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# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., JAN. 2, 1864.

## General Orders, } No. 1. }

The General Commanding having been informed that unauthorized persons are collecting the "TAX IN KIND," it is hereby announced, that only regular Officers and Agents on "Tax in Kind" duty, bonded Quartermasters and Commissioners, and those persons specially authorized by the officers in charge, or Controlling Quartermasters of States, can give valid receipts to a producer for his Tithe Tax. All other persons than those specified above, are positively prohibited from giving receipts, which would be unjust impositions and worthless to the Tax Payer.

Commissaries and Quartermasters serving with troops, and those purchasing supplies, can only collect Tithes when specially authorized by the Chiefs of their respective Departments. Those who have collected any portion will receipt immediately therefor to the officer in charge of the District, where the collections have been made, or in his absence to the Controlling Quartermaster of the State. They will strictly conform to the orders on this subject from the Adjutant and Inspector General's office at Richmond.

This Order will be published immediately by the District Commanders, who will cause every officer or soldier, guilty of any violation thereof, to be promptly arrested.

II. Major J. F. O'Brien, P. A. C. S., is assigned to duty in the Inspector General's Department, and will report to Colonel Ben. Allston, Inspector General.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General



Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept. }

Shreveport, La., January 3d, 1865. }

GENERAL ORDERS }

No. 2. }

I. Whenever Ordnance Stores are lost or damaged in any Brigade, it will be the duty of each Brigade, Division, or District Commander, at the request of his Ordnance Officer, or of any officer accountable for Ordnance Stores, to appoint as often as necessary, a Board of Survey to consist of three officers, to assess the value of, or damage to, such stores.

The decision of this Board, with the approval of the Brigade, Division or District Commander, will be final,—and it will be the duty of the Brigade, Division or District Ordnance Officer to notify the company commander to stop the amount on the muster-rolls when privates are found chargeable,—and when officers are found chargeable, instead of reporting to the Secretary of War as required by Paragraph 921 Army Regulations, he will notify the Brigade Quartermaster or the Chief Quartermaster of the District, to have the amount stopped at the next payment. Duplicates of such notifications will be sent to the Chief of the Ordnance Bureau, Trans-Miss. Dep't., to be transmitted by him to the Second Auditor of the Treasury, at Marshall, Texas.

A statement of all stoppages made by the Board of Survey against officers and men will be furnished by the Brigade, Division or District Ordnance Officer to the Brigade Inspector or other officer having charge of that duty who will see that these stoppages are actually made.

The above instructions will also be adhered to in the artillery, where the Board of Survey will be called by the Commanding Officer of the troops with whom the Battery or Company may be serving

II. Ordnance Sergeants will remain habitually with their Regiment, and will keep themselves constantly informed as to the positions of the Brigade Ordnance train.

III. Issues of Cartridges except to cover expenditure in action, will be limited to three rounds for each man per month, for the effective strength of the command. Should it appear from the property returns, that the expenditure has exceeded this limit, the money value of the excess will be stopped against the Ordnance Officer, as prescribed in Paragraph I. of this order.

IV. The Chief Ordnance Officer of the Army or District will report, within thirty days after the expiration of each quarter, any failure on the part of the officers in the command to which he is attached, to make the returns required by the Regulations.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,



# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., JANUARY 4 1865.

## General Orders, } No. 3. }

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

RICHMOND, DECEMBER 1, 1864.

## EXCHANGE NOTICE, } No. 13. }

1. All Confederate officers and men who have been delivered by the Federal authorities at any place prior to November 25 th, 1864, are hereby declared to be exchanged.

2. All officers and men of the Vicksburg capture of July 4th, 1863, who reported at any parole camp either east or west of the Mississippi river, at any time prior to November 1st, 1864, are hereby declared to be exchanged.

(Signed)

R. OULD.

Agent of Exchange.

II. All officers and men who have been exchanged by Notices No. 12 and 13 will report for duty with their respective commands without delay.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General



# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., JAN. 5, 1865.

## General Orders, } No. 4. }

I. At a General Court Martial convened at Tyler, Texas, by Par. VI, Special Orders No. 157, series of 1864 from Department Head Quarters, of which Brigadier General J. S. Roane was President—was arraigned and tried Lieutenant Philip Fulcrod, on the following charges :

**Charge 1st.**—Disobedience of orders.

**Charge 2nd.**—Neglect of duty.

**Charge 3rd.**—Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline.

**Charge 4th.**—Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. The Specifications being lengthy are omitted.

### Finding and Sentence.

Of the 1st Specification to the 1st Charge,	<b>Guilty.</b>
Of the 2nd Specification to the 1st Charge,	<b>Guilty.</b>
Of the 3rd Specification to the 1st Charge,	<b>Not Guilty.</b>
<b>Of the 1st CHARGE—Guilty.</b>	
Of the 1st Specification to the 2d Charge,	<b>Guilty.</b>
Of the 2d Specification to the 2d Charge,	<b>Guilty.</b>
Of the 3d Specification to the 2d Charge,	<b>Not Guilty.</b>
Of the 4th Specification to the 2d Charge,	<b>Not Guilty.</b>
Of the 5th Specification to the 2d Charge,	<b>Not Guilty.</b>
<b>Of the 2d CHARGE—Guilty.</b>	
Of the 1st Specification to the 3d Charge,	<b>Not Guilty.</b>
Of the 2d Specification to the 3d Charge,	<b>Not Guilty.</b>
Of the 3d Specification to the 3d Charge,	<b>Not Guilty.</b>
Of the 4th Specification to the 3d Charge,	<b>Guilty.</b>
Of the 5th Specification to the 3d Charge,	<b>Not Guilty.</b>
Of the 6th Specification to the 3d Charge,	<b>Guilty, (except certain words.)</b>
<b>Of the 3d CHARGE—Not Guilty.</b>	



Of the 1st Specification to the 4th Charge,	<b>Guilty.</b>
Of the 2d Specification to the 4th Charge,	<b>Guilty.</b>
Of the 3d Specification to the 4th Charge,	<b>Not Guilty.</b>
Of the 4th Charge—	<b>Guilty</b> of conduct unbecoming an officer.

The Court then sentenced the accused to be suspended from his rank as an officer in the Confederate States army for the period of three months, and to be reprimanded in published orders by the General commanding the Trans-Miss. Department.

The proceedings in the foregoing case have been laid before the Commanding General and are by him disapproved. The punishment of Lieutenant Fulcrod is wholly disproportioned to his guilt. Such violations of duty should cost the officer his commission.

In the progress of the proceedings in this case and upon motion of a member of the Court, the charges were so amended—under protest from the Judge Advocate—as to describe the accused as a Lieutenant-Colonel instead of a Lieutenant of Artillery. The task of framing, altering or amending charges belongs properly to the officer preferring them or to the Judge Advocate; the Court sits in a judicial capacity; it constitutes no part of their duty and is peculiarly inappropriate for them to assume and exercise the right to alter or amend the charges upon whose legality it is their province to pass as Judges.

The finding on the 4th Charge is objectionable; this charge is not susceptible of division. The Court should have acquitted the accused upon it instead of dividing the charge.

Lieutenant Philip Fulcrod will report to Major General J. G. Walker, commanding the District of Texas, &c., who has received instructions concerning him.

II. The General Court Martial, of which Brigadier General J. S. Roane is President, is dissolved.

III. At a General Court Martial convened at Galveston, Texas, by Par. XIII, Special Orders No. 153, Series of 1864, from Head Quarters District of Texas, &c., of which Major E. Von Harton, Cook's Regiment, Texas Artillery, was President, was arraigned and tried the following privates: Private D. Morton, Cook's Regiment Heavy Artillery, Private J. Wilson, Dege's Battery Light Artillery, each of them charged with

### **Desertion.**

The Specifications are omitted.

In each case the Court found the above named parties guilty of both the charge and specification, and sentenced them—two-thirds of the Court concurring—to be publicly shot to death with musketry.

The proceedings, findings and sentences in the above named cases have been laid before the General Commanding and are by him approved. The sentences will be executed at or near Galveston, Texas, in the presence of such troops as may be most conveniently assembled, at (2) two o'clock, P. M., on Friday, February 10th, 1865, or in case of unavoidable delay, as soon after that date as practicable.

Major Gen'l J. G. Walker, commanding the District of Texas, &c., is charged with the duty of having these sentences carried into effect.

IV. Before a General Court Martial convened at Sabine Pass by Par. II, Special Orders No. 94, series of 1864, from Head Quarters District of Texas, &c., of which Major T. C. McReynolds was President, was arraigned and tried private S. M. Beadle, Co. B, 21st Regiment Texas Infantry.

**Charge—Desertion.**

Specification omitted.

The Court found the accused guilty, and—two thirds of the members concurring—sentenced him to be shot to death with musketry in the presence of the garrison of Sabine Pass, Texas, at such time as the Commanding General may designate.

Also was tried—

Private C. B. Caraway, Co. D. Spaight's Battalion, and Private G. W. Trull, Co. B, Spaight's Battalion, each of them charged as follows:

**Charge 1st—Desertion.**

Specification omitted.

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

Specification omitted.

The Court found each of the accused guilty of the first charge, acquitted them of the second, and sentenced each of them—two thirds of the members concurring—to be shot to death with musketry, in the presence of the garrison of Sabine Pass, Texas, at such time as the Commanding General may designate.

The proceedings, findings and sentences in the foregoing cases, are approved. The sentences will be executed, at or near Sabine Pass, in presence of such troops of the garrison as may be most conveniently assembled, at 2 o'clock P. M., on Friday, the 17th of February, 1865, or in case of unavoidable delay, as soon thereafter as practicable.

Major General J. G. Walker, Commanding the District of Texas, &c., is charged with the duty of having these sentences carried into effect.

V. Upon the adjournment *sine die* of any General Court Martial the Judge Advocate will forward to Department Head Quarters a statement of all the cases tried by the Court, containing a copy of the order under which the Court convened, the name, rank and command of accused, the offense with which he is charged and the disposition made of the case. The Judge Advocates of the military Courts will forward a similar statement at the end of every month.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., JANUARY 7, 1865.

## General Orders, } No. 5.

I. The following officers having reported for duty, in accordance with orders, are announced as constituting the Military Court for this Department :

Colonel LOUIS BUSH, Presiding Officer.

Colonel GUY M. BRYAN, P. A. C. S.

Colonel M. R. CULLEN, P. A. C. S.

Lieutenant J. W. HARDIE, P. A. C. S., Judge Advocate.

II. All orders heretofore issued from Department Head Quarters relating to the pay of "bonded agents" are hereby revoked. From the first of August, 1864, they will receive the pay and allowances of a Captain of Infantry.

III. Surgeon L. T. PIM, P. A. C. S., is announced as Assistant to the Chief of the Medical Bureau, Trans-Mississippi Department.

IV. Officers commanding companies, battalions and regiments, will report without delay to Department Head Quarters, the names and rank of the officers captured from their respective commands.

V. Paragraph VI of General Orders No. 40, series of 1864, from Department Head Quarters, is amended as follows : When sugar and molasses are not issued, the ration of fresh beef will be one and a half pounds, or of bacon three-fourths of a pound; of flour one and a half pounds, or of corn meal one and a half pounds.

