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Head-Quarters, Post of Bolivar,

BOLIVAR, Tenn., April 16th., 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS,)

No. 12.)

Guerrillas and robbers in the guise of citizens, daily frequent the town of Bolivar on pretense of business; having generally taken the oath of allegiance, and procured passes. They find sympathy, aid and connivance, among citizens of Bolivar, who, like them, have taken the oath of allegiance, and are enjoying protection within the lines.

It is from the mistaken clemency and undeserved privileges awarded to traitors within the lines, and assassins without, that the bands of robbers, under Street, Richardson, Wood, Neely and others, who infest the neighborhood, procure their supplies from this market, maintain clandestine communication with spies in our midst, and obtain daily information which enables them to attack weak parties, steal horses, fire upon railroad trains, and destroy the lives of non-combatant citizens.

Generous treatment, a liberal system of passes, and almost open trade regulations, instead of being met by fair and honest dealing, only invite to deeper treachery and more shameless crimes.

In order to correct this evil—to expose and punish offenders, and relieve the innocent and loyal from the distrust and inconveniences now resting upon all; and to protect the forces and property of the United States from insults and injuries, against which the recognized rules of war are not expected to provide:

It is ordered, that all Passes heretofore given, be abolished, and shall be delivered up to the Provost Marshal to be cancelled.

The Provost Marshal will issue passes only to persons *known* to be loyal, and to have behaved heretofore in an unexceptionable manner—not being governed by the fact of their having taken the oath or not—many guerrillas and spies and their active sympathisers having taken the oath, the better to cover their evil practices. No person not having such renewed pass shall enter the lines.

Passes will only be recognized at four points, *to wit*:

On the *North*, at the *Hatchie Bridge*.

On the *East*, at the Picket Station near *Greenberry Bright's*,

On the *South*, at the Picket Station on the *Mill Spring road*, near *E. P. McNeil's*.

On the *West*, at the Picket Station on the *Main road* leading to *Somerville* and *Middleburg*.

No persons will be permitted to enter, or to depart from within the lines at any other place; and, found doing so, will be turned back; and if necessary, arrested. Exception, however, will be made in favor of proper persons within and adjoining the town, whose residences and places of labor or daily business are separated by the lines, to whom Special Passes may be given.

Persons entering the lines upon passes, must report at once and before transacting any business, to the Provost Marshal, who will endorse his name and the proper date thereon. No passing of the Pickets will be allowed before nine in the morning; nor after four in the afternoon, except on Special Passes, giving permission.

All Trading Permits heretofore given are revoked, and must be returned for cancellation. Each person proposing to purchase goods or supplies within the lines, must present his list to the Provost Marshal for approval. No goods or supplies shall be sold unless thus permitted, nor to any person who has not, on that day, had his pass approved by the Provost Marshal. Loss of license, closing of stores, fines, imprisonment, or any of them, will be the penalty.

Any person found carrying without the lines articles of supply, without the proper permits, will forfeit the same, and be subject to fine, and if such articles be contraband he will be treated as one giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

Any person not in the service of the United States, who shall be found wearing any part of the uniform, clothing, arms or accoutrements, prescribed for officers or soldiers, or in possession of the same, or of any Government property, will be considered as having stolen the same—whether taken in arms or otherwise—will be treated as spies and guerrillas.

Persons in the Military Service of the United States, found wearing or having citizens' clothing, will be arrested as persons meditating desertion, properly punished, and such clothing taken from them. Officers in command will see that the use of such clothing is not permitted.

Citizens will not be permitted to visit or remain in

camps, unless by permission of regimental or detachment commanders—nor to remain over night without permission from these Head Quarters—spies having been detected in camps.

The Provost Marshal will cause to be promptly arrested and brought before him for examination or commitment, all suspicious persons found within the lines, or lounging about public places, and shall see that all not having lawful business depart from the Post. Negroes not having homes and employment may be forwarded to the proper authorities at Memphis.

Traders who have of late, furnished forbidden supplies to guerrillas, or may hereafter do so, will, when detected, suffer confiscation and expulsion from the Post.

This being a Military Post, and its security and discipline being the chief object, all who remain within its limits or come within the lines, will be expected to deport themselves peacefully and loyally. Spies, enemies, traitors and seditious persons, by act or speech, will be visited with unsparing severity.

By order of Brigadier General M. BRAYMAN.

A. A. A. G.