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GENERAL ORDERS No. 105. WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Washington, April 28, 1863.

The organization of an Invalid Corps is hereby authorized.

This Corps shall consist of Companies, and if it shall hereafter be thought best, of Battalions.

The Companies shall be made up from the following sources, viz:

First. By taking those officers and enlisted men of commands now in the field (whether actually present or temporarily absent,) who, from wounds received in action or diseases contracted in the line of duty, are unfit for field service, but are still capable of effective garrison duty, or such other light duty as may be required of an Invalid Corps. Regimental Commanders shall at once make out, from information received from their Medical and Company Officers, and from their own knowledge, rolls (according to the Form furnished,) of the names of all the officers and enlisted men under their commands who fulfill the following conditions, viz:

1. That they are unfit for active field service on account of wounds or disease contracted in the line of duty; this fact being certified by a Medical Officer in the service, after personal examination.

2. That they are fit for garrison duty; this fact being likewise certified by the Medical Officer, as above, after personal examination.

3. That they are, in the opinion of their Commanding Officers, meritorious and deserving.

These rolls shall be certified by the Examining Surgeon and Regimental Commander, and transmitted, through the regular channels of military correspondence, to the Provost Marshal General of the United States.

The Regimental Commander shall enter in the column of remarks, opposite each officer's name on the roll, a statement as to the general character of the officer for intelligence, industry, sobriety and attention to duty; and all intermediate Commanders shall endorse thereon such facts as they may possess in the case, or if they have none, they shall state they for they are willing to endorse the opinion of the officer or officers making the recommendation. Similar rolls shall be forwarded from time to time, whenever the number of men fulfilling the conditions enumerated or the exigencies of the service may render it expedient.

Second. By taking those officers and enlisted men still in service and borne on the rolls, but who are absent from duty, in Hospitals or Convalescent Camps, or are otherwise under the control of Medical Officers. In these cases the Medical Officer in attendance shall prepare the rolls according to Form, giving the names of officers and men from the same regiment on a roll by themselves, and send them, with the certificate of the Surgeon, duly signed, to the proper Regimental Commander, who will forward them, as heretofore specified, subject to the same conditions and requirements. If, in any case, the Regimental Commander shall think an officer unfit, in point of character, to continue in the service of the Invalid Corps, though disabled and certified by the Surgeon, he will state his objection in the column of remarks, and note the exception before signing the certificate. If any officer or enlisted man now in the service, but absent and beyond the reach of a Medical Officer in charge of a Hospital or Convalescent Camp, desires to enter this Corps, he will take the course indicated below for those who have been honorably discharged the service.

Third. By accepting those officers and enlisted men who have been honorably discharged on account of wounds or disease contracted in the line of duty, and who desire to serve in the service. In the case of an officer, application for appointment must be made to the Provost Marshal General of the United States through the officer detailed as Acting Assistant Provost Marshal General of the State. No application of this kind will be considered unless the following conditions are completely fulfilled:

1. That the applicant produce the certificate of the Surgeon of the board of Enrollment for the district in which the claimant shall be found fit for active field duty on account of wounds or disease, and is not liable to draft, but is fit for garrison duty.

2. That he furnish evidence of honorable discharge on account of wounds or disability contracted in the line of duty.

3. That he produce recommendations from the Regimental, Brigade and Division Commanders under whom he formerly served, that he is worthy of being thus provided for and capable of returning adequate service to the Government. In case it shall be impracticable to get this last evidence, he may, having established the first two points above, satisfy the Board of Enrollment that he is deserving and present his certificate of the fact. This evidence must be obtained by the applicant, and must be transmitted with his application for appointment.

If there be no Acting Assistant Provost Marshal General for the State, the application may be forwarded through the Adjutant General of the State, who is desired to endorse thereon such facts in the military history of the applicant as he may know, or can be supplied by his records, and forward the same to the Provost Marshal General of the United States. Enlisted men, honorably discharged on account of disability, desiring to re-enlist in the Corps, will present themselves to the Board of Enrollment at for the district in which they reside, for examination by the Surgeon thereof, who shall examine them and report the result to the Board of Enrollment.

The Board shall then consider each case, and if the applicant is found to fulfill the conditions specified below, the Board shall give him a certificate to that effect, viz:

1. That he is not fit for service in the field.
2. That he is fit for garrison duty.
3. That he was meritorious and deserving.
4. That he was honorably discharged from the service.

The Provost Marshal for the District shall then send the application, with this certificate of the Board, to the Acting Assistant Provost Marshal General of the State, who shall procure such evidence of service as may be found on the records of the Company to which he belonged, on file at the Headquarters of the State, may show, and if satisfied that it is a meritorious case, and that the man is deserving, he will enlist him in accordance with such special rules as the Provost Marshal General may establish.

Medical Officers, Surgeons in charge of Hospitals, Military Commanders, and all others having authority to discharge, under existing laws and regulations, are forbidden to grant discharges to persons under their control who may be fit for service in the Invalid Corps.

