GENERAL ORDERS, No. 44. HDQRS. MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION, *Winchester, Va., April 22, 1865.*

I. The headquarters of the Middle Military Division are hereby transferred to Washington, D. C., corner of F and Seventeenth streets. The following-named officers will report for duty there: Bvt. Brig. Gen. C. H. Morgan, chief of staff; Lieut. Col. Duncan S. Walker, assistant adjutant-general; Maj. E. B. Parsons, assistant adjutant-general.

II. The senior officer present, Bvt. Maj. Gen. A. T. A. Torbert, chief of cavalry, Middle Military Division, will assume command of the troops composing the Army of the Shenandoah. The staff of the Middle Military Division, with exception of those named above, will report to him for duty.

III. The senior officer present in the Department of West Virginia, Bvt. Maj. Gen. W. H. Emory, will assume command temporarily of that department, headquarters at Cumberland, Md.

By command of Major-General Hancock:

DUNCAN S. WALKER,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 45. HDQRS. MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION, *Winchester, Va., April 22, 1865.*

The commanding general of the corps, departments, and separate armies in this command are authorized to grant leaves of absence to officers and furloughs to enlisted men under the following regulations:

I. That in no case will the number of officers allowed to be absent exceed for a regiment one field officer, one staff officer, and two line officers.

II. Furloughs granted to enlisted men shall not exceed in number at one time two to every hundred men present, and those only to men who have faithfully performed their duties.

III. Not more than one officer will be absent on leave from a battery at one time.

IV. Not more than one brigade commander will be allowed to be absent from a division at one time.

V. Not more than one division commander will be absent from a corps or department or separate army consisting of one corps or less at one time.

VI. Leaves or furloughs not to exceed twenty days.

VII. Leaves to staff officers other than aides and regimental staff will only be granted on the recommendation of the chiefs of staff, departments or the corps department, or army headquarters as the case may be.

VIII. The commanding general permitting so large a proportion of absences must hold to strict accountability every officer and man that he returns to his command promptly at the expiration of his leave under this order.

By command of Major-General Hancock:

DUNCAN S. WALKER,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
April 22, 1865.

Brigadier-General CHAPMAN, *Commanding Cavalry Brigade:*

GENERAL: The major-general commanding directs that you proceed with your command to the south side Potomac River, and go into temporary camp in the vicinity of the old Rendezvous of Distribution. Captain Hoyt, commissary of subsistence, will furnish your supplies from the depot at that place.

Very respectfully, general, your most obedient servant,

J. H. TAYLOR,
Chief of Staff and Assistant Adjutant-General.

LEONARDTOWN, MD., *April 22, 1865.*

Bvt. Col. J. H. TAYLOR,
Chief of Staff and Assistant Adjutant-General:

For the last forty-eight hours my cavalry have been scouring this country thoroughly in every direction. Can learn of no rebel bands. Officers report the driest scouting. Have had five parties out to-day in as many different directions. Have heard from all except the one scouting up and down the Patuxent on this side. Have also sent party of eighty to scout Calvert County. They will cross at Benedict in steamers. Captain Rogers just arrived. I know nothing of Colonel Wells.

Respectfully,

J. M. WAITE,
Major.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
April 22, 1865.

Major WAITE, *Commanding, Leonardtown, Md.:*

MAJOR: Booth fell near Bryantown and broke his leg. Is supposed to have gone toward the Wicomico River, probably with the view of getting down the stream and thence across the river. His accomplice, Herold, is with him. Colonel Wells is at Bryantown.

Respectfully,

J. H. TAYLOR,
Chief of Staff and Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY GOVERNOR,
Alexandria, Va., April 22, 1865.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
Headquarters Department of Washington:

SIR: Rebel soldiers of the Army of Northern Virginia report that this side of the Rappahannock River there are large numbers of men of that army without paroles; some say many hundreds. I communicate the above for the information of the major-general commanding the department.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. P. SLOUGH,
Brigadier-General of Volunteers.

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY GOVERNOR,
Alexandria, Va., April 22, 1865.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
Headquarters Department of Washington:

SIR: I have the honor to report that I am paroling men of the rebel Army of Northern Virginia who surrender to our forces and report here without paroles, giving them a certificate of the fact that they are paroled for their protection. This certificate gives them permission to go to their homes undisturbed. All thus far are Virginians. I take from them their parole of honor not to take up arms (until duly exchanged) against the authority of the United States Government. A list of names, &c., I transmit to the Adjutant-General of the Army and to department headquarters. I order these men so paroled to report to the provost-marshal-general, Defenses South of Potomac. If this course is not correct please inform me and give me instructions.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

JNO. P. SLOUGH,
Brigadier-General of Volunteers.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
April 22, 1865.

Brig. Gen. JOHN P. SLOUGH,
Military Governor of Alexandria:

If any troops of the Ninth Army Corps arrive at Alexandria direct them to remain on board their transports until morning and then debark, going into temporary camp between Fort Ellsworth and Seminary Hospital.

