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GENERAL ORDERS No. 50.

HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF,
*New Orleans, La., May 2d*, 1865.

Prisoners of War on parole within the Department of the Gulf, and all officers and soldiers who have been connected with the rebel army and are not registered, are required to report to the Provost Marshal General forthwith. The neglect of this duty will be followed by forfeiture of rights conferred by the parole, or arrest and imprisonment.

Prisoners of War on parole granted by competent authority are allowed "TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES NOT TO BE DISTURBED BY THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES SO LONG AS THEY OBSERVE THEIR PAROLE, AND THE LAWS IN FORCE WHERE THEY MAY RESIDE." But they are to be regarded as prisoners of war. They will not be allowed to bear arms, to wear in public the uniform of the rebel army, the uniform of the United States, or any distinctive badge of military service.

They are not entitled to participate in the management of public affairs, or to enter upon business pursuits.

All persons will be required strictly to conform to regulations of the Department in their intercourse with paroled Prisoners of War.

No person who has been engaged in civil employments, within or by the rebel government, will be allowed to return, or to remain in the Department, except upon reporting to the Provost Marshal, and a compliance with the conditions established by law.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BANKS:

J. SCHUYLER CROSBY,

*Brevet Lieut. Col. A. D. C. & A. A. A. General.*

OFFICIAL:

*1st Lt. & Acting Assistant Adjutant Gen.*