

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
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GENERAL ORDERS, }  
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I. The following rules in relation to the examination of Conscripts, are published for the guidance of the enrolling and medical examining officers:

1. At each camp of instruction, and at such military stations, and other points as may be designated, an experienced Army Surgeon, from a different section of the country, will be detailed to examine Conscripts.

2. All Conscripts capable of bearing arms will be received.

3. Conscripts, not equal to all military duty, may be valuable in the hospital, quartermaster's or other staff department; and if so, will be received.

4. Blindness, excessive deafness and permanent lameness, or great deformity, are obvious reasons for exemption.

5. Confirmed consumption, large, incurable ulcers, and chronic contagious diseases of the skin, are causes for exemption.

6. Single reducible hernia, the loss of an eye or of several fingers, will not incapacitate the subject for the performance of military duty.

7. A certificate of disability of a Conscript, given by a private physician, will not be considered, unless affidavit is made that the Conscript is confined to bed, or that his health and life would be endangered by removal to the place of enrollment.

8. But when a Conscript is incapacitated by temporary sickness, he must present himself, so soon as recovered, to the enrolling officer, or to the nearest school for Conscripts.

9. No previous discharge, certificate or exemption, from any source, will be acknowledged, except those granted to foreigners not domiciled, and to those persons who have furnished substitutes.

10. Medical officers of the army are not allowed to examine Conscripts and give certificates, unless they are regularly detailed for that duty.

By command of the Secretary of War.

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