

# Guide to the Civil War Circulars and General Orders Collection [1861-1865] (Bulk 1863-1865)

## **Descriptive Summary**

### **Repository**

Kenosha Civil War Museum Archives

### **Language of Material**

Material in English

### **Extent**

.75 Linear Feet

2 Binders

### **Abstract**

This collection consists of 190 General Orders and Circulars published by the United States War Department from October 23, 1861 to November 27, 1865.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Access Restrictions**

- Requests to research the Archives collections must be made 24 hours **in advance** to the curator.
- Collection is open for research on-site at the Kenosha Civil War Museum during business hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Patrons must sign-in with a curator before use and adhere to Archives rules while utilizing the collections.
- The Civil War Museum reserves the right to accept or deny any research request.

### **Use Restrictions**

Photocopies available upon request. Fee required.

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Provenance**

The Civil War Circulars and General Orders Collection was acquired by the Kenosha Civil War Museum in 2008.

### **Processing Information**

Processed by: Chris Stape, November 2008.

## **Collection Overview**

The collection consists of 158 General Orders and 32 Circulars published from October 23, 1861 to November 27, 1865. Nearly all were published by the Adjutant Generals Office of the

War Department in Washington, D.C., and were issued by then Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. Less than 10 in early 1863 were published by Headquarters, Department of the Cumberland, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

The items cover a wide range of topics including: instructions and regulations for soldiers' pay, officer retirements, exchange of prisoners, placement of disabled soldiers, dispersal of enlistment bounties, the amendment or revocation of previous orders, requirements for leave and furlough, the establishment of new units or the reformation of existing units, and changes of command. Of particular interest are the many published proceedings of various Courts Martial during the war. These items detail in legal terms what each soldier was accused of, how he pleaded, the findings of the court, and the sentence issued. The offenses ranged from theft, drunkenness, and behavior unbecoming and officer and gentleman, to desertion, murder, and rape. The sentences included dishonorable discharge, "cashiering" (public admonishment and removal of rank insignia), loss of pay, confinement at hard labor with ball and chain, and in some cases, having half the soldier's head shaved in public. More serious offenses resulted in sentences of being shot to death by musketry, or in one case, hanging. The majority of the Circulars date from late in the war (early 1865 and later). These deal with instructions and guidelines for mustering men and units out of service.

Of note: General Orders No. 108 (March 16, 1864) concerns the Court Martial of a man accused of an offense against Lt. James B. Pond, Company C, 3rd Wisconsin Volunteers. For more information, please see the Kenosha Civil War Museum's James B. Pond Papers Collection.

## Detailed Container List

### **Binder 1 of 2 [October 23, 1861 - November 30, 1863] (Bulk: February 1863 - November 1863)**

Document 1 of 105: General Orders No. 99. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of Assistant Adjutant General, L. Thomas. [October 23, 1861].

Document 2 of 105: General Orders No. 164. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Assistant Adjutant General, L. Thomas. [October 22, 1862].

Document 3 of 105: General Orders No. 215. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [December 26, 1862].

Document 4 of 105: General Orders No. 217. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Adjutant General, L. Thomas. [December 30, 1862].

- Mentions the dismissal of 2nd Lt. Samuel B. Morse, 7th Wisconsin Volunteers, being revoked due to his earlier resignation.

Document 5 of 105: *(Includes 2 separate orders)*

- General Orders No. 26. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Adjutant General, L. Thomas. [February 2, 1863].
- General Orders No. 27. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Adjutant General, L. Thomas. [February 2, 1863].

Document 6 of 105: General Orders No. 30. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Adjutant General, L. Thomas. [February 4, 1863].

Document 7 of 105: General Orders No. 31. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Adjutant General, L. Thomas. [February 4, 1863].

- Order from Headquarters, 13th Army Corps dismissing 2nd Lt. Addison L. Page, 30th Illinois Volunteers, for "forgery, bribery and corruption, and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman" are confirmed by direction of the President.

Document 8 of 105: General Orders No. 32. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Adjutant General, L. Thomas. [February 4, 1863].

Document 9 of 105: General Orders No. 33. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Adjutant General, L. Thomas. [February 6, 1863].

Document 10 of 105: General Orders No. 34. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Adjutant General, L. Thomas. [February 6, 1863].

