

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 177. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, April 23, 1864.

*In relation to public horses, wagons, &c.*

I..Every officer of the army, other than of the Quartermaster's Department, and the chief medical officer of departments, armies, and army corps, who has in his possession, or under his control, any horse, ambulance, spring wagon, or vehicle of any kind, belonging to the Government of the United States, whether used in the performance of his public or private duties, will immediately turn in the same to the Quartermaster's Department.

II..Hereafter no officer of the army will use any horse, ambulance, spring wagon, or vehicle of any kind, which is the property of the Government of the United States, whether for the transaction of his official or private business, without an order in writing from the Adjutant General authorizing such use.

This order will not apply to officers entitled to be mounted under General Orders, No. 277, from this office, of August 8, 1863.

III..The Regulations of the Quartermaster's Department provide for the transportation of officers traveling under orders, and their baggage. When, on proper requisition, an officer has obtained transportation, the horse or vehicle so obtained will be returned to the officer accountable therefor, or to some officer of the Quartermaster's Department, as soon as the journey is performed.

IV..The Quartermaster General and Inspector General will cause this order to be enforced by the officers of their departments throughout the armies of the United States; and for its violation, reported by the officers of these departments, the same penalty is attached as provided by section 8 of an act of Congress, published in General Orders, War Department, No. 106, current series, in reference to the use of ambulances.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY WAR:

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*Assistant Adjutant General.*

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