The Provost Marshal General is charged with the execution of this order, and the troops organized under it will be under the control of his Bureau.

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Progress of Gen. Grant.

A more brilliant or a more important series of victories has not been gained since the war commenced, than have marked the career of Gen. Grant since he crossed the river. On May 1st, he fought and routed 11,000 rebels at Port Gibson. On the 3d Grand Gulf was taken by the gunboats. Between the 5th and 10th, some minor engagements occurred, which likewise resulted in favor of the Union arms. The third heavy engagement took place at Raymond, 25 miles east of Vicksburg, on the 11th, in which the rebels were again routed. The fourth battle is said to have been fought at Mississippi Springs, a short distance Southwest of Jackson. Of this engagement we have but few details. The rebel accounts say the battle lasted all day. Certain it is it was a decided victory for the Union army, and resulted in the capture of the city.

A Union spy, who recently returned from a reconnoitering tour within the rebel lines, reports that General Pemberton kept his supplies at Jackson. This, if true, gives great importance to this capture, for it will compel the rebel army to evacuate Vicksburg, unless they can gain a victory over Grant. Already we have reports, bearing the appearance of probability, that they have left that stronghold, and are moving in a northeast direction, with the design, probably, of uniting their forces with those of Bragg; or, as is still more probable, pushing their way to the lower Tennessee river into Tennessee and Western Kentucky, where they can get something to eat. The same man, who made the tour of observation, says he found at Vicksburg about five hundred guns of all sizes mounted. The garrison numbered thirty-one thousand, about five thousand of the troops being cavalry.

Among the speculations on the subject we find the following:

In the event of the fall of Vicksburg they intend to retire to Tennessee and go to the aid of Bragg, and by the aid of superior numbers, crush the Army of the Cumberland, where they expect to obtain supplies. They believe that they will carry the "war into Africa," by crossing the Ohio, and entering Indiana, half of whose inhabitants they say, are with them when their advance guard approaches the borders.

But this is all speculation. A hard battle may are this have been fought in the rear of Vicksburg; or it may be that the rumors of Pemberton having abandoned the place are true. We await further news both anxiously and hopefully.

Vallandigham's Sentence.

In a general order, (Number 68), dated "Headquarters Department of the Ohio, Cincinnati, O., May 16, 1863," General Burnside has published the finding of the Court Martial in the case of C. L. Vallandigham, which is quite different from that reported in dispatches from Washington a few days ago.

The order commences thus:

1. At a military commission, which convened at Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 6th day of May, 1863, pursuant to Special Order No. 135, of April 21, 1863, current series, from these headquarters, and of which Brigadier General Robert B. Potter, U. S. Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried, Clement L. Vallandigham, a citizen of the State of Ohio, on the following charge and specification of charge, to wit:

Here the order recites the charge and specification, which, as both have already appeared in our columns, we omit, and give the remaining portion of the sentence in full:

FINDING AND SENTENCE.

The Commission, after mature deliberation on the evidence adduced and the statement of the accused, find the accused, Clement L. Vallandigham, a citizen of the State of Ohio, as follows:

Of the specification, (except the words, "That propositions by which the Northern States could be won back, and the South guaranteed their rights under the Constitution, had been rejected the day before the battle of Fredericksburg, by Lincoln and his minions," meaning thereby the President of the United States, and those under him in authority, and the words, "asserting that he firmly believed, he departed six months ago, that the men in power are attempting to establish a Despotism in this country, more cruel and more oppressive than ever existed before,") "Guilty."

And as to these words, "Not Guilty."

Of the charge, "Guilty."

And the Commission do therefore sentence him, the said Clement L. Vallandigham, a citizen of the State of Ohio, to be placed in close confinement in some fortress of the United States, to be designated by the commanding officer of this Department, there to be kept during the continuance of the war.

II. The proceedings, finding and sentence in the foregoing case are approved and confirmed, and it is directed that the place of confinement of the prisoner, Clement L. Vallandigham, in accordance with said sentence, be Fort Warren, Boston Harbor.

By command of Major-General Burnside.

LEWIS RICHMOND, Assistant Adjutant-General.

War Powers of the Constitution.

We are very glad to learn, by a correspondence to which we refer the reader, that ISAAC HALLENHURST, Esq., one of the ablest and most distinguished jurists of Philadelphia, has consented to deliver his Essay on the Constitution, at Lafayette Hall, on Wood street, to-morrow evening.

It is one of the principal dodges of the men who are laboring to lay the country at the feet of traitors to pervert the Constitution into a fetter wherewith to bind the hands of its defenders, while they claim for those who are sedulously aiding and encouraging its enemies unlimited freedom. We understand that it is with the object of refuting such sophistry, and showing that the Constitution has unlimited powers of self-preservation, that the discourse of Mr. Hallenhurst has been prepared. Let the hall be filled to its utmost capacity.

THE HON. WILLIAM WHITING, Solicitor of the War Department, it is said, recommends the report from the N. Y. Times, that the 5th clause in the conscription law is to be set aside.