Document 11 of 105: General Orders No. 37. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Adjutant General, L. Thomas. [February 9, 1863].

Document 12 of 105 (second copy): General Orders No. 37. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Adjutant General, L. Thomas. [February 9, 1863].

Document 13 of 105: General Orders No. 38. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Adjutant General, L. Thomas. [February 10, 1863].

Document 14 of 105: General Orders No. 41. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Adjutant General, L. Thomas. [February 11, 1863].

Document 15 of 105: General Orders No. 40. Headquarters Department of the Cumberland, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. By order of Maj. Gen. Rosecrans, issued by Assistant Adjutant General, C. Goddard. [March 4, 1863].

- Two officers assigned to duty as acting Assistant Inspectors general: Capt. A.S. Burt, and Capt. G.S. Hubbard, 88th Illinois Volunteers.

Document 16 of 105: General Orders No. 44. Headquarters Department of the Cumberland, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. By order of Maj. Gen. Rosecrans, issued by Assistant Adjutant General, C. Goddard. [March 9, 1863].

Document 17 of 105: General Orders No. 47. Headquarters Department of the Cumberland, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. By order of Maj. Gen. Rosecrans, issued by Assistant Adjutant General, C. Goddard. [March 13, 1863].

Document 18 of 105: General Orders No. 59. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Adjutant General, L. Thomas. [March 10, 1863].

Document 19 of 105: General Orders No. 61. Headquarters Department of the Cumberland,

Murfreesboro, Tennessee. By order of Maj. Gen. Rosecrans, issued by Assistant Adjutant General, C. Goddard. [March 27, 1863].

- Concerns the Court Martial of 2nd Lt. Josiah Timmons, Company D, 35th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for being absent without leave. Ordered dismissed from service.

Document 20 of 105: General Orders No. 81. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [March 31, 1863].

Document 21 of 105 (copy #2): General Orders No. 81. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [March 31, 1863].

Document 22 of 105: General Orders No. 80. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [March 31, 1863].

Document 23 of 105: General Orders No. 83. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 1, 1863].

- Orders giving or changing the names of new and modified forts and batteries around Washington. Sixteen forts and batteries are named as well as the significance of the person each was named after. Most are soldiers who had fallen in battle.

Document 24 of 105: General Orders No. 85. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 2, 1863].

Document 25 of 105: General Orders No. 84. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 2, 1863].

Document 26 of 105: General Orders No. 87. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 3, 1863].

Document 27 of 105: General Orders No. 86. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 2, 1863].

Document 28 of 105: General Orders No. 90. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 7, 1863].

Document 29 of 105: General Orders No. 88. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of Edwin M Stanton, Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 3, 1863].

Document 30 of 105: General Orders No. 77. Headquarters Department of the Cumberland, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. By order of Maj. Gen. Rosecrans, issued by Assistant Adjutant General, C. Goddard. [April 11, 1863].

Document 31 of 105: *(includes 3 separate orders bound together)*

- General Orders No. 101. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 25, 1863].
- General Orders No. 102. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 25, 1863].
- General Orders No. 103. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War,

and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 25, 1863].

Document 32 of 105: *(includes 3 separate orders bound together)*

- General Orders No. 107. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 28, 1863].
- General Orders No. 108. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 28, 1863].
- General Orders No. 109. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 29, 1863].

Document 33 of 105: General Orders No. 115. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 5, 1863].

Document 34 of 105: General Orders No. 116. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 8, 1863].

Document 35 of 105: General Orders No. 133. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 16, 1863].

- Concerns the proceedings of several Courts Martial including:
  - Pvt. John Sullivan, Company B, 27th Michigan Volunteers, brought up on charges of shooting a superior officer. Sullivan was found guilty and sentenced to death by firing squad.

Document 36 of 105: General Orders No. 136. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 18, 1863].

Document 37 of 105: General Orders No. 137. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 18, 1863].

Document 38 of 105: General Orders No. 138. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 18, 1863].

Document 39 of 105: General Orders No. 139. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 18, 1863].

Document 40 of 105: General Orders No. 140. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 21, 1863].

Document 41 of 105: General Orders No. 141. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 22, 1863].

Document 42 of 105: General Orders No. 144. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 22, 1863].