To those who labor ten hours or more daily, the ration of sugar and molasses will also be issued in addition to the above.

Paragraph II of General Orders No. 62, series of 1864, from Department Head Quarters, is hereby revoked.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General

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Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept. }  
Shreveport, La., January 21st, 1865. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 6. }

Hereafter no leave of absence will be granted by District Commanders for a longer period than Thirty days, unless upon Certificate of Disability—and in the case of Medical Officers, satisfactory evidence must accompany the application that proper medical attendance has been secured for their commands during their absence.

Applications for extension of leave of absence from a Medical Officer must be made through the Chief Medical Officer in the District, of the branch of service to which the applicant belongs.

No leave of absence exceeding Seven days will be granted to a Medical Purveyor without reference to the Chief of Medical Bureau.

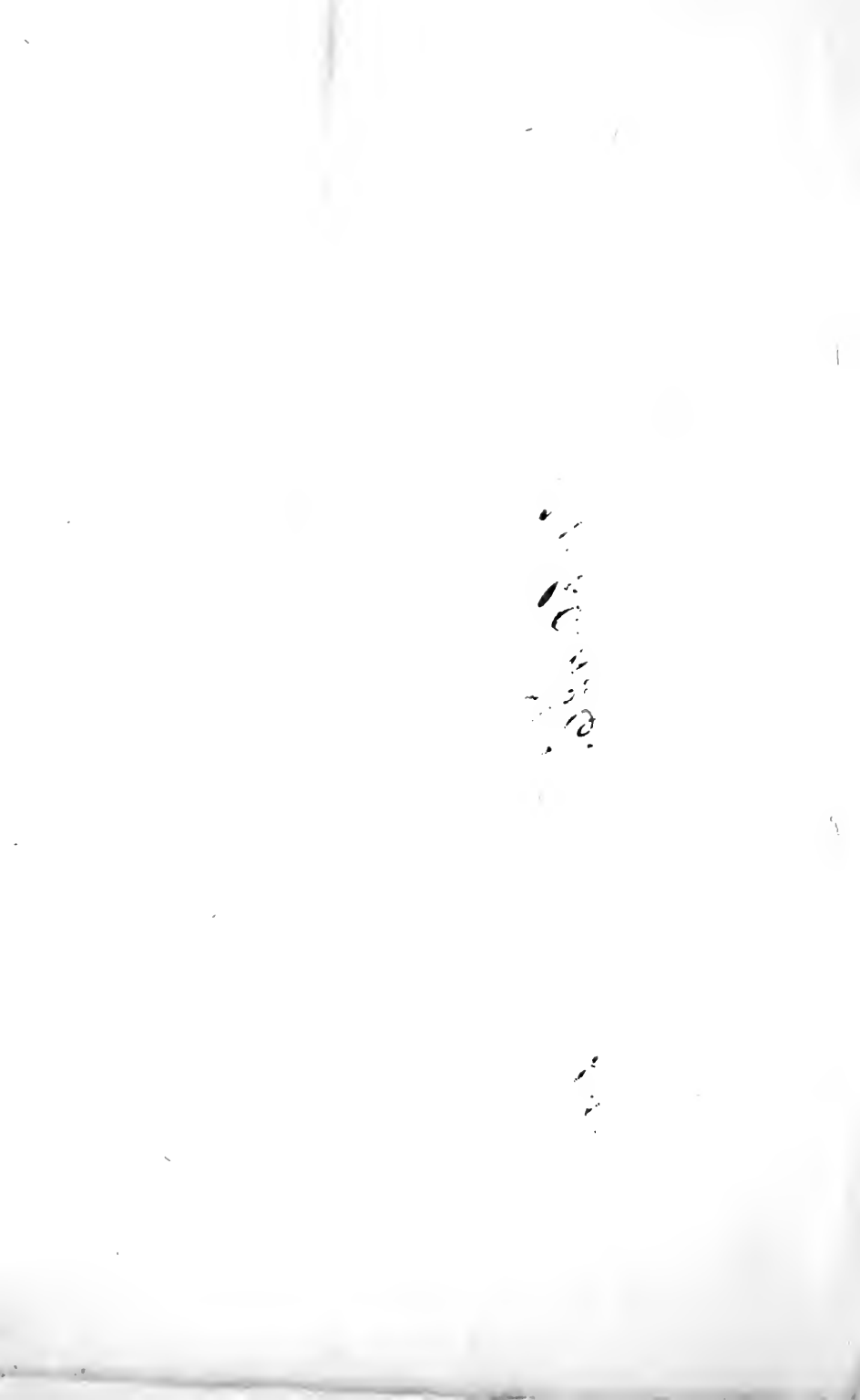
II. During the temporary absence of Capt. JOHN E. GAREY, Chief Quartermaster, Major W. H. HAYNES, Q. M., will take charge of his office.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept. }  
Shreveport, La., February 2d, 1865. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 7. }

I. For the purpose of enforcing General Orders No. 57, series, 1864, from Department Head Quarters, Enrolling Officers are directed to inspect the rolls of detailed men, employed in the Government establishments in their districts. Officers in charge of these establishments will, upon application of the Enrolling Officer, furnish the rolls, and exhibit the orders detailing the men.

II. Application for the revocation of any Special Order must specify the paragraph, number and date of the Order.

III. In order to facilitate the supply of forage and subsistence to detachments of the Reserve Corps, Officers of the Tax-in-Kind service will direct their agents in charge of Depots, to supply as far as practicable, the requirements of such commands as are on duty, taking the requisitions and receipts of the Officer in command for the forage and subsistence issued to them.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



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Shreveport, La., February 3d, 1865. }

GENERAL ORDERS }

No. 8. }

Under the Regulations of Overland commerce with Mexico, established by the President on the 3d of August 1864, and published in General Orders No. 77, series of 1864, from Department Head Quarters, all carriers engaged in the exportation of Cotton and Tobacco, west of San Antonio or Goliad, Texas, and leaving either of those points after the 1st day of February 1865, must have clearance papers for their wagons or other vehicles from the Deputy Collector of Customs at one of these places, viz: from Mr. Samuel Sampson at San Antonio, or Mr. John N. Rose at Goliad. Any such wagons or vehicles with Cotton or Tobacco moving westward from either of these places after the 1st day of February 1865 without such clearance will be liable to seizure under the 9th and 10th Paragraphs of the Regulations.

The military commander of the Western Sub District of Texas will cause the same to be executed in accordance with the said Regulations.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



## Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., FEBRUARY 10, 1865.

### General Orders, } No. 9.

I. All communications addressed to Dept. Hd. Qrs. should state distinctly the Post Office, County and State, to which answers are to be directed. Neglect of this simple matter often causes much delay, and compliance with the above rule will enable the Department to give prompt attention to all questions submitted for decision.

II. The transfer of detailed men from the employment of the officer to whom they are ordered to report, unless made by the authority granting the detail, is strictly forbidden, and any officer making such transfers will be held to a rigid accountability.

III. Major GEO. A. GALLAGHER, Ass't Adj't Gen'l, is assigned to duty at Dept. Hd. Qrs.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters of the British Army

BRITISH ARMY

General Orders  
No. 1

I. All commands are directed to observe the Post Office regulations in respect of this order and to comply with the provisions of the regulations in all particulars.

II. In the event of any command being ordered to march, the commanding officer is to be held responsible for the proper transmission of this order to the command.

III. Upon the receipt of this order, the commanding officer is to be held responsible for the proper transmission of this order to the command.

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# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., FEBRUARY 13, 1865.

## General Orders, } No. 10. }

I. The following order is published for the information of the Department.

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

*Richmond, October 8, 1864.*

## GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 77. }

The following will supersede General Orders, No. 76, present series, which are hereby revoked:

I. All details heretofore granted, under authority of the War Department, to persons between the ages of 18 and 45 years, are hereby revoked; and all such detailed men, together with those within the said ages, who hold furloughs or temporary exemptions by reason of pending applications for detail, will be promptly assembled at the camps of instruction, and appropriately assigned among the armies for service; except that men detailed and now actually employed in the service of the Government as artisans, mechanics or persons of scientific skill (and those detailed and now engaged in the manufacture, collection and forwarding of indispensable supplies for the army and navy), will be continued in their present employments until their respective details are revised.

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By order.

S. COOPER,  
Adjutant and Inspector General.

II. In accordance with the above order, all details of men who do not hold certificates of Medical Boards showing unfitness for service in the field, are revoked, with the following exceptions: Men detailed from Department Head Quarters, on the ground of justice, equity, and necessity, where that ground still exists and is stated in the order of detail; clerks, who are experts, and whose services are indispensably necessary, not exceeding one for each officer, except in the Bureaux at Marshall, Texas, and those in the service of the Post Office, Treasury and Adjutant General's Department; men detailed in field service, in which class is embraced those constantly engaged

in collecting cattle, horses and mules, and in hauling indispensable supplies from one post to another; artisans, mechanics and persons of scientific skill, in the service of the government; contractors with the government, whose personal services are certified by the Chief of the Department with whom they have contracted, to be indispensable to the execution of their contract, and whose individual attention is given thereto.

III. Officers are not permitted to relieve men regularly detailed to them. When they wish details revoked, application must be regularly made, stating the reasons.

IV. Men whose details are revoked for misconduct or neglect of duty, will not be again subject to detail during the remainder of their term of service.

V. No detailed man will be furloughed unless he has a certificate of a Medical Board, or is recommended by the officer with whom he is serving, for extraordinary skill and attention to duty.

VI. Able-bodied agriculturalists who are detailed from Department Head Quarters, and whose details are hereby revoked, will be allowed until the 1st of May, 1865, to renew their applications. If they are not re-detailed by that date, enrolling officers will send them to their commands without delay.

VII. Men detailed as mechanics, artisans or persons of skill, other than those in the service of the government, will be allowed until the 1st of May, 1865, to have their details renewed. If not renewed by that time, they will be sent to their commands.

VIII. Leaves of absence and furloughs granted by Brigadier General H. T. Hays, P. A. C. S., for thirty days, will be respected.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., FEBRUARY 14, 1865.

## General Orders, } No. 11. }

I. The following named officers are charged with the manufacture and repairs of field transportation, and the supplying and recruiting of mules and artillery horses in their respective Districts :

Major Ed. A. Burke, District of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.  
Office at Paris, Texas.

Major A. S. Morgan, District of Arkansas.  
Office at Washington, Arkansas.

Major D. N. Speer, District of Western Louisiana.  
Office at Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Major Saml. Robinson, District of Indian Territory.  
Office at Doaksville, Choctaw Nation.

They will report to and receive their instructions from Major C. D. Hill, Chief Inspector of Field Transportation Trans Mississippi Department, and are relieved from the control of the District Commanders.

All requisitions for field transportation must be made by chief quartermasters of Districts upon Major C. D. Hill, Chief Inspector, and none of the officers named, will issue unless the requisition has his approval.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



Department of the Interior

Washington, D. C.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the position of \_\_\_\_\_

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Wm. Brewster, Director

# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., FEBRUARY 18, 1865.

