whom payments were made by me during the month of.....186.. on account of their pay.

Date of Payment.	To Whom Paid and Rank.	What Command.	Period Paid For	Regular Pay.	Commutation.	Extra pay while traveling under orders.	Total.	
				$	$	$	$	

I certify on honor that the above is a true and correct statement and that it embraces all the officers to whom payments were made by me on their pay accounts during the period therein indicated.

Date .....

Station ....

Quartermaster.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., OCTOBER 28TH, 1864.

General Orders No. 86.

The following order from the War Department is republished for information :

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, Va., August 27, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 69.

I. The Bureau of Conscription will cause to be delivered from the proper officers of the Bureau to the Chief Commissary in every State, a report containing the names of all persons in the State, with the places of their residence, who have obtained exemptions or details as agriculturalists, owners, overseers managers, farmers, planters or otherwise, as producers of grain or provisions under the fourth paragraph of the tenth section of the military Act of the 17th February, 1864, published in General Orders No. 26, (current series,) together with a statement of the terms of the contract, the sureties to the same, and with all other pertinent facts relating to the said exemption or detail. The officers of the Subsistence Department, under the direction of the Commissary General and Chief Commissary of each State, are charged with the collection of the meat which any exempt or detailed men may have contracted to pay, and to give an acquittance therefor ; also to make whatever commutations or reductions that may be authorized by the act whenever the conditions are established that justify the same ; and to make all the purchases of the marketable surplus at the prices specified in the act, which the same authorizes to be made on behalf of the Government. The said Subsistence Department being hereby clothed with authority to represent the Government in the enforcement of its claims under the contracts and obligations that the act imposes upon the exempts and detailed men described therein.

II. In order that the regulation on the subject of the sale of the marketable surplus of provisions and grain to the Government, and the families of soldiers in the said act, may have execution, the Commissaries in the different States may be instructed to limit their purchases of grain and provisions of the marketable surplus in any District to some definite proportion, not to exceed one-half, and to leave the remainder for the persons who purchase on behalf of the families of soldiers.

III. All agents appointed by the public authorities of any State, county or town, to supply food for the families of soldiers, are authorized to purchase the portion unappropriated by the Government, for the object of their trust. The Commanders of Conscripts, or the Chief Commissary of each State or District may authenticate the authority of such agents, and persons selling to agents thus authenticated shall be fully warranted to do so.

IV. The families of soldiers as described in the said act, are the families composed of the wife or wife and children of any person who belongs to the army; the widow or widow and children of any person who died while in the service; the mother and sisters of any soldier or soldiers in the army and who resided with them as members in the same family or were dependent upon their labor or support; the parents or sisters of any person belonging to the army, who resided in the same family with them and who derived from them support.

V. Officers are authorized to purchase necessary subsistence for their families under this act.

VI. Every exempt and detailed man under this act shall render to the Enrolling officer in his District, a detailed statement of the marketable surplus produced and sold by him, with testimony that the sales were to the Government or soldiers' familes, which statement shall be sent to the Commander of Conscripts for the State, and thereupon satisfaction upon his bond shall be entered.

VII. The act of Congress aforesaid provides: That exemptions in favor of the classes aforesaid shall cease whenever the farmer, planter or overseer shall fail diligently to employ in good faith his own skill, capital and labor exclusively in the production of grain and provisions, to be sold to the Government and the families of soldiers at prices not exceeding those fixed at the time for like articles by the Commissioners of the State, under the impressment act. It has been represented to the Department that there are instances of persons exempt or detailed under this act, who pay but little respect to the obligations they have contracted. That they have become speculators in food and provisions; that they are negligent and careless as to the extent of their productions, and openly affirm that they do not mean to have any surplus. The Department is required, in all such or similar cases, to revoke the detail, and the performance of this duty is devolved upon the Bureau of Conscription, upon proper testimony being afforded to them or to their officers, to be designated by them, to perform this duty.

By order.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.

II. Paragraph IV of the above order is amended to include in the families entitled to purchase, the widowed mother of any soldier who may have died in the service, and who was dependent upon him for a support.

III. Any person purchasing under this order must make an affidavit if a soldier or citizen, or certify if an officer, that the supplies are for their family use, and no more will be sold at one time than supplies for three months. The affidavit or certificate must set forth clearly the fact that the person purchasing comes within the requirements of this order and that no more is asked for than supplies for three months.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON.