- Concerns commanders of "colored troops".

Document 43 of 105: General Orders No. 143. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 22, 1863].

- Concerns the establishment of units of "colored troops."

Document 44 of 105 (copy #2): General Orders No. 141. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 18, 1863].

Document 45 of 105: General Orders No. 142. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 23, 1863].

Document 46 of 105 (copy #2): General Orders No. 142. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 23, 1863].

Document 47 of 105: General Orders No. 147. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 26, 1863].

Document 48 of 105: General Orders No. 148. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 26, 1863].

Document 49 of 105: General Orders No. 150. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 26, 1863].

- Concerns the Court Martial of Capt. S.R. Hornbrook, 65th Indiana Volunteers, who is charged with, among other things, contempt and disrespect toward his commanding officer for having a highly critical newspaper article published in a Kentucky newspaper. Hornbrook is sentenced to dismissal from service. (*The orders include a transcript of the entire article.*)

Document 50 of 105: General Orders No. 152. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 28, 1863].

Document 51 of 105: General Orders No. 153. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 28, 1863].

Document 52 of 105: General Orders No. 155. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 28, 1863].

- Concern 3 Courts Martial:
  - I. 1st Pvt. Andrew Shafer, Company F, 17th Indiana Volunteers, charged with falling asleep on guard duty. Sentenced to be publicly shot to death.
  - II. Pvt. Hugh Shaw, Company I, 58th Indiana Volunteers, charged with hitting a superior officer and threatening to kill him. Sentenced to be publicly shot to death.
  - III. 1st Lt. Theodorick F.C. Dodd, Company B, 73rd Indiana Volunteers, charged with leaving his company without permission and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. Sentenced to be dismissed from service.
    - All three sentences were remitted or revoked by the President of the United States.

Document 53 of 105: General Orders No. 156. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 28, 1863].

Document 54 of 105: General Orders No. 156. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 28, 1863].

- Concerns a Court Martial presided over by Lt. Col. D.B. Robinson, 62nd Illinois Infantry, in which 2 men (presumably civilians) were accused and convicted of treason. The men were

sentenced to be shot to death. The sentences were commuted by the President of the United States to one year confinement.

Document 55 of 105: General Orders No. 158. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 29, 1863].

Document 56 of 105: General Orders No. 169. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [June 8, 1863].

Document 57 of 105: General Orders No. 170. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [June 9, 1863].

Document 58 of 105: General Orders No. 171. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [June 9, 1863].

Document 59 of 105: General Orders No. 172. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [June 9, 1863].

Document 60 of 105: General Orders No. 182. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [June 20, 1863].

Document 61 of 105: Circular on Mustering Service No. 2. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 1, 1863].

- Circular is a lengthy list of those specifically authorized to perform mustering duties. They include men in units from: Wisconsin, Indiana, Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, and Illinois.

Document 62 of 105: General Orders No. 206. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 3, 1863].

Document 63 of 105: General Orders No. 205. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 3, 1863].

Document 64 of 105 (copy #2): General Orders No. 206. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 3, 1863].

Document 65 of 105: Appears to be the hand-written cover page for a collection of printed orders (General Orders 202 through 398 [July 1, 1863 - December 21, 1863]).

Document 66 of 105: General Orders No. 207. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 3, 1863].

Document 67 of 105: General Orders No. 208. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 6, 1863].

Document 68 of 105: General Orders No. 210. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 7, 1863].

Document 69 of 105: General Orders No. 211. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 9, 1863].

Document 70 of 105 (copy #2): General Orders No. 208. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 6, 1863].

Document 71 of 105: General Orders No. 213. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 9, 1863].

Document 72 of 105 (copy #2): General Orders No. 213. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 9, 1863].

Document 73 of 105: General Orders No. 214. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 10, 1863].

Document 74 of 105 (copy #2): General Orders No. 211. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 9, 1863].

Document 75 of 105: General Orders No. 215. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 11, 1863].

Document 76 of 105 (copy #2): General Orders No. 215. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 11, 1863].

Document 77 of 105: General Orders No. 216. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 14, 1863].

Document 78 of 105 (copy #2): General Orders No. 216. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 14, 1863].

Document 79 of 105: General Orders No. 217. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 15, 1863].