## General Orders, } No. 12. }

The following order is published for the information of the Department :

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Richmond, Va., November 1, 1864.*

## GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 83. }

I. All soldiers hereafter furloughed at department or army headquarters, or at hospitals, by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness, will rejoin their commands at the expiration of the time originally allowed, unless, in the opinion of a medical examining board, their condition is not such as to permit them to make the journey without serious detriment to their health. All now absent are required to return at the expiration of their present furloughs, except those unable to travel. The certificate required above will be promptly forwarded to the company commanders.

II. Generals commanding Reserve Forces in the several States, are charged with the execution of this order. They will cause to be collected and forwarded without delay, to their respective commands, all men who come within the provisions of the preceeding paragraph, that they may be discharged, retired or assigned to active or light duty, as circumstances may justify.

III. Paragraph VII., General Orders No. 48, (current series) is thus amended :

Officers of the Quartermaster's Department failing to return the sacks in which grain is received from the quartermaster, will be charged three dollars for every one not returned.

IV. Paragraph I, General Orders No. 74 (1862), is so modified as to require the enforcement of the Conscript Act in the Department of Southwestern Kentucky.

V. Candidates for appointment to the position of military store keeper in the Ordnance Department will, hereafter, be subject to such examination, prior to appointment, as may be prescribed by the Chief of Ordnance.

VI. Commanders of cavalry regiments or battalions will require company commanders to keep a descriptive roll of all horses in their companies, noting all changes which are made amongst them by casualties or other causes, as they occur.

VII. Every horse, borne upon the descriptive roll, will be treated as public property, so long as forage and the forty cents a day are drawn from the Government. No soldier will be permitted to ride his horse, except in the discharge of public duty, or to sell or exchange him, except to secure one more serviceable, such superiority to be determined and certified by the company officers present for duty

and the fact noted upon the descriptive roll. Such sales or exchanges, however, are strictly forbidden between cavalymen of the same or different commands.

VIII. Brigade Inspectors, in making inspections, will examine these descriptive rolls, observing that they accurately describe the number and distinguishing marks of the horses. Where they discover horses to have been used for private purposes, or disposed of in violation of orders, they will note the facts upon the inspection report, with the names of the company commanders permitting it, and of the soldiers so offending, sending up charges against all, with the view to their trial by court-martial.

IX. Horses forfeited under the action of General Orders Nos. 53 [act 26] and 55, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, of 1864, may be purchased, after appraisement, for the benefit of owners, by deserving cavalymen who have lost their horses by the casualties of battle.

X. Inspectors will report on their "inspection reports," for transfer to the infantry, all men found dismounted through their own carelessness, or whose horses may have been rendered unserviceable by neglect or hard usage upon other than public service.

#### DESCRIPTIVE ROLL.

Of animals belonging to Company....., Regiment.....,  
Brigade....., Division.....

#### DESCRIPTION OF ANIMAL.

To whom horse belongs.	Height.	Color.	Distinguishing marks.	Mare.	Horse.	Remarks.
A. B.	15 hds.	Sorrel	Star in forehead, &c.			

By order.

(Signed)

S. COOPER,  
Adjutant and Inspector General.

By command of.

General E. KIRBY SMITH,  
S. S. ANDERSON,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

## Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., FEBRUARY 20, 1865.

### General Orders, } No. 13. }

I. The establishments for the manufacture of Clothing, Camp and garrison Equipage, are constituted Department Depots, and are placed in charge of the following officers :

Houston,	Texas.....	Captain E. W. TAYLOR, A. Q. M.
Huntsville,	" .....	Major W. D. BEARD, Q. M.
Mound Prairie,	" .....	Major J. J. BUSBY, Q. M.
Gilmer,	" .....	Captain A. U. WRIGHT, A. Q. M.
Shreveport, La.,	.....	Captain J. W. BOSSERT, A. Q. M.

These officers will report to, and receive their instructions, from Major W. H. Haynes, Chief of Clothing Bureau.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



## Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., FEBRUARY 21, 1865.

### General Orders, } No. 14. }

At the Military Court for this Department, held at Shreveport, La., was arraigned and tried :

Private George W. Coleman, Company E, 3rd Louisiana Volunteer Infantry, upon the charge of **Desertion**.

(The specification omitted.)

The Court found the accused guilty of absence without leave, and sentenced him to wear a twenty-four pound ball and chain, on a sound leg, for the space of three months, in the presence of his command.

Also was tried: Private William Warmock, Company D, 3rd Louisiana Volunteer Infantry, on the charge of **Desertion**.

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

Also was tried: Private Stephen R. Butler, Company F, 3rd Louisiana Volunteer Infantry, on the charge of **Desertion**.

The Court found the accused guilty of absence without leave, and sentenced him to fourteen days solitary confinement and fourteen days confinement.

Also was tried: Private Joseph West, Company H, 3rd Louisiana Volunteer Infantry, on the charge of **Absence without leave**.

The Court found the accused guilty, and sentenced him to solitary confinement on bread and water for twenty-eight days, with an interval as provided in paragraph 873, Army Regulations; after which to be made to wear a twenty-four pound ball and chain, with his command, for twenty days.

Also was tried: Private Victor Hernandez, Company G, 3rd Louisiana Volunteer Infantry, on the charges of **Sleeping on Post and Disobedience of Orders**.

Of the first charge the Court acquitted the accused, and found him guilty of the last, and sentenced him to twelve days solitary confinement on bread and water.

Also was tried: Private J. T. Bazar, Company E, 3rd Louisiana Volunteer Infantry, on the charge of **Desertion**.

The Court found the accused guilty of absence without leave, and sentenced him to wear a twenty-four pound ball and chain in the

presence of his command, on the right leg, and if the right leg be unsound, on the left leg, for a period of four months.

Also was tried: Private Frank Desidere, Company G, 3rd Louisiana Volunteer Infantry, on the charge of **Desertion**,

The Court found the accused guilty of absence without leave, and sentenced him to wear a twenty-four pound ball and chain on his right leg, in the presence of his command, for the period of three months.

The proceedings, findings and sentences in the foregoing cases are approved. At the recommendation of the Court, in the case of Private Warmock, on account of his excessive youth and ignorance, the sentence is remitted, and he will be restored to duty. In all the remaining cases the sentences will be carried at once into execution by the commanding officer of the 3rd Louisiana Volunteer Infantry.

Also was tried, before the same Court: George A. Cook, unassigned conscript, upon the following charges and specifications:

**CHARGE 1ST.**—Disobedience of paragraph 918 Army Regulations.

*Specification*—In this that Private George A. Cook, duly enrolled and enlisted in the service of the Confederate States, and while in the service of the Confederate States, did take and use without authority, for an attendant in a restaurant for his private benefit, a Government negro man named "Minor," that was regularly hired or impressed for Government service.

**CHARGE 2D.**—Disobedience of lawful orders contained and expressed in the last clause of paragraph 6 of a circular from Head Quarters Labor Bureau District West Louisiana, bearing date September 12th, 1864, and approved by command of General E. Kirby Smith, Commanding Trans-Mississippi Department.

*Specification*—In this that he, Private George A. Cook, duly enrolled and enlisted in the service of the Confederate States, and while in the service of the Confederate States, did take and use without authority, as servant for his private benefit, a Government negro man named "Minor," that was regularly hired or impressed for Government service.

**CHARGE 3D.**—Appropriating wrongfully the services of a Government servant for his private benefit.

*Specification 1st*—In this that he, Private George A. Cook, duly enrolled and enlisted in the service of the Confederate States, and while in the service of the Confederate States, did take and use without authority, for an attendant in a restaurant and as servant for his private benefit, a Government negro man named "Minor," that was regularly hired or impressed for Government service.

*Specification 2d*—In this that he, Private George A. Cook, duly enrolled and enlisted in the service of the Confederate States, and while in the service of the Confederate States, has now in his private service a Government negro man named "Minor," who was hired or impressed for Government service.

*Specification 3d*—In this that he, Private George A. Cook, duly

enrolled and enlisted in the service of the Confederate States, and while in the service of the Confederate States, did take and use without authority, for his private benefit, a Government negro man named "Minor," the property of J. F. Green, of the State of Arkansas; said negro man "Minor" being hired or impressed for Government service.

All this at Shreveport, La., between the 1st of September and the 21st of November, A. D. 1864.

The Court found as follows :

Of the 1st Specification of 1st Charge, Guilty.

In this that he, Private George A. Cook, duly enrolled in the service of the Confederate States, and while in the service of the Confederate States, did take, without authority, for an attendant in a restaurant for private use, a Government negro man named "Minor," that was regularly hired or impressed for Government service.

Of the 1st Charge, Guilty.

Of the 1st Specification of 2d Charge, Guilty.

In this that he, Private George A. Cook, duly enrolled in the service of the Confederate States, and while in the service of the Confederate States, did appropriate, without authority, as servant for private use, a Government negro man named "Minor," that was regularly hired or impressed for Government service.

Of the 2d Charge, Guilty.

Of the 1st Specification of the 3d Charge, Guilty.

In this that he, Private George A. Cook, duly enrolled in the service of the Confederate States, and while in the service of the Confederate States, did appropriate, without authority, for an attendant in a restaurant and as servant for private use, a Government negro man named "Minor," that was regularly hired or impressed for Government service.

Of the 2d Specification of the 3d Charge, Guilty.

In this that he private, George A. Cook, duly enrolled in the service of the Confederate States, and while in the service of the Confederate States, has now in his private use a Government negro man named "Minor," that was regularly hired or impressed for government service.

Of the 3d Specification of 3d Charge, Guilty.

In this that he private George A. Cook, duly enrolled in the service of the Confederate States, and while in the service of the Confederate States did take, without authority, for private use, a Government negro man named "Minor," the property of J. F. Green of the State of Arkansas. Said negro man being hired or impressed for Government service. All this at Shreveport, La., between the first of September and the twenty-first of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Of the 3d Charge, Guilty.

The Court do therefore sentence the said private George A. Cook, unassigned conscript to

*Sentence.*—Forty-two days solitary confinement: Fourteen days



whereof on bread and water, and a respite of fourteen days, and again fourteen days on bread and water.

The proceedings, findings and sentence, in this case, have been laid before the Commanding General, and are by him disapproved.— The charges are not properly drawn, and all the specifications are without an averment of either time or place, except the last specification to the last charge; this specification is otherwise defective, in not stating in what manner the slave was used, so that the Court could determine whether it was or was not for the private benefit of the accused.

Consript George A. Cook will be returned to duty.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., FEBRUARY 23, 1865.

## General Orders, } No. 15. }

The following proclamation of the President is published for the information of the Department :

### PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT.

The Congress of the Confederate States have by Joint Resolution invited me to appoint a day of public fasting, humiliation and prayer, with thanksgiving to Almighty God. It is our solemn duty at all times, and more specially in a season of public trial and adversity, to acknowledge our dependence on His mercy, and to bow in humble submission before His footstool, confessing our manifold sins, supplicating His gracious pardon, imploring His divine help, and devoutly rendering thanks for the many and great blessings which He has vouchsafed to us.

Let the hearts of our people turn contentedly and trustfully unto God. Let us recognize in His chastening hand the corrections of a father, and submissively pray that the trials and sufferings which have so long borne heavily upon us may be turned away by His merciful love. That His sustaining grace be given to our people, and His divine wisdom imparted to our rulers. That the Lord of Hosts will be with our armies and fight for us against our enemies, and that He will graciously take our cause into His own hand, and mercifully establish for us a lasting, just and honorable peace and independence, and let us not forget to render unto His holy name, the thanks and praise which are so justly due for His great goodness, and for the many mercies which he has extended to us amid the trials and sufferings of a protracted and bloody war.

