

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, May 3, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 34. }

I. The following Act of Congress, and accompanying Regulations, are published for the information of all concerned:

AN ACT TO ORGANIZE BATTALIONS OF SHARP SHOOTERS.

SEC. 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That the Secretary of War may cause to be organized a battalion of Sharp Shooters for each brigade, consisting of not less than three nor more than six companies, to be composed of men selected from the brigade or otherwise, and armed with long range muskets or rifles; said companies to be organized, and the commissioned officers therefor appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Such battalions shall constitute parts of the brigades to which they belong, and shall have such field and staff officers as are authorized by law for similar battalions, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of arming said battalions, the long range muskets and rifles in the hands of the troops, may be taken for that purpose: *provided* the government has not at its command a sufficient number of approved long range rifles or muskets wherewith to arm said corps. [Approved April 21, 1862]

II. Generals commanding military departments may cause to be organized within their commands, battalions of Sharp Shooters, as provided in this act, in such numbers as they may deem necessary, not exceeding one such battalion for each brigade, and will report to the department the organization of such corps, recommending for appointment the commissioned officers allowed by law.

III. In organizing such battalions, Generals commanding may cause such details or transfers to be made as will not reduce any company or corps below the minimum numbers required by law, taking the men for each such battalion, so far as possible, from the particular brigade of which it is to form part.

IV. Requisitions will be made upon the Ordnance Department for the arms for such battalions; and until the said requisitions can be filled,

the Generals commanding may cause such exchanges and transfers of long range muskets and rifles to be made as may be necessary to arm the said battalions, returning surplus arms, when such requisitions are filled, to the Ordnance Department.

VI. Supplementary to General Order No. 30, section VI.

The commissions of the staff officers of reorganized regiments and battalions of twelve months' volunteers are not affected by such reorganization, except that of the Adjutant, whose commission expires with that of the commanding officer, if the said officer be not re-elected.

By command of the Secretary of War.

S. COOPER,

Adjutant and Inspector General.

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IV. Requisitions will be made upon the Ordnance Department for the arms for each battalion; and until the said requisitions can be filled,