

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 74. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, July 7, 1862.

I..The following Resolution of Congress is published for the information of all concerned :

A RESOLUTION to encourage Enlistments in the Regular Army and Volunteer forces.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the ninth section of the act approved August third, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, entitled "An act for the better organization of the military establishment," as abolishes the premium paid for bringing accepted recruits to the rendezvous, be and the same is hereby repealed, and hereafter a premium of two dollars shall be paid to any citizen, non-commissioned officer, or soldier, for such accepted recruit for the regular army [as] he may bring to the rendezvous. And every soldier who hereafter enlists, either in the regular army or the volunteers, for three years, or during the war, may receive his first month's pay in advance, upon the mustering of his company into the service of the United States, or after he shall have been mustered into and joined a regiment already in the service.

Approved June 21, 1862.

II..For the two dollar premium, *regular service*, the form of receipt roll annexed will be used as a consolidated voucher for the payments. The payments will be made from recruiting funds, and so soon as the recruit is accepted by the recruiting officer.

III..For *volunteer recruits*, for *old* regiments, there will be paid a premium of three dollars, and for those entering new regiments a premium of two dollars. The premium may be paid either to the person bringing the recruit, or to the recruit in person, in case he presents himself.

These payments will be made so soon as the recruit has been inspected by the surgeon and mustered into the service.

The amounts will be entered on the Muster-in Roll, opposite the names of the recruits so paid, and charged to the fund for "*collecting, drilling, and organizing volunteers.*"

For a voucher, a modified form of that used in the regular service may be used.

IV.. The month's pay in advance for regular and volunteer recruits will be paid under such regulations as the Paymaster General may establish.

V.. During the continuance of the existing war, *twenty-five dollars of the one hundred bounty* previously authorized by act of Congress will be paid to every recruit of the regular and volunteer forces.

These payments will be made as follows, viz:

1. To volunteer recruits for the old regiments, when the said recruits are inspected and mustered into the service, and to those of the new regiments when their companies are organized, muster-in rolls made out, and the mustering officer's certificate given thereto. The amounts will be entered on the muster-in rolls, opposite the name of the recruits, respectively, and charged under the head of "*Expenses of Volunteer Recruiting Service.*" To this end, an account current separate from that for the fund for "collecting, drilling, and organizing volunteers," will be used, but the "volunteer recruiting fund" will be disbursed by the regularly appointed mustering and disbursing officers.

2. To recruits for the regular service when the recruit has been passed by the "Board of Inspectors," at the regimental or general service depôt, as the case may be. The amounts under this head will be paid from the recruiting funds, and entered on the recruiting account current opposite the names of the recruits, respectively; and also on the first descriptive list of the soldier; whenever this list is given *before bounty has been paid*, an entry—" \$25 bounty due for enlistment"—will be made thereon.

In case of reënlisted soldiers, the entry, as to payment or non-payment, will be made on the first muster roll, and the superintendent of the recruiting service will be notified of the fact.

3. Vouchers for payment will be in the form of consolidated receipt rolls.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.

We, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge to have received from Licut. _____, _____, _____ Regiment of _____, Recruiting Officer, [or from _____ Mustering and Disbursing Officer,] the sums opposite our names, respectively, being in full for amounts due us for procuring and bringing to the rendezvous accepted recruits. Our names are placed opposite the names of recruits so furnished, and we have signed duplicates hereof.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF RECRUIT.	AMOUNT.	NAME OF PERSON PROCURING RECRUITS.*	WITNESS.	REMARKS.

I CERTIFY that the above is correct; that the recruits accepted are "effective and able bodied;" and that, in accepting them, I have been strictly governed by paragraphs 925 and 926 Recruiting Regulations.

_____, _____, _____ Licut. — Infantry, _____ Recruiting Officer.

NOTES.—1...Act of February 13, 1862, published in G. O. No. 15, although prohibiting discharge of minors from the service, does not authorize their enlistment or muster into service, except with written consent of parent, guardian, or master.
2..It should be borne in mind that the law provides for the enlistment of "effective able-bodied" men; and if any officer shall enlist any person contrary to the true intent and meaning of the law, it is further provided that, for every offence, "he shall forfeit and pay the amount of the bounty and clothing which the person so recruited may have received from the public, to be deducted out of the pay and emoluments of such officer."

* In case of volunteer recruits the name of the recruit will appear in this column in case the money was paid to him.