A Father Rescues his Daughter from the Clutches of a Rebel Exile—Exciting Chase.

The Nashville *Union*, of the 15th inst., has the following:

An exciting scene was witnessed on Cherry street, at the residence of Dr. Buchanan, yesterday, a few doors below the Postoffice, which deserves to be recorded. Dr. Buchanan, a most malignant traitor, received his walking papers from the military authorities recently, and was preparing to go South yesterday, at the time of the "scene" above referred to. The last of the Fenator had been stowed away in the vehicle, and among other chattles of the rebellious "Pauglose" was a very likely young woman, about sixteen years of age, whose complexion, like that of one of Portia's suitors, was "the shadowy livery of the burnished sun." The girl was sadly preparing to leave with her owner.

No friend was near, to rescue her from the clutches of one who had been deemed so faithless to his country that he was to be expelled from the society of the loyal. Who could tell what horrible fate awaited her in the slave pen—in the rice swamps—in the cottonfield, under the merciless lash of a brutal overseer? Just as the wagon was about to start, an old African, her father, approached with a heart as sad, no doubt, as Virginius, when he approached the tribunal of Appius Claudius, to take an eternal farewell of his daughter Virginia. Trembling with emotion he begged permission to kiss his only child, and give her one fond and final embrace. His request was granted, when he clasped her in his arms, and quick as thought with limbs as fleet as those of a mountain deer, he darted with his precious prize into an alley—through a back yard—into a door—and vanished! Pursuit was made by the enraged master, but in vain. The father had executed the emancipation proclamation, and cursed be he who shall say that his daughter shall ever fall into the hands of her rebel master.

The Treatment of Freedmen.

The following is an extract from a letter dated "Camp near Point Lick Creek, Kentucky, May 6, 1863:"

The colored people of Kentucky are more intelligent and more anxious for freedom than they are in Virginia, but I am sorry to say that they meet but little encouragement from the Union army. The slaves come in our camps in great numbers, but their masters come after them and the officers are forced to give them up—that is Gen. Nagel's orders. Col. Brown is a much better man than I thought he was; he will not give up one unless he is ordered to do by Gen. Nagel. When we came from Lexington to Winchester a slave boy came in the camp and said that his master was a rebel and in the rebel army. Soon after he came, a man came and claimed him; the boy said it was not his master; the man said he was not the boy's master; but that his master was in the rebel army, and had left the boy in his care and that he had a right to him. One of our officers asked him if he was a rebel; he said he was, but the boy was given up notwithstanding.

Enrollment of Negroes for the Rebel Army.

In the recent battles of General Banks on the Teche, in Louisiana, he seized upon papers, among which was found a proclamation of Gov. Moore, ordering the enrollment of the able-bodied negroes in the country, ostensibly for the purpose of organizing them into regiments. Col. Thorpe says there cannot be a doubt but that throughout the extreme Southern States the rebels are actually engaged in raising negro regiments, for it is only from such material that they can now recruit their ranks with able-bodied men. Col. Thorpe also says that he has watched the progress of the formation of the first colored regiment now organized in Louisiana, and has never seen better material or troops more obedient or more quick to learn the manual exercise. These men, in spite of their antecedents and unhappy history, are thoroughly impressed with the important position they occupy, and yet are not backward in adopting a uniform which is their death-warrant if taken by the enemy.

The Occupation of West Point and its Effects upon the Rebels.

The Richmond journals lay great stress upon the occupation of West Point, Virginia, by the Union forces, intimating that its possession would be an incalculable damage to the large and most productive portion of Virginia, which, having thus far escaped the ravages of war, has supplied the people of Richmond and the troops and hospitals with large and indispensible supplies of breadstuffs and other provisions.

The *Examiner* says further that the presence of an army at West Point will completely paralyze the agricultural energy of more than seventy thousand persons, the most disloyal of whom do not reside fifty miles from Richmond; because, not having suffered from the ravages of war, the farmers throughout that whole region are making the most extensive preparations for large crops.

In view of these significant admissions, our generals should not delay for a single moment to occupy with a formidable force that important point.

Scarcity of Labor.

The Detroit *Free* says that in some parts of Michigan the scarcity of laborers is severely felt. The war has effectually thinned out a large proportion of the laboring population, leaving many places, so destitute of help that even women have been compelled to labor in the fields. This scarcity of laborers has caused a corresponding advance of wages, which have thus early in the season, in some parts of the State, reached an unprecedented figure. When the harvest season arrives this scarcity will be even more severely felt.

The idlers in our cities might find abundant employment at good wages, and do their country good service, by going into the rural districts and putting their hands to work in the fields of the husbandman.

OUR CANADIAN NEIGHBORS are not slow to turn to their advantage any accident of the war in which we are engaged. The Chatham (Canada) *Planet*, alluding to the late proclamation of the President respecting the conscription of all foreigners who have declared their intention of becoming citizens, unless they le