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*Courts Martial for "separate brigades."*

Where a post or district command is composed of mixed troops, equivalent to a brigade, the commanding officer of the Department or army will designate it in orders as "a separate brigade," and a copy of such order will accompany the proceedings of any General Court Martial convened by such brigade commander.

Without such authority, commanders of posts and districts, having no brigade organization, will not convene General Courts Martial.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

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