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., NOVEMBER 1ST, 1864.

General Orders N. 87.

Commanders of companies are hereby directed to return immediately to their proper command, all men serving with them, who belong to other commands in this Department. No authority will be sufficient to retain the men where they do not properly belong.

Inspector Generals in making inspections will see that the above order is enforced, and in cases where they find it violated. prefer charges against the company commander, for violation of the 22d Article of War and of this ordor.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON.

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., NOVEMBER 18, 1864.

General Orders, No. ~~87.~~ 89

General Orders No. 84 is hereby revoked.

By arrangement with the Treasury Department, the Chief of the Cotton Bureau is allowed until the first of February next, to close his unfinished business.

Certificates, exempting Cotton from impressment with the right of exportation, issued by authority of Lieutenant Colonel Broadwell prior to the first of February next, will be respected until used.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., NOV. 24, 1864.

General Orders, No. 89.

The following proclamation of the President is republished for information in this Department:

PROCLAMATION

APPOINTING A DAY FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

It is meet that the people of the Confederate States should, from time to time, assemble to acknowledge their dependence on Almighty God, to render devout thanks to His Holy name, to bend in prayer at His footstool, and to accept, with fervent submission, the chastening of His Allwise and Allmerciful Providence.

Let us, then, in temples and in the field, unite our voices in recognizing, with adoring gratitude, the manifestations of His protecting care in the many signal victories with which our arms have been crowned; in the fruitfulness with which our land has been blessed, and in the unimpaired energy and fortitude with which He has inspired our hearts and strengthened our arms in resistance to the iniquitous designs of our enemies.

And let us not forget that while graciously vouchsafing to us His protection, our sins have merited and received grievous chastisement; that many of our best and bravest have fallen in battle; that many others are still held in foreign prisons; that large districts of our country have been devastated with savage ferocity, the peaceful homes destroyed, and helpless women and children driven away in destitution; and that with fiendish malignity the passions of a servile race have been excited by our foes into the commission of atrocities from which death is a welcome escape.

Now, therefore, I, JEFFERSON DAVIS, President of the Confederate States of America, do issue this my proclamation, setting apart WEDNESDAY, the 16th day of November next, as a day to be specially devoted to the worship of Almighty God; and I do invite and invoke all the people of these Confederate States to assemble on the day aforesaid, in their respective places of public worship, there to unite in prayer to our Heavenly Father that He bestow His favor upon us; that He extend over us the protection of His Almighty arm; that He sanctify His chastisement to our improvement, so that we may turn away from evil paths and walk righteously in His sight; and that He may restore peace to our beloved country, healing its bleeding wounds,

and securing to us the continued enjoyment of our own right to self-government and independence; and that he will graciously hearken to us, while we ascribe to him the power and glory of our independence.

{ SEAL } Given under my hand and the seal of the Confederate States, at Richmond, this 26th day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

By the President:

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

J. P. BENJAMIN,
Secretary of State.

The foregoing proclamation, owing to the irregularity of communication with the Seat of Government, was not received until too late for the general observance of the day appointed. The Commanding General therefore directs that the 16th day of December next be set apart for the objects specified; that on that day all government work-shops be closed and labor suspended; and that, as far as practicable, all military duties cease. The troops are recommended to assemble at their respective places of worship, and the citizens of the Department invited to unite in the religious observance of the day.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., November 28th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 91.

The following named officers are assigned to duty at Department Head Quarters:

Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. Belton, Adjutant-General's Department, Assistant Adjutant-General from November 8th, 1864.

Major P. B. Leeds, Consolidated 18th Louisiana Infantry, as Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., DECEMBER 1. 1864.

General Orders, No. 93.

The following Act of Congress is republished for information, and especial attention called thereto :

An Act to prevent the procuring, aiding and assisting of persons to desert from the Army of the Confederate States, and for other purposes.

"The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That every person not subject to the rules and articles of war, who shall procure or entice a soldier, or person enrolled for service in the army of the Confederate States, to desert, or who shall aid or assist any deserter from the army, or any person enrolled for service, to evade their proper commanders, or to prevent their arrest, to be returned to the service, or who shall knowingly conceal or harbor any such deserter, or shall purchase from any soldier, or person enrolled for service, any portion of his arms, equipments, rations or clothing, or any property belonging to the Confederate States, or any officer or soldier of the Confederate States, shall, upon conviction before the District Court of the Confederate States having jurisdiction of the offence, be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars and be imprisoned not exceeding two years." [Approved January 22d. 1864.]