Now, therefore, I, JEFFERSON DAVIS, President of the Confederate States of America, do issue this my proclamation, appointing **FRIDAY, the 10th day of March** next, as a day of public fasting, humiliation and prayer, with thanksgiving, for invoking the favor and guidance of Almighty God; and I do earnestly invite all soldiers and citizens to observe the same in a spirit of reverence, penitence and prayer.

{ ~~~ } Given under my hand and seal of the Confederate States  
{ SEAL } at Richmond, this 25th day of January, in the year of our  
{ ~~~ } Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

By the President :

J. P. BENJAMIN,  
Secretary of State.

The Commanding General therefore directs that the 10th day of March 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. Department

SHREVEPORT, LA., FEBRUARY 25, 1865.

## General Orders, } No. 16. }

The following order from the War Department is published for information and guidance :

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Richmond, 3d November, 1864.

(EXTRACT).  
SPECIAL ORDER, }  
NO. 262. }

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XXXI. The Chief Commissaries of Armies are hereby authorized to appropriate the assistants to Brigade Commissaries and assign them to Cavalry Regiments and other duties when needed.

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By command of the Secretary of War.

(Signed) JNO. WITHERS

Assistant Adjutant General.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS DIST. WEST. LA.,

Natchitoches, La., March 4th, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 30. }

1. By direction from Department Headquarters, the military lines are closed against the export of Cottons to the United States.
2. All Cottons found *in transitu*, with intent on the part of the owner to violate this regulation, and all transportation used with that view, will be seized by the military authorities, and reported by the officer making the seizure, to the Chief Quartermaster for confiscation. Should it be impracticable to remove such Cottons to a place of security, it will be burned by the authority seizing it, the transportation will be taken possession of, and all the facts reported as above directed.
3. All parties coming into the military lines from places in the possession of the enemy, holding permits for the importation of Cotton or other products into the enemy's lines, will be held by the military authorities, subject to an investigation as to whether or not they are spies or emissaries of the United States authorities.

By command of

Lt.-Gen, BUCKNER.

J. N. GALLEHER,

A. A. Gen.

*General B. B. ...*  
*I have published ...*  
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*Ben. S. R. ...*

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Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept. }  
Shreveport, La., March 7th, 1865. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 19. }

I. At the Military Court for this Department, held at Shreveport, La., was arraigned and tried—

1st. Private W. B. WILLIAMS, Co. D, 3d Louisiana Volunteer Infantry, on charges of

DISOBEDIENCE OF ORDERS AND NEGLECT OF DUTY.

The Court found the accused guilty, and sentenced him to sixty days hard labor with his command.

2d. Private R. FLORES, Co. D, 3d Louisiana Volunteer Infantry, charged with

DESERTION,

And found guilty of *absence without leave*, and sentenced to hard labor during three months, at such place and on such works as may be selected by the Department Commander. During this time, he will wear a twenty-four pound ball and chain on the right leg.

3d. Private THOMAS WILLIAMS, Co. E, 3d Louisiana Volunteer Infantry, charged with

DESERTION.

Case dismissed by the Court, without a trial, because the accused was not produced, at the time fixed for his trial, by the Commandant of the Post at Shreveport.

4th. Private F. A. TABOR, Co. D, 3d Louisiana Volunteer Infantry, charged with

DISOBEDIENCE OF ORDERS AND NEGLECT OF DUTY.

Found guilty by the Court, and sentenced to be shot to death with musketry, at such time and place as may be designated by the Department Commander.

II. The proceedings, findings and sentence of the Court, in the case of Private W. B. WILLIAMS, are approved. The sentence will be carried into effect under the supervision of his Regimental Commander.

In the case of Private FLORES, the punishment is inadequate



to the offence—the accused should have been shot. The sentence is, however, approved, and he will be employed on the public works, near Shreveport, La., under the supervision of the Commandant of the Post.

In the case of Private THOMAS WILLIAMS, the proceedings of the Court are disapproved. The accused should not have been allowed to escape trial on a mere technicality. The case should have been continued on account of his absence.

In the case of Private F. A. TABOR, the proceedings, finding and sentence are approved. The Commanding General is, however, induced to suspend the execution of the sentence, until the pleasure of the President is known, solely on the recommendation to mercy from the majority of the Court. Until the final decision is known, Private TABOR will be returned to duty with his command.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept. }  
Shreveport, La., March 13th, 1865. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 20. }

I. Brig.-Gen. Harry T. Hays has been assigned by the Secretary of War, to the duty of collecting and forwarding to their commands, all officers and men, in this Department, who belong east of the Mississippi river.

II. All officers and men who have come into this Department by any authority other than by special order of War Department will immediately report in person to Brig.-Gen. Hays, at Natchitoches, La.

III. All officers and men belonging east of the Mississippi river, who have been assigned, to commands or duty, by Department, District, or subordinate commanders, will at once be relieved by their immediate commander and ordered to report in person to Brig.-Gen. Hays, at Natchitoches, La.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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## Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., MARCH 13, 1865.

### General Orders, } No. 21. }

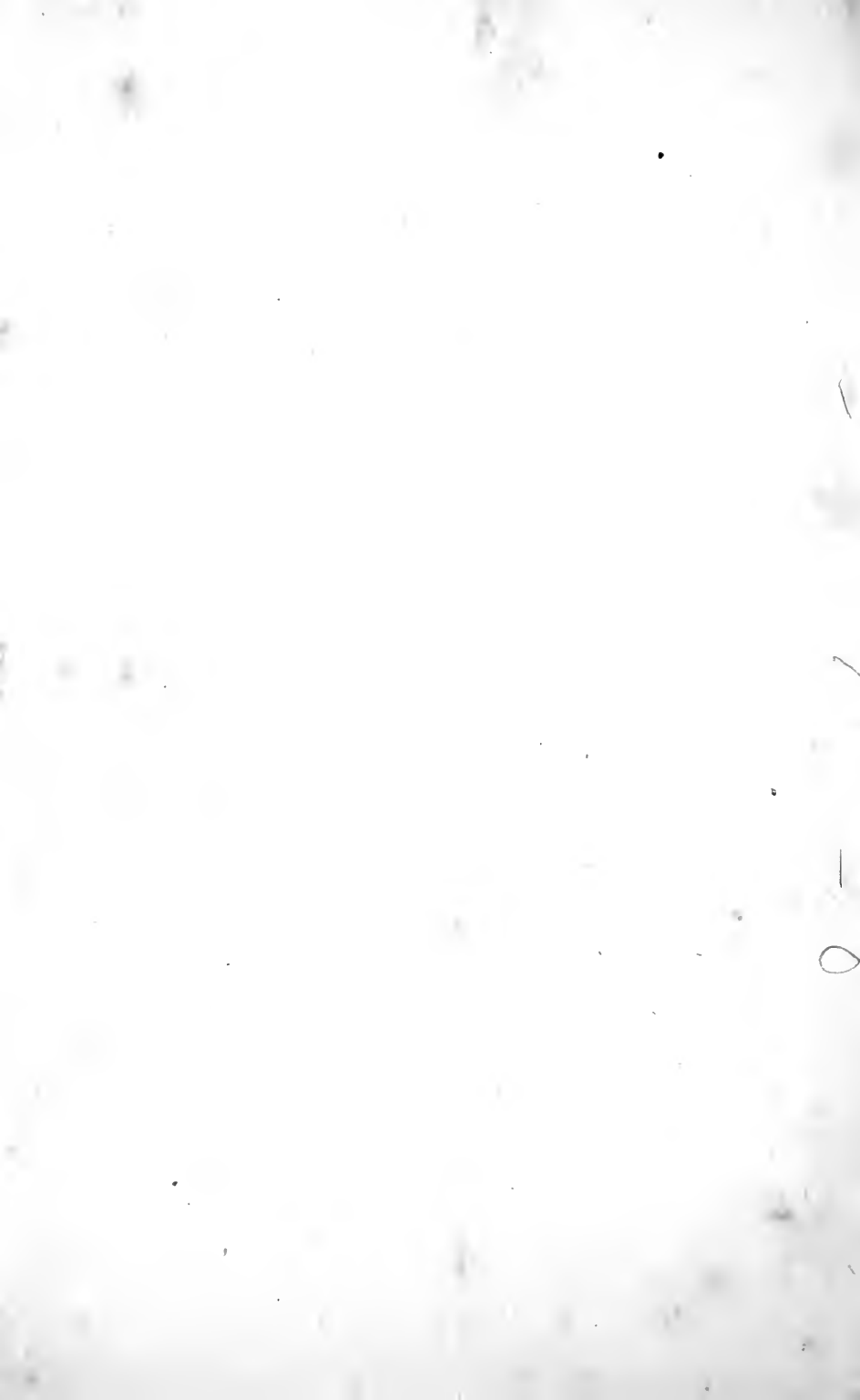
A Depot for the manufacture of Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage, is hereby established at Falcon, Arkansas, under the charge of CAPTAIN W. N. PEAY, A. Q. M., who will report to, and receive his instructions from Major W. H. Haynes, Chief of Clothing Bureau, Trans-Miss. Department.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., MARCH 14, 1865.

