

GENERAL ORDERS, }
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, July 20, 1865.

I..Commanders of Military Departments are authorized to grant leaves of absence for twenty days to officers serving under them. A Division Commander may, on the recommendation of the Department Commander, extend such leave thirty days. Further extension, if recommended, must be forwarded for the decision of the proper authority to the Adjutant General of the Army. In other respects, Article XXI, General Regulations of the Army, will govern the subject of leaves of absence to officers.

II..Division Commanders are alone authorized to discharge regimental officers of volunteers who tender their resignations through the proper channels, according to existing regulations.

III..Unless in cases of special assignment made in orders from the Adjutant General's Office, which will not be changed without authority from the same source, Division Commanders are authorized to assign general and staff officers, on duty under them, in such way as their services may be most required.

IV..Monthly Returns of Military Departments will be sent *direct* to the Adjutant General of the Army and to Division Headquarters. Division Returns, except of the staff at Headquarters, will not be required by the Adjutant General of the Army.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

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