By command of Major-General Augur:

J. H. TAYLOR,
Chief of Staff and Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
April 22, 1865.

General SLOUGH,
Military Governor of Alexandria:

Has the Michigan cavalry yet left for the lower country as we spoke of this morning? If not, hurry it up.

C. C. AUGUR,
Major-General.

ALEXANDRIA, *April 22, 1865—5.05 p. m.*

Colonel TAYLOR:

COLONEL: Your message is received. The cavalry will start immediately with instruction to publish to fishermen, negroes, and others a description of the assassins and the reward for their apprehension, and to scout and picket the river to below Dumfries until further orders.

W. W. WINSHIP,
Captain, &c.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
April 22, 1865.

Captain WINSHIP,
Provost-Marshal, Alexandria:

If your cavalry have not left detain them until you receive a dispatch from me. If they have left have a messenger ready to take a letter to them on the road.

C. C. AUGUR,
Major-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
April 22, 1865.

Captain WINSHIP,
Provost-Marshal, Alexandria:

When Booth was last heard from he was near Wicomico River, Md. It is feared he has crossed into Virginia. He had broken his leg and was on crutches. He had also shaved off his mustache. Let your cavalry know these particulars, and let them go down below Aquia and, if possible, connect with the cavalry I send down by boat to-night into Westmoreland County. You need not detain your cavalry any longer. I will send my letter by other hands.

C. C. AUGUR,
Major-General.

ALEXANDRIA, *April 22, 1865.*
(Received 9.05 p. m.)

Major-General AUGUR:

GENERAL: Your dispatch is received. The cavalry started at 5 p. m. I have sent the information and instructions by special messenger.

W. W. WINSHIP,
Captain and Acting Provost-Marshal-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
April 22, 1865.

Col. N. B. SWEITZER,
Commanding Sixteenth New York Cavalry:

COLONEL: The major-general commanding directs that you place a battalion of your regiment on board a steamer, which will be furnished by the quartermaster's department, and proceed down the Potomac, debarking on the Virginia shore as nearly opposite the mouth of Wicomico River, probably at or near Nomini Bay, as practicable. Having landed your people you will use them as you may judge best for the discovery of Booth, the murderer of the President, and any of his accomplices who may have succeeded in crossing the Potomac.

Very respectfully, colonel, your most obedient servant,

J. H. TAYLOR,
Chief of Staff and Assistant Adjutant-General.

FAIRFAX COURT-HOUSE, *April 22, 1865.*
(Received 7 p. m.)

Lieutenant-Colonel TAYLOR:

I have the honor to report all quiet along the lines of my command. Will private soldiers who come in to be paroled and who claim the horses which they ride, with their equipments and arms, as private property, be allowed to retain them, or does the provision apply only to officers? Please send me more rolls and paroles.

W. GAMBLE,
Brigadier-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
April 22, 1865.

Brevet Brigadier-General GAMBLE,
Fairfax Court-House:

GENERAL: Your dispatch received. The horses will be left with the men, but the arms must be delivered up. Officers retain their side-arms.

Respectfully,

J. H. TAYLOR,
Chief of Staff, Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
April 22, 1865.

Brevet Brigadier-General GAMBLE,
Commanding First Separate Brigade:

GENERAL: Send the remaining battalion Eighth Illinois Cavalry to Camp Casey. Send regimental property in charge of dismounted men of the regiment by rail to Alexandria. Report departure of baggage train, and direct officer commanding the battalion to report his arrival at Camp Casey to these headquarters.

By command of Major-General Augur:

J. H. TAYLOR,
Chief of Staff and Assistant Adjutant-General.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., April 22, 1865—9 p. m.

Lieutenant-Commander EASTMAN, U. S. Navy,
U. S. Steamer Don, Saint Inigoes, Md.:

Booth was near Bryantown last Saturday, where Doctor Mudd set his ankle, which was broken by a fall from his horse. The utmost vigilance is necessary in the Potomac and Patuxent to prevent his escape. All boats should be searched for and destroyed, and a daily and nightly patrol established on both shores. Inform the people that more than $100,000 is offered for him. Allow none of your boats to leave, except for search elsewhere.

GIDEON WELLES.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
April 22, 1865.

Commander PARKER, U. S. Navy,
Saint Inigoes, Md.:

There is reason to believe that Booth and an accomplice are in the swamps about Allen's Fresh, emptying into Wicomico River. He is evidently trying to cross into Virginia. Have you the Potomac well guarded about there and above? Fearing he may have already crossed, I wish to send a force of cavalry to Nomini Bay. Can I land horses there or in that vicinity, and with how much water? Please inform me at once.

C. C. AUGUR,
Major-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
April 22, 1865.

Commander PARKER, U. S. Navy,
Saint Inigoes, Md.:

There is no longer any doubt that Booth and an accomplice were near Bryantown on Saturday last, inquiring for Piney Church. He is very lame, having broken his leg, and was last seen on crutches. He was undoubtedly endeavoring to cross into Virginia. I am desired to request your most vigilant co-operation, by a rigid and active blockade of all the Potomac, to prevent his escape into Virginia. Will you please communicate this information to the tugs and other quartermasters' boats on duty guarding the river, and enjoin the greatest activity and watchfulness upon them?