## General Orders, } No. 22. }

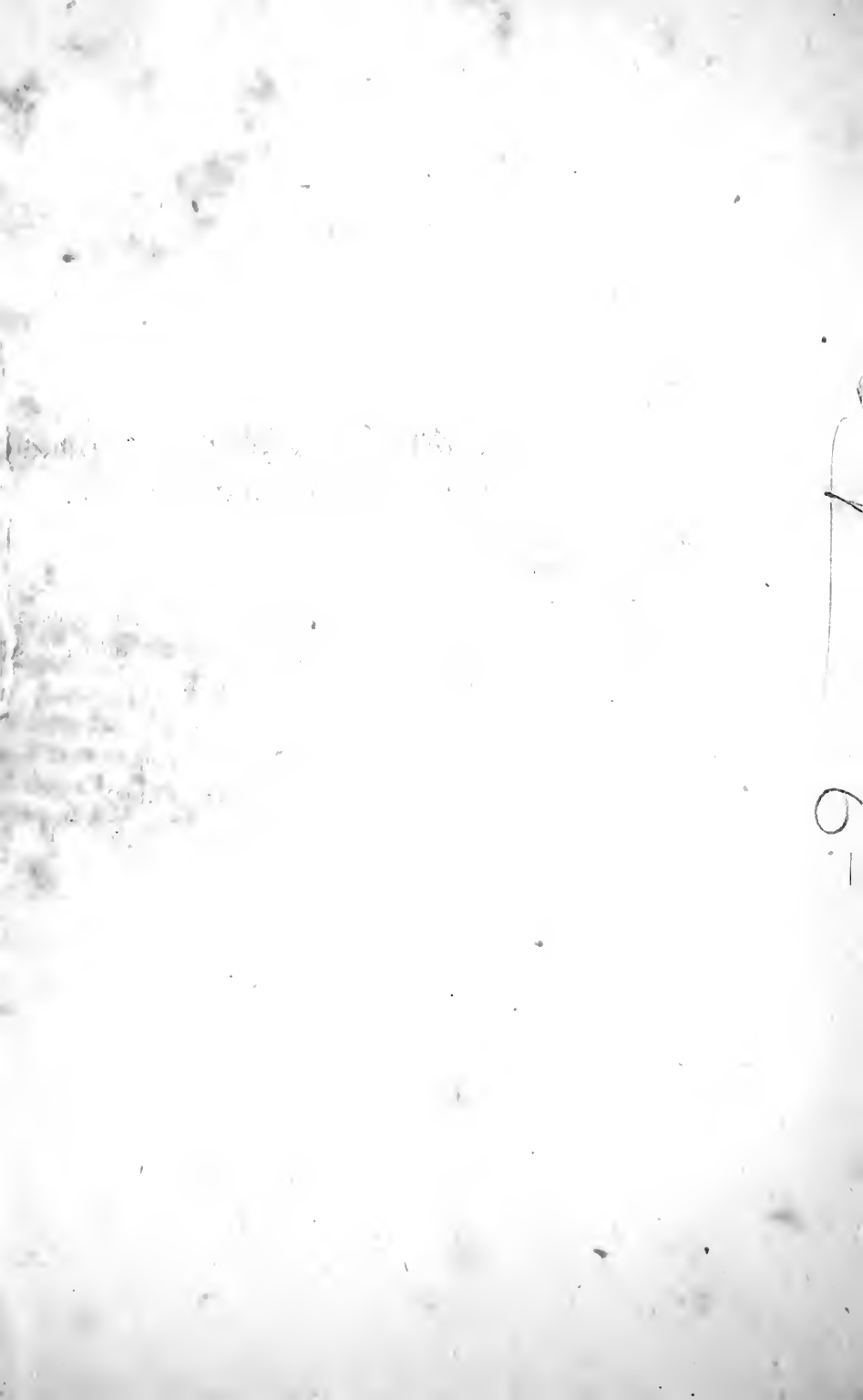
Until further orders the ration of corn will be eight pounds excepting in the case of artillery horses, and animals continuously engaged in hauling supplies from one post to another.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



## Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department

SHREVEPORT, LA., MARCH 20, 1865.

### **General Orders, } No. 23.**

So much of General Orders, No. 11, current series, as assign Major D. N. Speer, Inspector Field Transportation, to the charge that department in the District of West La., is hereby revoked.

Major George Tucker, Inspector of Field Transportation, is charged with the operations of his department, in the District of West La. He will establish his office at Shreveport, La., and report to and receive his instructions from Major C. D. Hill, Chief Inspector T. M. D.

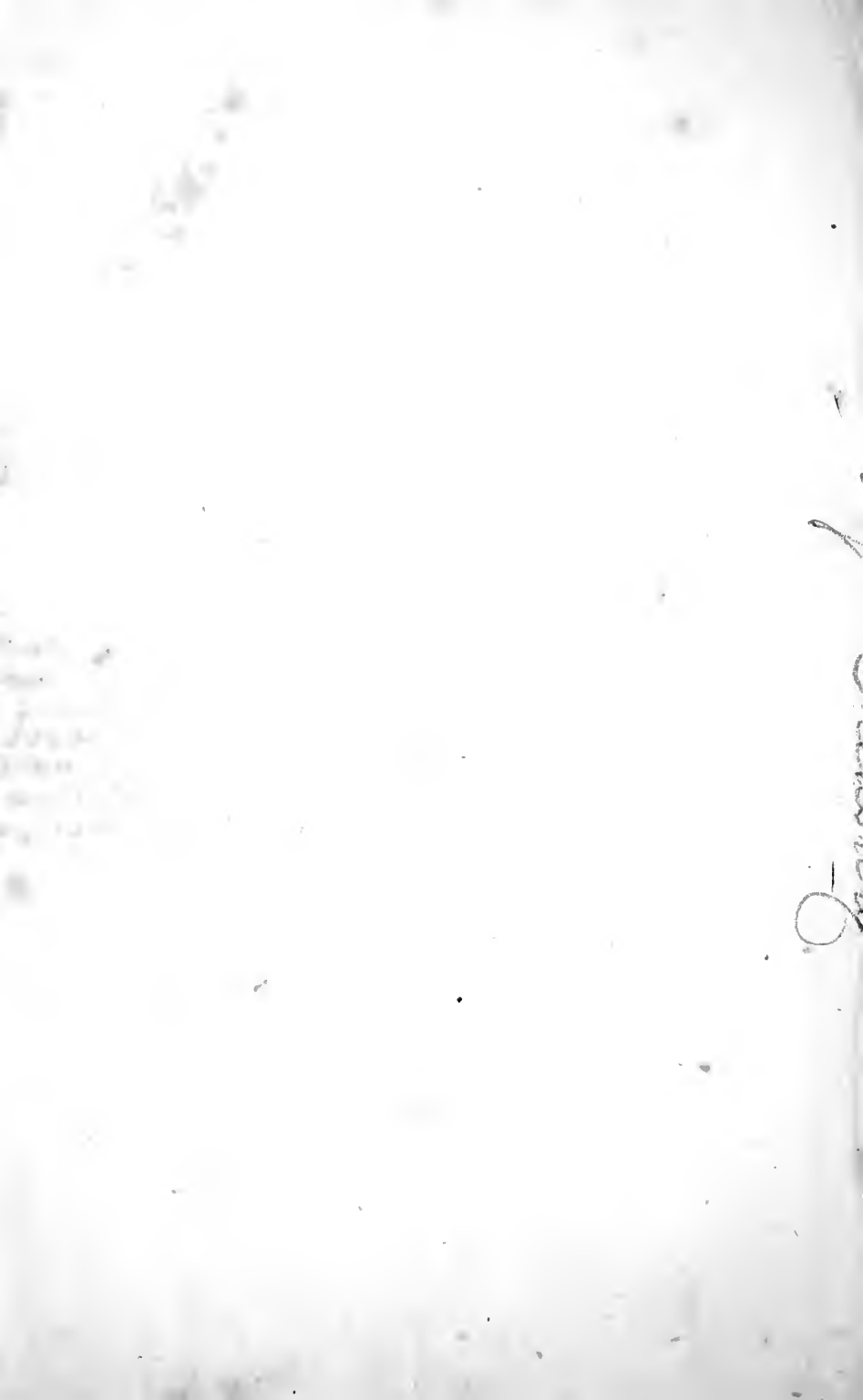
By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.





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SHREVEPORT, LA., MARCH 21, 1865.

## **General Orders, }** **No. 24.**

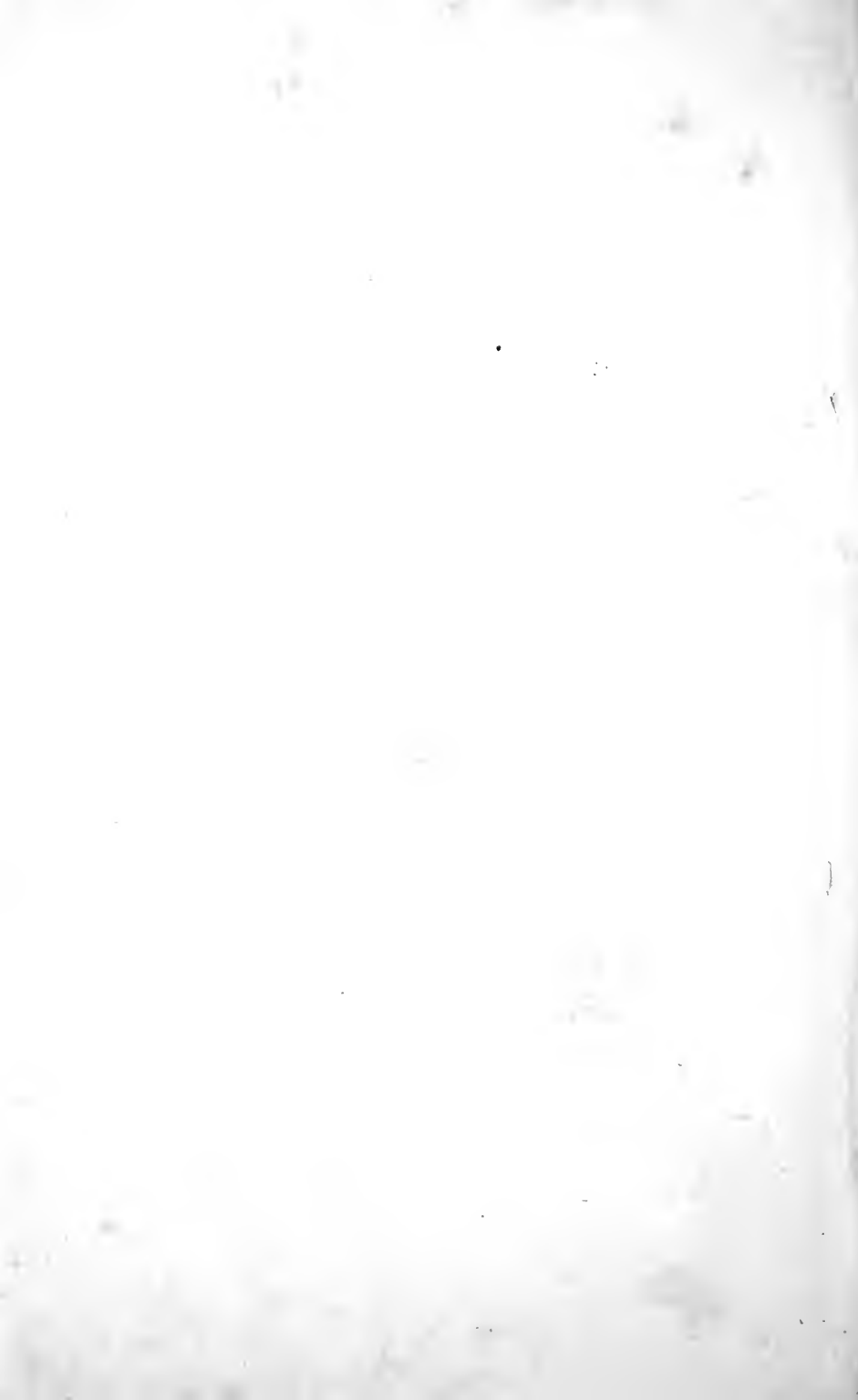
All persons acting as Drill Masters, who have not received appointments from the War Department, will immediately rejoin their respective commands,—their acting appointments having been revoked. Those not selected from military organizations will be immediately enrolled and assigned to commands by the Enrolling Officer of the District in which they may now be serving.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department

SILREVEPORT, LA., MARCH 25, 1865.