Document 80 of 105: General Orders No. 218. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 16, 1863].

Document 81 of 105: General Orders No. 220. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 16, 1863].

Document 82 of 105: General Orders No. 222. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 16, 1863].

Document 83 of 105: General Orders No. 223. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 17, 1863].

- Concerns the dismissal of Courts Martial sentences due to the Judge Advocate not having been sworn in. Applies to 40 non-commissioned officers and privates from: 2nd and 3rd Michigan Cavalry; 7th Illinois Cavalry; 2nd Iowa Cavalry; 4th Indiana Volunteers; 6th Iowa Volunteers; 40th Illinois Volunteers; and the 46th, 48th and 54th Ohio Volunteers.

Document 84 of 105 (copy #2): General Orders No. 218. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 16, 1863].



Document 85 of 105: General Orders No. 224. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 21, 1863].

Document 86 of 105 (copy #2): General Orders No. 224. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 21, 1863].

Document 87 of 105: General Orders No. 225. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 22, 1863].

Document 88 of 105: General Orders No. 232. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 23, 1863].

Document 89 of 105: General Orders No. 229. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 23, 1863].

Document 90 of 105: General Orders No. 226. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 23, 1863].

Document 91 of 105: General Orders No. 227. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 23, 1863].

Document 92 of 105 (copy #2): General Orders No. 223. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 17, 1863].

- Concerns the dismissal of Courts Martial sentences due to the Judge Advocate not having been sworn in. Applies to 40 non-commissioned officers and privates from: 2nd and 3rd Michigan Cavalry; 7th Illinois Cavalry; 2nd Iowa Cavalry; 4th Indiana Volunteers; 6th Iowa Volunteers; 40th Illinois Volunteers; and the 46th, 48th and 54th Ohio Volunteers.

Document 93 of 105: General Orders No. 236. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 28, 1863].

Document 94 of 105: General Orders No. 237. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 28, 1863].

Document 95 of 105: *Includes 3 separate orders bound together*

- General Orders No. 239. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 28, 1863].
- General Orders No. 240. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 28, 1863].
- General Orders No. 241. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 28, 1863].

Document 96 of 105: General Orders No. 238. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 28, 1863].

Document 97 of 105 (copy #2): General Orders No. 238. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 28, 1863].

Document 98 of 105 (copy #2) : General Orders No. 239. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 28, 1863].

Document 99 of 105: General Orders No. 244. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [July 28, 1863].

Document 100 of 105: General Orders No. 325. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [September 28, 1863].

Document 101 of 105: General Orders No. 339. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [October 16, 1863].

Document 102 of 105 (copy #2): General Orders No. 339. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [October 16, 1863].

Document 103 of 105: General Orders No. 357. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [November 5, 1863].

Document 104 of 105: General Orders No. 378. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [November 24, 1863].

Document 105 of 105: General Orders No. 383. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [November 30, 1863].

## **Binder 2 of 2 [January 1, 1864 - November 27, 1865]**

Document 1 of 76: General Orders No. 1. Headquarters Department of the Cumberland, Chattanooga, Tennessee. By command of Maj. Gen. Thomas. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, Wm. D. Whipple. [January 1, 1864].

Document 2 of 76: General Orders No. 2. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [January 2, 1864].

Document 3 of 76: General Orders No. 7. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [January 4, 1864].

Document 4 of 76: General Orders No. 7. Headquarters Department of the Cumberland, Chattanooga, Tennessee. By command of Maj. Gen. Thomas. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, Wm. D. Whipple. [January 7, 1864].

Document 5 of 76: General Orders No. 15. War Department, Washington, D.C. By command of Maj. Gen. Halleck, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [January 11, 1864].

Document 6 of 76: Circular No. 4. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [February 1, 1865].

Document 7 of 76: General Orders No. 38. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary

of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [February 1, 1864].

Document 8 of 76: Circular No. 13. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [February 1, 1864].

Document 9 of 76: Circular No. 15. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [February 6, 1864].

Document 10 of 76: Circular No. 16. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [February 6, 1864].

Document 11 of 76: Circular No. 17. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [February 10, 1864].

Document 12 of 76: Circular No. 18. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [February 10, 1864].

