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1861-1865.

(COMPILED FROM OFFICIAL RECORDS.)

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GENERALS, CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY (REGULAR).

Authorized by act of Congress approved May 16, 1861, as follows:

SEC. 2. That the five general officers provided by existing laws for the Confederate States shall have the rank and denomination of "general," instead of "brigadier-general," which shall be the highest military grade known to the Confederate States. * * *

Name.	Ap- pointed from—	Date of appoint- ment.	Date of rank.	Date of confir- mation.	Remarks.
Samuel Cooper.....	Va.....	1861. Aug. 31	1861. May 16	1861. Aug. 31 1863. Apr. 23 1864.	Adjutant and inspector general. Paroled at Charlotte, N. C., May 3, 1865.
Albert S. Johnston....	Tex....	Aug. 31	May 30	Aug. 31	Killed in action at Shiloh, Tenn., Apr. 6, 1862.
Robert E. Lee.....	Va.....	Aug. 31	June 14	Aug. 31 1863. Apr. 23 1864.	Confirmed as "general in chief of the armies of the Confederate States," Jan. 31, 1865, under act of Congress of Jan. 23, 1865. Paroled at Appomattox Court House, Va., Apr. 9, 1865.
Joseph E. Johnston...	Va.....	Aug. 31	July 4	Aug. 31 1863. Apr. 23 1864.	Paroled at Greensborough, N. C., May 2, 1865.
G. T. Beauregard ^a	La.....	Aug. 31	July 21	Aug. 31 1863. Apr. 23 1864.	Paroled at Greensborough, N. C., May 1, 1865.
Braxton Bragg.....	La.....	1862. Apr. 12	1862. Apr. 6	1862. Apr. 12	From Feb. 24, 1864, to Jan. 31, 1865, was charged, under the direction of the President, "with the conduct of the military operations in the armies of the Confederacy." Paroled near Concord, Ga., May 10, 1865.

^a The Journal of the Provisional Congress also shows this officer confirmed as general, Confederate States Army, July 30, 1861, to date from July 21, 1861.

GENERAL, PROVISIONAL ARMY.

Authorized by act of Congress approved February 17, 1864, as follows:

That the President may appoint one general in the provisional army of the Confederate States, when, in his discretion, it shall be deemed necessary and proper, for the command of the Trans-Mississippi Military Department, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Name.	Appointed from—	Date of appointment.	Date of rank.	Date of confirmation.	Remarks.
H. Kirby Smith	Fla ...	1864. Feb. 19	1864. Feb. 19	1864. May 11	On June 2, 1865, at Galveston Harbor, General Smith approved the terms of the convention of May 26, 1865, for the surrender of his troops in the Trans-Mississippi Department. Nothing has been found of record to show that he gave an individual parole at that time. On June 15, 1866, General Smith advised Gen. U. S. Grant that he (Smith) had always regarded his signature ratifying the articles of convention surrendering his troops as a parole

GENERAL, PROVISIONAL ARMY (WITH TEMPORARY RANK).

Authorized by act of Congress approved May 31, 1864, as follows:

That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint temporary officers of the rank of brigadier-general, major-general, lieutenant-general, or general for the provisional army, and assign them to any appropriate command.

SEC. 2. That the said officers, so appointed, shall only hold their said rank and their said command for such time as the temporary exigency may require, at the expiration of which time they shall resume their previous permanent rank and command.

Name.	Appointed from—	Date of appointment.	Date of rank.	Date of confirmation.	Remarks.
John B. Hood ^a	Tex ...	1864. July 18	1864. July 18	Reverted to rank of lieutenant-general, provisional army, Jan. 23, 1865.

^a On March 16, 1865, the following resolution was adopted by the Senate:

"Resolved, That General J. B. Hood, having been appointed general, with temporary rank and command, and having been relieved from duty as commander of the Army of Tennessee, and not having been reappointed to any other command appropriate to the rank of general, he has lost the rank of general, and therefore can not be confirmed as such."

LIEUTENANT-GENERALS, PROVISIONAL ARMY.

Authorized by acts of Congress approved September 18, 1862, and February 17, 1864, as follows:

(September 18, 1862.)

