WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, Richmond, July 1, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 46.

- I. The following Regulations are published for the information of the Army:
- 1. Paragraph III, General Orders No. 24, current series, is so modified as to permit the appointment of Brigade Ordnance Officers, who shall have the rank and pay of First Lieutenants of Artillery.
- 2. Brigade Ordnance Officers so appointed will be subject to the Division Ordnance Officers, so far as relates to ordnance duties, and will make requisitions on them. They will also make such reports as may be required, to the Division Ordnance Officers.
- 3. Ordnance Sergeants of Regiments will be subject to, and make reports to the Brigade Ordnance Officers.
- 4. Since the Act of April 19, 1862, providing an Ordnance Sergeant to each Regiment, the acting appointees, authorized under General Orders No. 24, current series, and made by Colonels of Regiments, will be reported for appointment under the above act, in cases where such report has not been made to the Ordnance Bureau. Hereafter the appointments will be made to Regiments as to Military Posts, by the Sccretary of War, and upon the recommendation of Colonels of Regiments, through the Ordnance Bureau, the non-commissioned officers recommended being at once placed upon duty in anticipation of the appointment.
- II. Paragraph IV, General Orders No. 44, current series, is hereby rescinded, and the following paragraph is substituted in lieu thereof:

Persons under 18 and over 35 years of age, who have re-enlisted for three years or the war, are not entitled to their discharge under the Conscript Act. Persons of the ages above mentioned, who enlisted for twelve months, or for a shorter term, will be entitled to their discharge ninety days after the expiration of their term of service.

III. All Chaplains taken prisoners of war by the Armies of the Confederate States, while engaged in the discharge of their proper duties, will be immediately and unconditionally released.

By command of the Secretary of War.

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Adjutant and Inspector General.