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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Washington, February 12, 1864.*

Upon the death of a Commissioned Officer, in a general hospital, the Surgeon in charge, besides forwarding to the Adjutant General the required inventory of his effects, will immediately inform the nearest relative of the officer what effects were left by him. If at the expiration of two months the articles are not called for by a person authorized to receive them, they will be sold at auction, and the proceeds sent to the Treasury, as prescribed by Regulations for the effects of enlisted men. Swords, watches, trinkets, and articles of that class will not be disposed of in this manner, but will be properly labeled with the name, rank, and regiment, and date of death of the owner, and sent to the Adjutant General's Office, to be deposited with the Second Auditor of the Treasury to await the application of the heirs.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR :

E. D. TOWNSEND,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

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