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HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHERN DIVISION OF LOUISIANA,

New Orleans, May 12th, 1865.

CIRCULAR.

The Brigadier General Commanding requests the attention of the officers and men of this command to the following extract from a circular received at these Headquarters from Major General HOOKER :

The last great Sanitary Fair of the War will be held in Chicago, Ill., June 1st, 1865, under the auspices of the "North-Western Sanitary Commission and Soldier's Home," for the benefit of sick and wounded soldiers.

The war is manifestly drawing to a close; but suffering will not cease at its termination. After the ringing of the "Peace Bells" the enthusiasm that has thus far supplied our hospitals with the necessary comforts for the sick and wounded, will, in a great measure, cease. *Then* will be the time when a full treasury will be *needed*. Thousands of men will be in hospitals throughout the land, and the nation stands pledged to provide for every sick and wounded hero.

We, therefore, ask every officer, soldier or employee, in the service of the United States, to contribute *one day's salary or income* towards this last great effort. This will bear heavily upon none, but in the aggregate make a sum worthy of the cause, and be a suitable thank offering for our glorious victories and full redemption as a nation. We feel assured that "'tis only to ask to receive." We also ask that as many valuable trophies of the war, and the beautiful and ingenious handiwork of our soldiers in hospital, as can be collected, be forwarded. There is to be a Special Department for this touching and significant class of contributions. All the Express Companies will send packages of *twenty-five* pounds or under, free.—Most, and probably all, of the Railroad Companies will also send larger packages free. All moneys should be sent through the Chairman of the different Committees to E. W. BLATCHFORD, *Treasurer, N. W. Sanitary Fair, Chicago, Ill.* All other donations should be directed "SANITARY COMMISSION ROOMS, No. 66, MADISON STREET, CHICAGO ILL., for *Northwestern Fair.*"

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With a view to cooperate in this important work the Brigadier General Commanding suggests to Commanding Officers of Regiments that subscription lists be opened at Regimental Headquarters, and that the Adjutants of Regiments receive such subscriptions as may be offered, and forward the amount, on or before the 1st day of June next, to Captain C. V. H. SABIN, Assistant Quartermaster at these Headquarters, at No. 34, Carondelet Street.

Captain SABIN will also open subscription lists for all persons connected with the army who do not belong to Regimental organizations.

As the object of the Fair is mainly to provide homes for wounded and invalid soldiers, it is hoped that generous contributions will be made by the troops of this command.

T. W. SHERMAN,

Brigadier General, U. S. Vols.