**General Orders, }**  
**No. 25.**

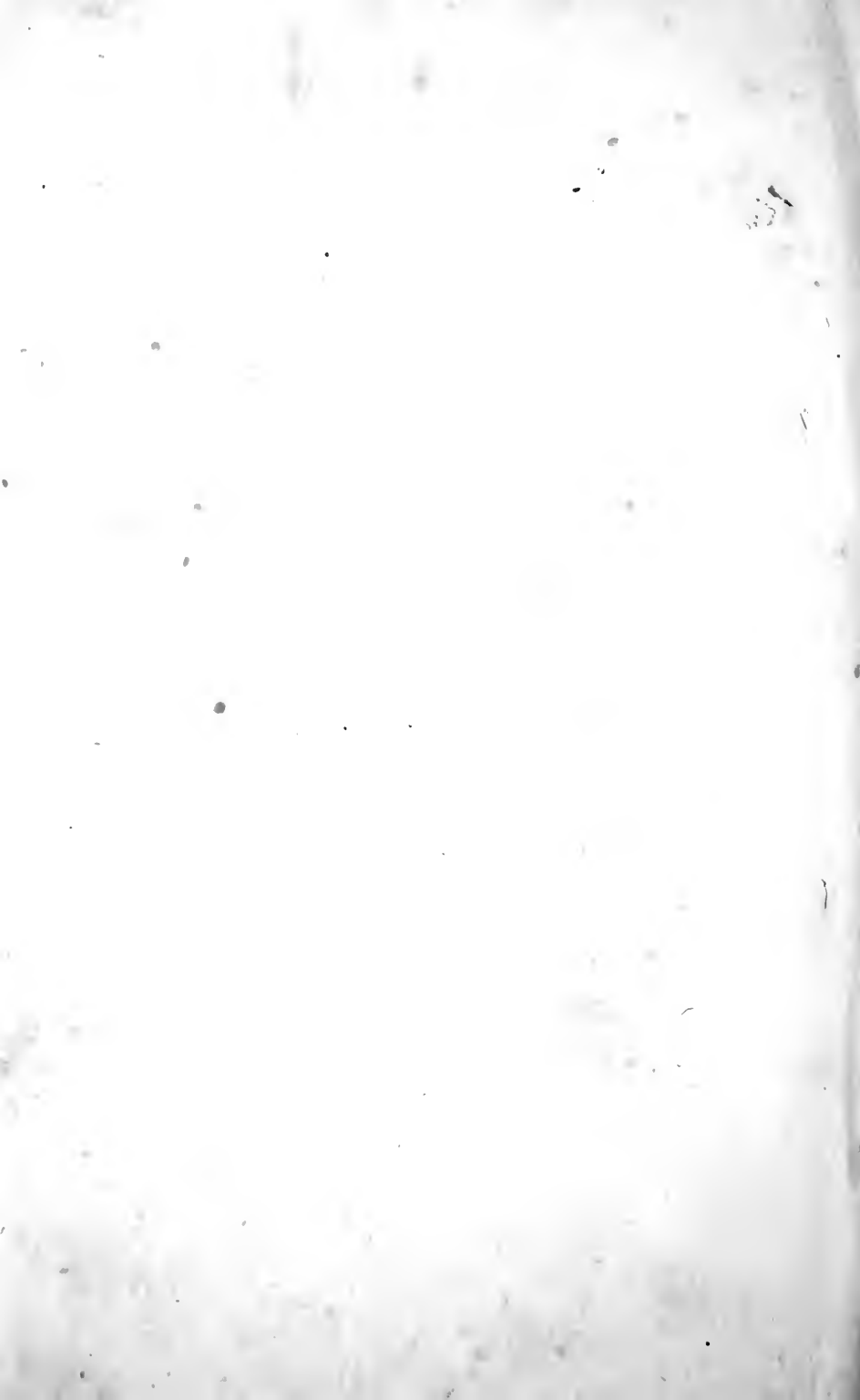
All Post and Depot Commissaries, will report to, and receive instructions from, the Chief Purchasing Commissary of the Purchasing District in which they are located.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



## Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., MARCH 27, 1865.

### **General Orders, } No. 26.**

Pursuant to instructions from the War Department, Brigadier General F. T. Nichols, P. A. C. S., will relieve Brigadier General E. Greer, P. A. C. S., of the duties of Superintendent of the Bureau of Conscription in the Trans-Mississippi Department.

The General commanding takes this occasion to express his high appreciation of the services of Brigadier General Greer in the discharge of the onerous duties of this Bureau, which, from a state of utter disorganization and confusion, has under his administration been thoroughly and completely systematized, as also his regard for the firmness, justice and impartiality that has characterized his official conduct.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEAD QUARTERS TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT,  
SHREVEPORT, LA., March 28, 1865. }

GENERAL ORDER, }  
No. 27. }

I. The following orders, issued by the War Department, regulating the Reserves and Bureau of Conscription, are republished for the information of the Department.

II. The Generals of Reserves will hereafter control the Enrolling Officers and conduct the business of conscription and enrollment in their respective States, under the direction of the Secretary of War, through the Conscrip Bureau.

III. Commanders of Conscripts and of Camps of Instruction, will be under the direction of the Generals of Reserves.

IV. As soon as practicable, all officers and men now employed in the enrolling service, whether as Enrolling Officers, Conscrip Guards, Clerks, or otherwise, except such as are retired or assigned to light duty by the Medical Boards, will be relieved by details from the reserve forces and sent to the field.

V. All applications for exemption and detail will be transmitted to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Conscription for decision. The office of Congressional District Enrolling Officer is abolished, and reports and returns of the Commandants of Conscripts will be made to the Bureau of Conscription, and a copy of each will also be furnished to the Generals of Reserves. An officer may be assigned to duty in each Congressional District by the Generals of Reserves, as Inspector of Conscription.

VI. The troops raised under the Act of Congress, approved February 17, 1864, styled "Reserves," constitute a peculiar force, auxiliary to, but in a measure distinct from the more permanent army, and are exclusively under the orders of the general officers assigned to their command in the several States, subject to the following modifications:

When a commander of active forces requires the reserves as reinforcements, application will be made to the Secretary of War, or directly to the General commanding the reserves; and, when reserves are assigned, in pursuance of such application, to a District Department, or Army Commander, they become, during the period of such assignment, subject to his control, to the extent that he may well direct their military movement, determine all applications for furlough, and be responsible for their being furnished with the necessary supplies, equipments, etc.; but questions appertaining to their permanent organization into companies, battalions and regiments, and grants of discharges, details, etc., will at all times be determined by the General Commanding Reserves.

When Reserves are assigned to the active forces by the War Department, its order will be necessary for their recall; but when transferred by the General Commanding Reserves, he may recall them at his discretion, the orders therefor being transmitted through the Commander of the District Department or Army in which such reserves may be serving; but if their detention be deemed by him indispensable, he shall immediately submit the question to this office for decision of the War Department—in the meantime retaining the reserves affected by such orders. During the assignment of reserves with the active forces, the commanding officer will have promptly transmitted to the General Commanding Reserves, a monthly return of such reserve troops, similar to that required by paragraph 445, Army Regulations, to be made to the Adjutant and Inspector General. Whenever reserves are serving with active forces, no discrimination in the issue of rations and supplies of camp equipage between the two classes of troops will be permitted.

VII. Generals Commanding Reserves in the several States will, without delay, select and send officers, one to each Congressional District, empowered to summons, and after inspection, forward to the Camps of Instruction all persons holding certificates of permanent disability, and such persons assigned to light duty as in his judgment appear likely to be adjudged qualified for active service. All such as may, upon examination, be pronounced by Select Medical Boards so qualified, will be assigned to duty in the field.

The Inspectors of Conscription may be charged with this additional duty in the absence of other suitable officers.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,  
S. S. ANDERSON,  
Assistant Adjutant General.





Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept. }  
Shreveport, La., March 29th, 1865. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 28. }

I. The enrolment of Conscripts will be made by the Commandants of Conscripts, under the direction of the Generals of Reserves, in the several States.

Applications for exemptions will be transmitted through the Commandants of Conscripts and Generals of Reserves to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Conscription for his action.

All persons between the ages of 18 and 45 years found fit for field service will be assigned to commands in the field, under the direction of the Generals of Reserves of the several States; those found unfit for field service, but fit for Staff duty between those ages, will be sent to Camps of Instruction to be detailed in the Staff Departments, under the directions of the Superintendent of the Bureau of Conscription.

Those unfit for duty, either in the field or Staff Departments, will receive certificates of exemption from the Medical Congressional Examining Board.

All details from the Reserves will be made by the Generals of Reserves in the several States, under the direction of the Department Commander.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH. >

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



## Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., MARCH 30, 1865.

### General Orders, } No. 29.

Until further orders, all negroes conscribed under the act of Congress, approved February 17, 1864, will be turned over by the Commandants of Slave Labor in their respective Districts to the following officers of the Engineer Corps :

Major R. P. ROWLEY.	Chief Eng. Dist. of Texas, &c.
Captain C. M. RANDOLPH,	“ “ “ “ West La.
Lieutenant H. K. HODGES, Act.	“ “ “ “ Arkansas.

The Chief Engineer of each District will, under the direction of the Chief of the Engineer Bureau, organize them into gangs of one hundred each, selecting four of the number as foremen, over whom will be placed one manager and two overseers. Every eight gangs will constitute a section, for which a Superintendent will be selected.

Should any negro runaway, the Chief Engineer of the District will notify the Commandant of Conscripts of the State, who is required to take such steps immediately, through the Enrolling officers, as will secure his return. Should the Enrolling officer be satisfied that the runaway negro is lurking in the vicinity of his home, he will enroll and forward another negro in his stead.

The Commandants of Slave Labor will make monthly reports to the Chief of Engineer Bureau of all negroes received and delivered under their direction.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEAD QUARTERS TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT,

SHREVEPORT, LA., March 31, 1865. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }

No. 30. }

Major General J. B. Magruder is relieved from duty in the District of Arkansas, and will relieve Major General J. G. Walker from the command of the District of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

CHAPTER I  
The first settlement in America was made by Christopher Columbus in 1492. He discovered the continent of America on the 12th of October, 1492. He was sailing from Spain in search of a westward passage to the Indies. He landed on the island of San Salvador, in the Bahamas. He then sailed to the mainland, where he landed on the coast of Florida. He named the country Florida, in honor of the Spanish monarch, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. He then sailed back to Spain, where he reported his discovery to the monarchs. They were very pleased with his discovery, and they gave him a large amount of money and a title of admiral. He then sailed back to America, where he made several more voyages. He discovered many new islands and continents. He was the first European to see America.

CHAPTER II

The second settlement in America was made by John Cabot in 1498. He was an Italian explorer who sailed for England. He discovered the coast of North America. He was the first European to see the continent of North America.

# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., APRIL 1, 1865.

## General Orders, } No. 31.

I. At the Military Court, for this Department sitting at Shreveport, La., was arraigned and tried—

1st. Private John T. Sharman, 2nd Arkansas Field Battery, on the charge of

**Knowing of an intended Mutiny and not giving information thereof to the Commanding officer.**

The Court found the accused GUILTY, and sentenced him to sixty days solitary confinement on bread and water, with the usual intervals, to wear a twenty-four pound ball and chain on the right leg, and hard labor during the war at such places and on such works as may be selected by the Department Commander.

2nd. Private R. W. Glenn, 2nd Arkansas Field Battery on the charge of

**Knowing of an intended Mutiny and not giving information thereof to the Commanding officer.**

The Court found the accused GUILTY, and sentenced him to three months hard labor with a twenty-four pound ball and chain attached to his right leg on such works as may be designated by the General Commanding the Department.