C. C. AUGUR,
Major-General.

SAINT INIGOES, *April 22, 1865.*
(Received 6.50 p. m.)

Major-General AUGUR:

Telegrams received. There is no wharf in Nomini Bay, but there is a good landing in Coan River with eight feet of water about fifteen miles below, where cavalry can disembark very readily. I have dispatched a boat to communicate the information contained in your telegrams of this date to the vessels in the Potomac.

S. NICKERSON,
Acting Volunteer Lieutenant, Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
April 22, 1865.

Commander PARKER, U. S. Navy,
Saint Inigoes:

The cavalry are directed to land at Coan River, as you suggest. Can you send a gun-boat to show them the landing and assist them generally? They will leave here about 9 this evening.

C. C. AUGUR,
Major-General.

SAINT MARY'S, MD., *April 22, 1865.*
(Received 11 p. m.)

Maj. Gen. C. C. AUGUR:

A gun-boat will be there at daylight. Send as light-draught vessels as possible.

S. NICKERSON,
Acting Volunteer Lieutenant, Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
April 22, 1865.

Brevet Major-General EMORY, *Cumberland:*

General Hancock directs me to inform you that about 380 of Mosby's men have surrendered, under Lieutenant-Colonel Chapman. Mosby himself did not surrender.

C. H. MORGAN,
Brevet Brigadier-General, &c.

HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
April 22, 1865.

Brevet Major-General EMORY, *Commanding, Cumberland:*

GENERAL: The major-general commanding directs me to say to you in reply to your dispatch of yesterday, that General Grant's order some time since permitted all deserters to go to their homes. General Stevenson afterward, when he was temporarily in command of the Department of West Virginia, at the solicitation of the governor, issued an order, which you have on file, referring to this matter. That order in certain respects was contrary to General Grant's. General Stevenson's order was afterward modified, as you will see by the copy of the following dispatch to General Carroll when he was in command of the Department of West Virginia.*

The modification referred to you will no doubt find among the official papers in your office at Cumberland. Paroled prisoners under the late agreement between Generals Grant and Lee have an absolute right to go to their homes in West Virginia, under their paroles, and to remain there, subject to the conditions of their paroles. As to refugees, the general knows of no rule to act upon at this juncture, save that applied to deserters, who may or may not be dangerous to their neighbors, &c.

Respectfully,

W. G. MITCHELL,
Brevet Colonel and Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
April 22, 1865.

Brevet Major-General EGAN,
Commanding Third Division, Army of the Shenandoah,
Charlestown, Va.:

GENERAL: Major-General Hancock directs me to say that leave of absence is granted to you for ten days. You will please leave General Raum in command of your division.

I am, general, very respectfully,

W. G. MITCHELL,
Brevet Colonel and Aide-de-Camp.

* See Morgan to Carroll, March 26, p. 194.

HARRISBURG, *April 22, 1865.*

Hon. E. M. STANTON:

We start at 11.15 by agreement of State authorities. It rained in torrents last night, which greatly interfered with the procession, but all is safe now.

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

PHILADELPHIA, *April 22, 1865.*
(Received 8.25 p. m.)

Hon. E. M. STANTON,
Secretary of War:

We have arrived here safely. Everything in good order.

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, DISTRICT OF ERIE, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Erie, Pa., April 22, 1865.

Hon. JOHN BROUGH:

DEAR SIR: I see by the printed programme that the remains of ex-President Lincoln will remain in Buffalo from 7 a. m. to 10 p. m., a period of 15 hours, when the train will leave for Cleveland, arriving there the next morning. By this arrangement the funeral train will pass through Erie at midnight. Our citizens having had the pleasure of a meeting with Mr. Lincoln when he was on his way to Washington, desire to pay his remains the tribute of honor and respect which they have felt for him as President, and desire me to address you and ascertain whether by reducing the time at Buffalo a few hours they could not have the privilege of doing so. We feel as if it would be just to the citizens of this part of Pennsylvania to allow them the few hours that would enable them to pay their last respects to him, especially as such a long detention will occur at Buffalo and Cleveland, on both sides of our city and State. If it may be in your power to modify the time arranged between Buffalo and Cleveland, and which will not interfere with any other part of the route, please advise me by telegraph, and very much oblige,

Yours, very truly,

M. B. LOWRY,
State Senator, Erie and Crawford Counties.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 22, 1865.*

Adjutant-General TERRELL,
Indianapolis, Ind.:

The Secretary of War directs that the funeral ceremonies in each State will be under direction of the governor. The body will lie in state in the Capitol on Sunday. I authorize you, General Stone, Major Lozier, and the State officers to confer with the mayor and the citizens and arrange the programme. I will be there. Let the programme befit the great occasion and the character of the State.

O. P. MORTON.