HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT No. 2,

CHATTANOOGA, August 8th, 1862.

WENERAL ORDERS,

1. To the end that the siek of the army may be more efficiently treated and nursed, Brigade Hospital Encampments will be established at once under the following regulations:

1. The encampment of each Division will be as near together as practicable, and the whole under command of the Chief Surgeon of the Division.

2. To each encampment there will be assigned a regular corps of nurses, and four women will be employed as Laundresses. In the selection of nurses, men unfit for active or field service will be detailed as far as practicable.

3. When the army changes its position, the sick will remain in their respective encampments, under charge of proper medical officers, who will forward the men to their several regiments when fit for duty.

4. When the sick in any encampment shall have been sent to their regiments or otherwise disposed of by the Medical Director, that encampment, with nurses, supplies and appliances, shall be moved forward to the immediate vicinity of the Brigade to which its occupants had belonged.

5. Any persons breaking down on the march, or unable to undergo field

service, will be sent to the nearest hospital encampment.

6. In addition to their other duties, Brigade Commissaries will perform the duties of their department for the Hospital encampment of their respective brigades.

II. General Hospitals will be established for the reception and treatment of the gravest cases, and those non commissioned officers and soldiers

whose disability appears likely to be of long duration.

III. Field Purveyors will be designated by the Medical Director from whom Medical and Hospital supplies will be drawn for the several encampments.

IV. Strict attention will be paid by officers of Subsistence Department to the proper accountability for hospital funds, and it is enjoined on Brigade Surgeons to notice and report any delinquency in this duty through intermediate commanders of Army Corps.

By command of Gen. Bragg.

(Signed.) THOMAS JORDAN, Chief of Staff.

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