Document 13 of 76: General Orders No. 80. War Department, Washington D.C. By order of the president, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, W.A. Nichols. [February 29, 1864].

Document 14 of 76: Circular No. 21. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, W.A. Nichols. [March 1, 1864].

Document 15 of 76: Circular No. 22. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [March 8, 1864].

Document 16 of 76: General Orders No. 108. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [March 16, 1864].

- Concerns the Courts Martial of several men.
  - Capt. Edwin J. Fosha, 91st Illinois Volunteers, was accused of, among other things, cowardice and raising the white flag without permission during engagement with the enemy. Sentenced to be cashiered. His sentence was remitted by the President of the United States.
  - Lt. John Devine, 32nd Iowa Volunteers, accused of unlawfully ordering the burning of a house. Sentenced to one months forfeiture of pay. His sentence was deemed insufficient by commanders and the President of the United States ordered him removed from service.
  - Pvt. Sherman Dodge, 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry, accused of stealing government property. Sentenced to 6 months hard labor.
  - Capt. Edward R. Stevens, 3rd Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry, accused of disparaging the President of the United States, stealing horses, and in the absence of **Lt. James B. Pond, Company C, 3rd Wisconsin Volunteers**, ordering the tent housing Pond's wife and child taken away. Stevens was suspended from rank and pay for three months. By order of the President of the United States, the sentence was changed to dishonorable discharge.

Document 17 of 76: Circular No. 30. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [March 28, 1864].

Document 18 of 76: General Orders No. 143. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 4, 1864].

Document 19 of 76: General Orders No. 142. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 4, 1864].

Document 20 of 76: General Orders No. 141. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 4, 1864].

Document 21 of 76: General Orders No. 140. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 4, 1864].

Document 22 of 76: General Orders No. 147. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 5, 1864].

Document 23 of 76: General Orders No. 152. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 6, 1864].

Document 24 of 76: General Orders No. 153. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 6, 1864].

Document 25 of 76: Circular No. 34. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 13, 1864].

Document 26 of 76: General Orders No. 160. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 14, 1864].

Document 27 of 76: General Orders No. 161. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 14, 1864].

Document 28 of 76: General Orders No. 176. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 22, 1864].

Document 29 of 76: General Orders No. 175. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 22, 1864].

Document 30 of 76: General Orders No. 173. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 22, 1864].

- Orders those non-commissioned officers and privates unfit for duty but fit for the Veteran Reserve Corps to reports to those units. Consists of a very lengthy list of names including about 55 from various Wisconsin regiments, 145 from Indiana regiments, 165 from Illinois regiments, 55 from Michigan regiments, 40 from Iowa regiments, and 10 from Minnesota regiments.

Document 31 of 76: General Orders No. 174. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 22, 1864].

Document 32 of 76: General Orders No. 182. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [April 26, 1864].

Document 33 of 76: General Orders No. 188. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, W.A. Nichols. [April 22, 1864].

- Orders those non-commissioned officers and privates unfit for duty but fit for the Veteran Reserve Corps to reports to those units. Consists of a very lengthy list of names including about 45 from Wisconsin regiments, 150 from Indiana regiments, 175 from Illinois regiments, 60 from Michigan regiments, 40 from Iowa regiments, and 10 from Minnesota regiments.

Document 34 of 76: General Orders No. 191. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 7, 1864].

Document 35 of 76: General Orders No. 198. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 12, 1864].

Document 36 of 76: General Orders No. 196. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 12, 1864].

Document 37 of 76: Transfer to Veterans Reserve Corps, No. 20. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 15, 1864].

- Orders those non-commissioned officers and privates unfit for duty but fit for the Veteran Reserve Corps to reports to those units. Consists of a very lengthy list of names including about 20 from Wisconsin regiments, 50 from Indiana regiments, 90 from Illinois regiments, 55 from Michigan regiments, 25 from Iowa regiments, and 3 from Minnesota regiments.

Document 38 of 76: Circular No. 38. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 18, 1864].

Document 39 of 76: Circular No. 40. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 24, 1864].

Document 40 of 76: General Orders No. 204. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 27, 1864].

Document 41 of 76: General Orders No. 205. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [June 1, 1864].

Document 42 of 76 (copy #2): General Orders No. 205. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [June 1, 1864].