3d. Private John C. Cary, Co. H. 3d La. Infantry on the charge of

### Desertion.

The Court acquitted the accused.

4th. Assistant Surgeon E. Thigpen, on the charges of

**Disobedience of orders and conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline.**

The Court found the accused NOT GUILTY.

5th. Sergeant Charles P. Rowley, Haldeman's Light Battery, on charges of

**Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline. Drunkenness on duty and disobedience of orders.**

The Court found the accused GUILTY, and sentenced him to be reduced to the ranks and to three months hard labor with his company, with a twenty-four pound ball and chain to his right leg.



II. The proceedings, finding and sentences in the cases of Privates Sharman and Glenn are approved, they will labor on the public works at Marshall, Texas.

The Commandant of that Post is charged with the duty of carrying these sentences into effect. The proceedings, finding and sentence of the Court in the case of Sergeant Rowley are also approved. The Commanding officer of Haldeman's Light Battery, will see the sentence carried out.

The proceedings and findings of the Court in the cases of Assistant Surgeon Thigpen and Private Cary, are approved.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,  
S. S. ANDERSON,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

**Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,**

SHREVEPORT, LA., APRIL 3, 1865.

**General Orders, }  
No. 32.**

All officers and men delivered on parole in this Department previous to this date are exchanged, and will immediately rejoin their commands.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept. }  
Shreveport, La., April 5th, 1865. }

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 33. }

I. At a General Court Martial held at the Head Quarters of Major General Churchill's Division of Infantry, pursuant to Special Order, No. 57, paragraph XIII, current series, Department Head Quarters—were arraigned and tried—

Private T. B. GILBERT, 1st Co., 1st Consol. Ark. Infantry.

Private J. R. PATTERSON, 7th Co., 1st Consol. Ark. Infantry.

Private W. MORRISON, 5th Co., 1st Consol. Ark. Infantry.

Private JOHN LINGO, 4th Co., 1st Consol. Ark. Infantry.

Private D. L. MCKINNEY, 2nd Co., 1st Consol. Ark. Infantry.

Private S. F. HARRISON, 1st Co., 1st Consol. Ark. Infantry, charged with

DISOBEDIENCE OF ORDERS.

All the above named parties were acquitted by the Court, except Private D. L. MCKINNEY, who was found guilty, and sentenced by the Court, to carry a rail on his shoulder once evening, in front of his Regiment, on dress parade;

Also was tried,

Private JOHN McLANE, Co. G, 33d Regiment, Arkansas Infantry, on the charge of

ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE.

The Court acquitted him.

Also was tried,

Private DAVID MCGRAW, 4th Co., 2nd Regiment, Arkansas Infantry, McNair's Brigade, on the charge of

SLEEPING ON POST.

The Court found the accused not guilty of the charge, but guilty of neglect of duty while on guard, and sentenced him to ten days hard labor—six hours each day, under a sentinel, and to be confined in the Brigade Guard House, during the ten days, while not at labor—the labor to be performed in his own regimental quarters.

II. The proceedings and findings in the cases of Privates GILBERT, LINGO, PATTERSON, MORRISON, and McLANE, are approved. The finding and sentence in the case of Private Mc-

KINNEY, is disapproved—he will be returned to duty; such cases as the above should be disposed of by a Regimental Court Martial, or by the Commanding officer, without a Court. They are too trifling to occupy the time of a General Court Martial. The finding and sentence in the case of Private MCGRAW, is disapproved. The accused was charged with sleeping on post. The Court convicted him of a different offence—neglect of duty. A prisoner cannot be convicted of an offence different from that with which he is charged, but he may be convicted of a *lesser degree of the same offence*; as for example, a prisoner charged with desertion may be convicted of absence without leave, because absence without leave is a lesser grade of the offence of desertion; so for the same reason, under the charge of murder, the accused might be convicted of manslaughter or any other grade of homicide less heinous than murder. There is however no such relation between the offence of Sleeping on Post, and neglect of duty, and the finding of the Court is illegal and cannot be sustained.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., APRIL 6, 1865.

## General Orders, } No. 34. }

I. When citizens are required as witnesses before a Military Court or Court Martial, the Judge Advocate will send the summons direct to the Enrolling Officer, of the county or parish, where the witnesses reside, who will serve a copy of the summons upon them, and return the original, with the date of service endorsed thereon, to the Judge Advocate of the Court by whom it was issued.

II. Official information having been received, that the "*Act to increase the compensation of the non-commissioned officers and privates of the army of the Confederate States,*" published in General Orders No. 53, A. & I. G. O., series 1864, was approved June 9th, 1864, instead of June 4th, 1864, as shown by said order; officers are cautioned to make their rolls in accordance with the proper date.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., APRIL 8, 1865.

## General Orders, ) No. 35. )

I. At a General Court Martial convened at the Head Quarters of Maj. Gen. Churchill's Division, by virtue of Special Orders No. 57 paragraph XIII, current series Dept. Head Quarters, was arraigned and tried—

Sergeant S. H. Jones, 3d company, 2d Consol. Regt., Ark. Vol. Inftry., on the charge of

### Négléct of Duty.

The Court acquitted the accused.

Also was tried: Sergeant J. W. Hutchinson, 3d company, 1st Consol. Regt. Ark. Inftry., on charge of

### Violation of the 9th Article of War.

The Court found the accused not gailty, but guilty of conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline, and therefore adjudge him to be reduced to the ranks and publicly reprimanded by the commanding officer of his regiment, in the presence of the regiment on dress parade.

II. The finding in the case of Sergeant Jones is approved. The charges, however, should have been inserted in the body of the record, as required by the 9th paragraph of Circular of June 19th, 1864, and republished in Circular of January 21st, 1865, from Dept. Head Quarters. The accused will be returned to duty.

The proceedings, findings and sentence of the Court in the case of Sergeant Hutchinson are disapproved. There is no distinct offence stated. The Article of War, with the general violation of which the accused is charged, contains no less than four separate offences. This mode of preferring charges has been disapproved by the War Department, in General Orders Adjutant and Inspector General's office, series of 1863, Nos. 52 and 72, and expressly forbidden by Circular of June 15th, 1864, republished in Circular of January 21st, 1865, Dept. Head Quarters. If, however, the charge had been preferred correctly, the finding of the Court was still erroneous, for the accused is convicted of a different offence not named in the 9th Article of War, but mentioned in the 99th Article. By this action the guilty party has been enabled to escape his merited punishment. Sergeant Hutchinson will be returned to duty.



III. At the Department Military Court, holding its sessions at Shreveport, La., was arraigned and tried :

Private William Evans, 3d La. Infty., on the charge of

**Desertion, Mutiny and Sediton.**

The Court found the accused not guilty of desertion, but guilty absence without leave, and acquitted him of the remaining charges. They sentenced the accused to serve six months at hard labor, with a a twenty-four pound ball and chain, at such place as shall be designated by the General Commanding the Trans-Mississippi Department.

The proceedings, findings and sentence of the Court in the case of Private William Evans, 3d La. Vol. Infty., are approved. He will be put to hard labor for the term specified on the public works near Shreveport, La.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., APRIL 13, 1865.

## General Orders, } No. 36.

I. The following orders from Head Quarters of the Army are published for the information of all concerned :

\* \* \* \* \*  
HEAD QUARTERS CONFEDERATE ARMY, }  
February 9, 1865. }

By authority of General Order No. 3, from the Adjutant and Inspector General's office, I assume command of the military forces of the Confederate States. Deeply impressed with the difficulties and responsibilities of the position, and humbly invoking the guidance of Almighty God, I rely, for success, upon the courage and fortitude of the army, sustained by the patriotism and firmness of the people, confident that their united efforts, under the blessing of Heaven, will secure peace and independence.

The Head Quarters of the Army, to which all special reports will be addressed, will be, for the present, with the Army of Northern Virginia. The stated and regular returns and reports of each army and department will be forwarded, as heretofore, to the office of the Adjutant and Inspector General.

R. E. LEE, General.

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HEAD QUARTERS ARMIES OF THE C. S. A., }  
February 11, 1865. }

## GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 2.

In entering upon the campaign about to open, the General-in-Chief feels addressed that the soldiers who have so long and so nobly borne the hardships and dangers of the war require no exhortation to respond to the calls of honor and duty.

With the liberty transmitted by their forefathers they have inherited the spirit to defend it.

The choice between war and abject submission is before them.

To such a proposal, brave men, with arms in their hands, can have but one answer.

They cannot barter manhood for peace, nor the right of self-government for life or property.

But justice to them requires a sterner admonition to those who have abandoned their comrades in the hour of peril.

A last opportunity is offered to them to wipe out the disgrace and escape the punishment of their crimes.

By authority of the President of the Confederate States, a pardon is announced to such deserters and men improperly absent as shall return to the commands in which they belong, within the shortest possible time, not exceeding twenty days from the publication of this order, at the headquarters of the department in which they may be.

Those who may be prevented by interruption of communication may report within the time specified to the nearest enrolling officer, or other officer on duty, to be forwarded as soon as practicable, and upon presenting a certificate from such officer, showing compliance with this requirement, will receive the pardon hereby offered.

Those who have deserted to the service of the enemy, or who have deserted after having been once paroled for the same offence, and those who shall desert or absent themselves without authority, after the publication of this order, are excluded from its benefits. Nor does the offer of pardon extend to other offences than desertion and absence without permission.

By the same authority it is also declared that no general amnesty will again be granted, and those who refuse to accept the pardon now offered, or who shall hereafter desert or absent themselves without leave, shall suffer such punishment as the courts may impose, and no application for clemency will be entertained.

Taking new resolution from the fate which our enemies intend for us, let every man devote all his energies to the common defence.

Our resources, wisely and vigorously employed, are ample, and with a brave army, sustained by a determined and united people, success, with God's assistance, cannot be doubted.

The advantages of the enemy will have but little value if we do not permit them to impair our resolution. Let us, then, oppose constancy to adversity, fortitude to suffering, and courage to danger, with the firm assurance that He who gave freedom to our fathers will bless the efforts of their children to preserve it.

R. E. LEE,  
General.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., APRIL 14, 1865.

## General Orders, } No. 37. }

I. Before the Military Court for this Department, sitting at Shreveport, La., was arraigned and tried:

Private John Bailey, Company A, 25th Regiment Louisiana Infantry, on the charge of

### Desertion.

The Court acquitted the accused.

Also was tried: Private John Thomas, Company A, 25th Regiment Louisiana Infantry, on the charge of

### Desertion.

The Court found the accused guilty, and two-thirds concurring, sentenced the accused, Private John Thomas, Company A, 25th Regiment Louisiana Infantry, to be shot to death with musketry at such time and place as the General Commanding the Department may designate.

Also was tried: Private A. S. Moore, Montgomery's Squadron unattached cavalry, on the charge of

### Larceny.

The Court acquitted the accused.

II. The proceedings and findings of the Court in the cases of Privates Bailey and Moore are approved. The Commandant of the Post of Shreveport will turn Private Bailey over to Brig. Gen. Hays.