II. Property purchased from a soldier in violation of the provisions of this Act will be seized and turned over to the nearest officer who is charged with that peculiar kind of Government property, who will receipt for the same and account for it. The facts will be reported at once to these Head Quarters for reference to the civil authorities, in order that the penalties prescribed may be enforced.

III. Hereafter no furlough will be granted, unless the certificate of the company commander accompanies the application, that the soldier has in his possession all the arms and accoutrements which have been issued to him, or that they have been satisfactorily accounted for.

IV. The following prices will be charged for arms lost, until further orders :

Musket	$200 00
Rifle	200 00
Carbine	200 00
Pistol (Navy revolvers)	400 00
" Army "	500 00

By command of
General E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., December 3d, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 94.

I. Houston and Bonham, Texas, and Shreveport, La., are announced as General Depots for supplies of Quartermaster's property, and Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage, and are placed under the control of the Chief Quartermaster of the Department.

II. The following named officers are assigned to the charge of the Depots:

Captain Udolpho Wolfe, A Q. M., Shreveport, La.
Captain F. Seibert, A. Q. M., Houston, Texas.
Captain T. D. Kingsbury, A. Q. M., Bonham, Texas.

III. Issues from these Depots will only be made upon consolidated estimates from the Chief Quartermasters of Districts, approved by the Chief Quartermaster of the Department.

IV. All Quartermaster's property, introduced from abroad, will be transferred to the officers in charge of the Depots.

V. All Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage, introduced from abroad, or manufactured by the Clothing Bureau, will be transferred to the officers in charge of these Depots, upon requisitions from the Chief Quartermaster of the Department made upon the Chief of Quartermaster Bureau. No issue of Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage will be made by officers in charge of manufacturing establishments controlled by the Chief of the Clothing Bureau.

The Chief of the Clothing Bureau will report to Chief of Quartermaster Bureau.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith.

S S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., DECEMBER 12, 1864.

General Orders, No. 96.

Hereafter, Medical Officers, when granting furloughs to soldiers sick in Hospitals—under the provisions of General Orders No. 69, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Richmond, Va., (Series of 1863)—will observe the following form :

SOLDIER'S SICK FURLOUGH.

To all whom it may concern :

The bearer.....a.....of.....Company..... Reg't of.....Brigade, having been examined by the Medical Board, and found unfit for duty, is permitted to visit his home in .....State of....., to recruit his health for sixty days, at the expiration of which time he will report to.....or be considered a deserter.

Said Private.....was enlisted at.....State of.....by.....is....years old.....feet....inches high.....complexion.....eyes.....hair, and was last paid to include the....day of.....186 . He has clothing due him from.....186— to the present time.

Given under my hand at.....Hospital at.....,
this....day of.....186 .

.....,
Surgeon P. A. C. S.,
President of Examining Board.

By command of
General E. Kirby Smith.
S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., DECEMBER 19, 1864.

General Orders, No. ~~96~~ 97.

I. All wagons and trains engaged in the transportation of cotton to San Antonio, Goliad and Houston, in which the Treasury Agency is interested, in whole, or in one-half of the lading thereof, shall be exempt from military molestation; and all officers on the route, will permit a free passage to, and from, their places.

II. Persons wishing to avail themselves of the foregoing paragraph, will be required to obtain from the Treasury Agency the evidence of being engaged in that branch of the public service.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., DECEMBER 27, 1864.

General Orders, No. 98.

I. The following order from the War Department, is republished for the information of all concerned:

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, Va., March 21, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 36.

I. Special attention is directed to the 90th Article of war, and paragraph 877, Army Regulations, requiring the proceedings of General Courts Martial, and Orders respecting the sentences of such courts, to be transmitted, with as much expedition as practicable, to the War Department. The observance of these rules, especially in capital cases and trials affecting the commissions of officers, also of paragraph 871 of the Regulations prescribing the manner of making up and securing the court record, is enjoined upon all concerned.

II. Every Court Martial record, which should be kept distinct and separate in each case, must be endorsed with the name, rank, or description of the party, and the court by which he was tried; to which should be added the action of the reviewing officer, confirming or disapproving the sentence, duly attested by his signature.

