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HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF,

JUDGE ADVOCATE'S OFFICE,

New Orleans, La., May 11th, 1865.

CIRCULAR:

The following order from the War Department, Adjutant General's Office, is republished for the information of all concerned. The attention of Military Courts and Reviewing Officers is especially called to this order, the provisions of which will be strictly complied with in this Department:

GENERAL ORDERS No. 61.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, April 7, 1865.

Prisoners to be kept in confinement until fines are paid.

I..... .....In all cases where fines are imposed by sentence of General Courts Martial or Military Commissions, a provision should be added to the sentence, that the prisoner shall be confined until the fine is paid. A limit may be fixed to the period of such confinement.

II.....In case the provision has been omitted from the sentence that a prisoner shall be confined until the fine is paid, a special report will be made to the Adjutant General of his failure to make payment, and he will not be released without orders from the War Department, except on payment of the fine.

III.....Stoppages of pay against officers or enlisted men are not 'fines' in the sense of this order.

By Order of the Secretary of War:

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

E. D. BENEDICT,

Major, Acting Judge Advocate,

Department of the Gulf.