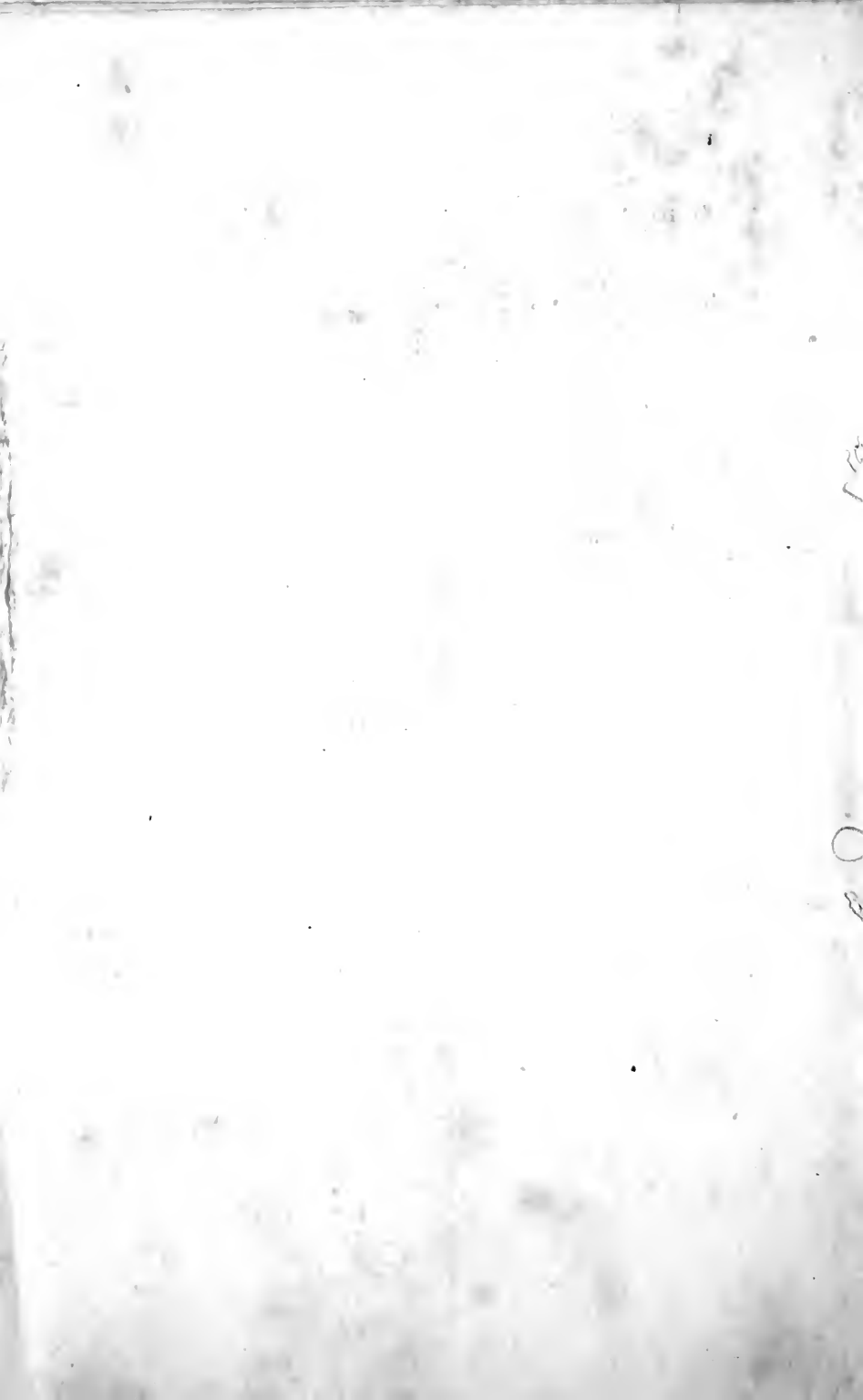
The proceedings, findings and sentence in the case of Private John Thomas, Company A, 25th Regiment Louisiana Infantry, are approved. The sentence will be executed near the Post of Shreveport, in the presence of such troops connected with the Post as can be most conveniently assembled, at 2 o'clock P. M. on Friday, the 28th April, A. D. 1865. The Commandant of the Post of Shreveport is charged with the duty of carrying this sentence into effect.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department

SHREVEPORT, LA., APRIL 17, 1865.

## General Orders, } No. 38.

I. Paragraphs VI and VII, General Orders No. 10, current series, T. M. D., is so amended as to extend the time for making application for the renewal of the details of agriculturalists, and of men detailed mechanics, artisans or persons of scientific skill other than those in service of the Government, until the first of July, 1865.

II. So much of General Orders No. 27, current series, T. M. D., as places the detail of men between the ages of 18 and 45 years, fit for field service, but fit for staff duty, under the direction of the Superintendent of the Bureau of Conscription, is hereby revoked, and such details will be made by the Generals of Reserves.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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## Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., APRIL 21, 1865.

### SOLDIERS OF THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI ARMY:

The crisis of our revolution is at hand. Great disasters have overtaken us. The Army of Northern Virginia and our Commander-in-Chief are prisoners of war. With you rests the hopes of our nation, and upon your action depends the fate of our people. I appeal to you in the name of the cause you have so heroically maintained,—in the name of your fire-sides and families so dear to you,—in the name of your bleeding country whose future is in your hands. Show that you are worthy of your position in history. Prove to the world that your hearts have not failed in the hour of disaster, and that at the last moment you will sustain the holy cause which has been so gloriously battled for, by your brethren east of the Mississippi.

You possess the means of long resisting invasion. You have hopes of succor from abroad—protract the struggle, and you will surely receive the aid of nations who already deeply sympathize with you.

Stand by your colors—maintain your discipline. The great resources of this Department, its vast extent, the numbers, the discipline, and the efficiency of the Army, will secure to our country terms that a proud people can with honor accept, and may, under the Providence of God, be the means of checking the triumph of our enemy and of securing the final success of our cause.

E. KIRBY SMITH,  
General.





**Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,** }

*Shreveport. La., April 22nd, 1865.* }

GENERAL ORDERS. }

No. 40. }

The undersigned hereby resumes command of the Department.

E. KIRBY SMITH,

General.



# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., APRIL 27, 1865.

## General Orders, } No. 42. }

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

HEAD QUARTERS ARMIES OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES, }  
11th February, 1865. }

## GENERAL ORDERS, } No. 3. }

The discipline and efficiency of the army have been greatly impaired by men leaving their proper commands to join others, in which they find service more agreeable.

This practice, almost as injurious in its consequences as the crime of desertion, by the Articles of War, exposes the offender to a similar punishment, and subjects the officer receiving him to dismissal from the army.

It is therefore declared that the provisions of General Order No. 2, of this date, from Army Head Quarters, apply to such men as have left their proper commands and joined others without being regularly transferred. They will receive the pardon promised in that Order, upon complying with its conditions, or suffer the consequences attached to neglecting it.

The names of such absentees will be forthwith reported to these Head Quarters by the officers with whom they are serving, and immediate measures taken to return them to their proper commands.

As soon as practicable, an inspection will be made, and charges will be preferred against those who neglect to enforce this order.

R. E. LEE.

General

II. General Orders No. 2, Head Quarters of the Armies of the Confederate States, having been published in this Department in General Orders No. 36, current series, it is announced, by authority of the Secretary of War, that all enlisted men of this army who are improperly absent from their commands, except those guilty of deserting to or arrested in the act of deserting to the enemy, or who have deserted after having been once pardoned for the same offence, or who shall hereafter desert or absent themselves without authority, who shall within twenty days from this date voluntarily rejoin their commands, or deliver themselves to any regularly appointed enrolling officer, provost marshal, or any officer on duty, to be forwarded to their commands, shall be entitled to and receive the benefit of the pardon promised by the General-in-Chief, on authority of the President of the Confederate States.

III. General Orders No. 2, Head Quarters Armies of the Confederate States, published in this Department in General Orders No. 36, current series, by authority of the President, applies to enlisted men who are undergoing sentence, or trial on charges, or are in arrest for desertion or absence without leave, with the exceptions above mentioned, and all men who come within the provisions of this paragraph will at once be released from arrest and returned to duty.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,  
S. S. ANDERSON,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

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## Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., MAY 9, 1865

### General Orders, } No. 43. }

I. In addition to his duties as Commander of the District of Arkansas and West Louisiana, Lieutenant-General S. B. Buckner is announced, until further orders, as Chief of Staff to the Department Commander. All communications for Department Head Quarters will be addressed to Colonel S. S. Anderson, Senior Assistant Adjutant General.

II. When replying to letters, or referring to orders issued from Department Head Quarters, officers must be particular to state the number of the letter, or the number and paragraph of the order.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,  
S. S. ANDERSON,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

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# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., MAY 10, 1865

## General Orders, } No. 44. }

The following promotions are announced to take effect from this date:

Brig. General HARRY T. HAYS, to be **Major General**.

Capt. JNO. E. GAREY, A. Q. M., to be **Lieutenant Colonel**, in the Quartermaster's Department.

II. The Chiefs of the several sub-Departments of the Quartermaster's Department, including the Inspector of Field Transportation, will report to, and receive their instructions from, Lieut. Col. Jno. E. Garey, Chief Quartermaster, Trans-Miss. Dept.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,  
S. S. ANDERSON,  
Assistant Adjutant General.





**Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,**

SHREVEPORT, LA., MAY 15, 1865

**General Orders, }  
No. 45. }**

Major Ed. A. Burke is announced as Chief Inspector of Field Transportation for the Department during the temporary absence of Major C. D. Hill. He will report to Lieutenant-Colonel Jno. E. Garey, Chief Quartermaster, for instructions.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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# Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., MAY 13, 1865

## General Orders, } No. 46. }

I. The following promotions are announced to take effect from May 10, 1865 :

Brigadier General J. O. SHELBY, to be Major General.

Brigadier General A. P. BAGBY, to be Major General.

II. The following promotions are announced to take effect from this date :

Colonel L. M. LEWIS, 16th Missouri Infantry, to be Brigadier General.

Colonel S. D. JACKMAN, Jackman's Missouri Cavalry, to be Brigadier General.

Colonel B. F. GORDON, Shelby's Missouri Cavalry, to be Brigadier General.

Colonel A. W. TERREL, 34th Texas Cavalry to be Brigadier General.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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SHREVEPORT, LA., MAY 17, 1865.

**General Orders, }**  
**No. 47. }**

All orders granting exemption from impressment for wagons and teams are suspended for sixty days.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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## Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., MAY 13, 1865.

### General Orders, } No. 48. }

Until further orders the Head Quarters of the Department will be established at Houston, Texas. The Chiefs of the several administrative Departments will move their offices to that point with as little delay as practicable.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



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## Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department,

SHREVEPORT, LA., MAY 19, 1865.

### General Orders, } No. 50. }

Lieutenant Colonel W. A. Broadwell is relieved a Chief of the Cotton Bureau.

The Commanding General cannot allow this meritorious officer to retire from his arduous and responsible position without an expression of his deep sense of obligation for the services he has rendered.

Colonel Broadwell entered upon the duties of his office when the Trans-Mississippi Department was without credit abroad or supplies at home. By his integrity and ability he restored the one; by his energy and devotion he introduced the other.

He is entitled to the thanks of his countrymen.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders

SHREVEPORT, LA., MAY 10, 1862.

General Orders,  
No. 20.

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