By order.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.

II. The proceedings of all Courts Martial, or Military Courts in this Department, will be forwarded in accordance with the above order, through Department Head Quarters.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Grand Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., DECEMBER 27, 1864.

General Orders, No. 38.

I. The following is published from the War Department, is republished for the information of all concerned:

Adjutant and Inspector General's Office,
Richmond, Va., March 21, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 36.

I. Special attention is directed to the 30th Article of War, and paragraph 877, Army Regulations, requiring the proceedings of General Courts Martial and Orders respecting the sentences of such courts, to be transmitted with as much expedition as practicable to the War Department. [illegible] the number of these cases, especially in capital cases and those involving the commissions of officers, also of paragraph 871 of the Regulations requiring the manner of making up and sending the court records, is repeated upon all concerned.

II. Every case of [illegible] which should be disapproved and suspended [illegible] must be endorsed with the reasons, [illegible] or the opinion of the reviewing officer, by which should be guided the action of the reviewing officer in carrying to disapproval the sentence [illegible] is as follows:

By order:

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.

II. The proceedings of all Courts Martial or Military Commissions in this Department will be [illegible] through Headquarters Trans-Miss. Department.

By command of

Lieutenant E. Kirby Smith:

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., DEC. 28, 1864.

General Orders, No. 99.

I. Soldiers who were between the ages of 45 and 50 at the passage of the Act of 17th February, 1864, and enlisted at a given period, are entitled to their discharge from field service at the expiration of their present terms of enlistment, but will be still liable to enrollment in the reserve corps. Soldiers who were over 45 years of age at the passage of the above named act, and had voluntarily enlisted for the war, are not entitled to change their service from the field to the reserve corps.

II. All Medical Examining Boards in the Trans-Mississippi Department will report on the 1st day of January, 1865, and every three months thereafter, to the Chief of the Medical Bureau, and to the Medical Director Trans-Mississippi Department, the names of the members thereof, and the orders under which they were constituted. On the formation of any new board, the fact will at once be reported.

III. The daily extra compensation allowed clerks serving in the different departments, in addition to their extra pay of one dollar per day, will not exceed two dollars.

IV. Par. VIII, General Order No. 42, current series, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, does not entitle to a discharge, men who were under 45 years of age at the passage of the Act of 17th February, 1864, nor does it embrace members of the reserve corps, or entitle them to a discharge on arriving at the age of 50 years.

By command of

General E. Kirby Smith,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., DEC. 29, 1864.

General Orders, No. 100.

I. At a Court of Inquiry convened at Camden, Ark., by virtue of Special Orders, No. 142, Par. IV, June 7th, 1864, Dept. Head Quarters, to examine into, report upon, and express their opinion as to the merits of a charge against Brig. Gen'l Dandridge McRae, P. A. C. S., of misbehavior before the enemy at the attack upon Helena, Ark., July 4th, 1863, the following conclusion was arrived at by the Court:

FINDING AND OPINION OF THE COURT.

The testimony being before the Court, with the statement of Brig. Gen'l McRae, and the Court being cleared for deliberation, and having duly considered the testimony of all the witnesses, together with the papers and maps accompanying the Record, are of opinion that Gen'l McRae's conduct at Helena, on the 4th of July, 1863, on the occasion of the attack on the enemy at that place, was obnoxions to no charge of misbehavior before the enemy.

II. The Court of Inquiry, in the case of Brigadier General D. McRae, is dissolved.

By command of
General E. KIRBY SMITH,
S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., DECEMBER 30TH, 1864.

General Orders, No. 101.

I. To enable the Cotton Bureau to close its business satisfactorily, and for the protection of parties who had contracted with it under the provisions of General Order No. 35, current series, Dept. Head Quarters, the following arrangement has been made with the Treasury Department, viz: That the certificates of exemption which had been regularly given by the Cotton Bureau before the publication of General Order No. 84, current series, Dept. Head Quarters, and such as might be given in fulfillment of contracts for supplies or for cotton purchases under Order No. 35, which had been entered into and made before the publication of Order No. 84, would be entitled to permits for exportation under the regulations promulgated in General Order No. 35, until the first day of February, 1865, and not afterwards.

II. No certificate of permit for the exportation of cotton will be issued by any military authority in this Department, for any other purpose than is authorized by the foregoing paragraph.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.