

GENERAL ORDERS, }

No. 75.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, July 8, 1862.

I..In organizing new Regiments of Volunteers, the Governors of States are hereby authorized to appoint, in addition to the Staff Officers heretofore authorized, one Second Lieutenant for each Company, who shall be mustered into the service at the commencement of the organization, who shall have authority to muster in recruits as they are enlisted. If any recruit shall be enlisted by such officer, who shall afterwards, on medical inspection, prove to have been obviously unfit for the service at the time of his enlistment, all expenses caused thereby shall be paid by such officer, to be stopped against him from any payment that may be coming to him from the Government thereafter.

Any officer, thus appointed and mustered, shall only be entitled to be paid on the muster and pay-roll of his company, and should he fail to secure an organized company within such reasonable time as the Governor may designate, his men may be transferred to some other company, his appointment be revoked, and be discharged without pay; unless the Governor shall think proper to give him a position in the consolidated company to which his men have been transferred.

Articles of enlistment, as in the regular army, will be made out in triplicate by such recruiting officers, one copy of which will be sent to the Adjutant General of the State, one to the Adjutant of the Regiment, and one will be kept by the recruiting officer.

Recruits will be sent to the regimental rendezvous at least as often as once a week, where they will be immediately examined by the Surgeon of the Regiment, and, if found unfit for duty by reason of permanent disability, will be discharged from the service forthwith by the Surgeon, who will report such discharges to the Adjutant General of the State, and also to the Adjutant of the Regiment, noting particularly those cases where the disability was obvious at the time of enlistment.

The muster-in rolls of each company will be made out by the Adjutant of the Regiment, from a list to be furnished by the Adjutant General of the State, together with the articles of enlistment furnished him by the recruiting officer, and will note upon it the names of all persons discharged by the Surgeon for permanent disability, designating particularly those cases where the disability was apparent at the time of enlistment.

As soon as the organization of a regiment is completed, it will be carefully inspected by the mustering officer for the State, who will see that at least the minimum number of each company is present; no absentees, except sick in hospital, will be counted. He will also compare the muster-in rolls, and if found correct, will sign the roll, certifying to the muster of each man at the date of his enlistment.

Mustering officers will report promptly to the Adjutant General of the Army the names of all recruiting Lieutenants mustered into the service by them, under conditional letters of appointment, together with the Regiments to which they belong.

II.. Officers will be mustered into the service only on the authority of the Governor of the State to which their regiments belong.

III.. Until regiments are organized and their muster rolls completed, they will be under the exclusive control of the Governors of the States, and all requisitions for quartermaster, medical, and ordnance stores, and contracts for subsistence, will, if approved by them, be allowed, and not otherwise.

IV.. Where it is desired by the Governors of States, the United States officers of the quartermaster, medical, and ordnance departments, may turn over stores to the State authorities, to be issued by them in accordance with the regulations, and accounted for to the proper Bureau of the War Department.

V.. Persons traveling under the order of the Governor of a State on business connected with the recruiting service, will be allowed the actual cost of transportation, to be paid by the mustering and disbursing officer on presentation of the account, accompanied by proper vouchers, and the order under which the journey was performed.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,  
*Adjutant General.*

OFFICIAL:

*Assistant Adjutant General.*