

GENERAL ORDERS, }
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, September 12, 1864.

Deserters from the United States Troops arriving in Washington, who report themselves as belonging to any particular regiment, and are sent to it, shall be permanently assigned to the regiments of which they thus report themselves members. Deserters now in the prisons of the District, or who may hereafter arrive, whose regiments are unknown, shall be sent immediately to the front, with instructions to the Commanding Generals of the Armies to employ them at work upon the trenches.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR :

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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