Document 43 of 76: General Orders No. 206. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [June 3, 1864].

Document 44 of 76: General Orders No. 207. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [June 6, 1864].

Document 45 of 76: General Orders No. 261. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [September 22, 1864].

- A list of officers and enlisted men who have been exchanged as prisoners of war. They include:
  - ☐ Pvt. Abram Barnes, 36th Indiana Volunteers
  - ☐ Pvt. J.G. Crosier, 58th Indian Volunteers
  - ☐ Pvt. H.C. Higginson, 19th Illinois Volunteers

Document 46 of 76: General Orders No. 267. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [September 22, 1864].

- A list of officers and enlisted men who have been exchanged as prisoners of war. Includes 9 men from the 2nd Illinois Cavalry.

Document 47 of 76: General Orders No. 295. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [December 2, 1864].

Document 48 of 76: Circular No. 1. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [January 3, 1865].

- An authorized list of all officially recognized "Mustering Officers, Commissaries, and Assistant Commissaries of Musters."
  - List includes many names from units based in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and Indiana.

Document 49 of 76: Circular No. 2. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [January 4, 1865].

Document 50 of 76: Circular No. 6. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [February 14, 1865].

Document 51 of 76: *Includes two items bound together.*

- Circular No. 7. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [February 16, 1865].
- Circular No. 8. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [February 20, 1865].
- Circular No. 9. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [February 27, 1865].

Document 52 of 76: General Orders No. 41. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [March 20, 1865].

Document 53 of 76 (copy #2): General Orders No. 41. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [March 20, 1865].

Document 54 of 76: General Orders No. 43. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [March 21, 1865].

Document 55 of 76: Circular No. 17. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 1, 1865].

- A list of changes to the officially recognized "Mustering Officers, Commissaries, and Assistant Commissaries of Musters."
  - Names mentioned include men in units from Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, and Indiana.

Document 56 of 76: General Orders No. 86. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 9, 1865].

Document 57 of 76: General Orders No. 89. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 10, 1865].

Document 58 of 76: General Orders No. 88. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 10, 1865].

Document 59 of 76: General Orders No. 93. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 13, 1865].

Document 60 of 76: General Orders No. 94. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 15, 1865].

Document 61 of 76: Circular No. 18. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 15, 1865].

- Includes a sample report form addressing soldiers mustering out of service.

Document 62 of 76: Circular No. 19. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [May 16, 1865].

Document 63 of 76: Circular No. 20. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [June 1, 1865].

- A list of changes during the month of May, 1865 to the officially recognized "Mustering Officers, Commissaries, and Assistant Commissaries of Musters."
  - Names mentioned include men in units from Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, and Indiana.

Document 64 of 76: Circular No. 23. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [June 5, 1865].

Document 65 of 76: Circular No. 25. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [June 5, 1865].

Document 66 of 76: Circular No. 27. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [June 26, 1865].

Document 67 of 76 (copy #2): Circular No. 27. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [June 26, 1865].

Document 68 of 76 (copy #3): Circular No. 27. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [June 26, 1865].

Document 69 of 76: Circular No. 28. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [June 28, 1865].

- Orders for the mustering out of entire units, including: 82nd Infantry Regiment, Illinois; 101st and 91st Infantry Regiment, Indiana; and the 26th Infantry Regiment, Michigan.

Document 70 of 76: General Orders No. 134. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the

Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [August 23, 1865].

Document 71 of 76: General Orders No. 136. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [August 31, 1865].

Document 72 of 76 (copy #2): General Orders No. 134. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [August 23, 1865].

Document 73 of 76: Circular No. 50. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [November 20, 1865].

Document 74 of 76: Circular No. 49. War Department, Washington, D.C. Issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [November 13, 1865].

Document 75 of 76: Circular No. 51. War Department, Washington, D.C. By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. [November 27, 1865].

Document 76 of 76: General Orders No. (?). By order of the Secretary of War, and issued by Assistant Adjutant General, E.D. Townsend. *Front page of orders is missing.*

- Concerns the proceedings of 4 Courts Martial. The dates of 3 of these Courts Martial are:
  - ☐ March 30, 1863
  - ☐ November 25, 1862
  - ☐ June 24, 1863