

HEAD QUARTERS, DEPARTMENT No. 2.

TUPELO, Miss., July 10th, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, }

No. 96.

I. The following Article of War, (94), is published for information and observance in this Department :

"When any commissioned officer shall die or be killed in the service of the Confederate States, the Major of the Regiment, or the officer doing the Major's duty in his absence, or in any post or garrison, the second officer in command, or the assistant military agent, shall immediately secure all his effects or equipage, then in camp or quarters, and shall make an inventory thereof, and forthwith transmit the same to the office of the Department of War, to the end that his executors or administrators may receive the same."

If a legal administrator or family connexion be present, and take charge of the effects, it will be so stated in the inventory : a duplicate of which inventory will also be sent to these Head Quarters.

II. Inventories of the effects, or money of deceased non-commissioned officers and soldiers, required by the 95th Article of War, will be forwarded to the Adjutant General by the Commander of the company to which the deceased belonged, and a duplicate of the same to the Colonel of the regiment. Final statements of pay, clothing, etc., will be sent with the inventories. When a soldier dies at a post, station or hospital, absent from his company, it will be the duty of his immediate Commander, or Surgeon to furnish the required inventory, and at the same time forward to the Commanding officer of the company, to which the soldier belonged, a report of his death, specifying the date, place and cause; to what time he was last paid, and the money or other effects possessed at the time of his decease; which report will be noted on the next muster-roll of the company to which the man belonged. Each inventory will be endorsed, "Inventory of the effects of ———, late of Company (—), ——— Regiment of ———, who died at ———, the ——— day of ———, 186—." If a legal representative receive the effects, it will be so stated in the report. If the soldier leave no effects the fact will be reported.

III. Should the effects of a non-commissioned officer or soldier not be administered upon within a short period after his decease, they shall be disposed of by a Council of Administration, under the authority of the Commanding officer of the Post, and the proceeds deposited with the Paymaster, to the credit of the Confederate States, until they shall be claimed by the legal representatives of the deceased. The receipts of the Paymaster will be taken in triplicate, one of which will be forwarded to the Chief Paymaster of the Department, and another to the Adjutant and Inspector General of the Army, which last will be accompanied by a certified statement, (by the Council and Commanding officer), or account of the proceeds received for. In cases where money is found in possession of the deceased, and there is no legal representative present or convenient to receive it, it will at once be turned over to some Paymaster, whose receipts will be taken and transmitted as hereinbefore prescribed.

By command of GENERAL BRAGG.

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