That the sixth section of the act to provide for the public defence, approved on the sixth of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be amended by adding, after the words "brigades into divisions," the words "and divisions into army corps," and each army corps shall be commanded by a lieutenant-general, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. * * *

(February 17, 1864.)

SEC. 2. That the President may, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint lieutenant-generals in the provisional army of the Confederate States when, in his discretion, it shall be deemed necessary for the command of any one of the military departments.

SEC. 3. That the officers appointed under the provisions of this act shall continue to hold the rank herein provided so long as they shall efficiently discharge the duties in command of said several departments, and no longer, but will resume thereafter their former rank in the service.

Name.	Ap- pointed from—	Date of appoint- ment.	Date of rank.	Date of confir- mation.	Remarks.
James Longstreet.....	Ala.....	1862. Oct. 11	1862. Oct. 9	1862. Oct. 11	Paroled at Appomattox Court House, Va., Apr. 9, 1865.
R. Kirby Smith.....	Fla.....	Oct. 11	Oct. 9	Oct. 11	Promoted to be general, provisional army, Feb. 19, 1864.
Leonidas Polk.....	La.....	Oct. 11	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Killed in action on Pine Mountain, near Marietta, Ga., June 14, 1864.
William J. Hardee.....	Ga.....	Oct. 11	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Paroled at Greensborough, N. C., May 1, 1865.
Thomas J. Jackson.....	Va.....	Oct. 11	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Died May 10, 1863.
Theophilus H. Holmes.....	N. C.....	Oct. 13	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	No record of final capture or parole has been found.
John C. Pemberton.....	Va.....	Oct. 13	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Resigned May 18, 1864.
Richard S. Ewell.....	Va.....	1863. May 23	1863. May 23	1864. Feb. 2	Captured at Sailor's Creek, Va., Apr. 6, 1865; released on parole from Fort Warren, Mass., July 19, 1865.
Ambrose P. Hill.....	Va.....	May 23	May 24	Jan. 15	Killed in action at Petersburg, Va., Apr. 2, 1865.
Daniel H. Hill.....	N. C.....	July 11	July 11	President declined to nominate. ^a
John B. Hood.....	Tex.....	1864. Feb. 11	Sept. 20	Feb. 4	Held temporary rank of general from July 18, 1864, to Jan. 23, 1865, on which date he reverted to the rank of lieutenant-general. Pa- roled at Natchez, Miss., May 31, 1865.
Richard Taylor.....	La.....	May 16	1864. Apr. 8	May 16	Paroled at Meridian, Miss., May 11, 1865.

^a From July 19, 1863, to October 15, 1863, he exercised command as a lieutenant-general. During that period Congress was not in session and he was never nominated for confirmation in that grade. He reverted to the rank of major-general and was paroled as such May 1, 1865.

Lieutenant-generals, provisional army—Continued.

Name.	Ap- pointed from—	Date of appoint- ment.	Date of rank.	Date of confir- mation.	Remarks.
Stephen D. Lee	S. C.	1864, June 23	1864, June 23	1865, Feb. 14	Confirmation reconsidered Feb. 16, 1865; appointed lieutenant-general, with temporary rank, Mar. 16, 1865, to date from June 23, 1864. For final record see below.
Simon B. Buckner	Ky	Sept. 20 1865.	Sept. 20 1865.	Jan. 17 1865.	Paroled at Shreveport, La., June 9, 1865.
Wade Hampton	S. C.	Feb. 15	Feb. 14	Feb. 15	No record of final capture or parole has been found.
Nathan B. Forrest	Tenn. .	Mar. 2	Feb. 28	Mar. 2	Paroled at Gainesville, Ala., May 10, 1865.

LIEUTENANT-GENERALS, PROVISIONAL ARMY (WITH TEMPORARY RANK).

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Name.	Ap- pointed from—	Date of appoint- ment.	Date of rank.	Date of confir- mation.	Remarks.
Jubal A. Early	Va.	1864, May 31	1864, May 31	1864, May 31	No record has been found of his final capture or parole. Unofficial sources of information show that he escaped from the United States through Mexico.
Richard H. Anderson.	S. C.	June 1	May 31	June 1 1865.	No record of final capture or parole has been found.
Alexander P. Stewart.	Tenn. .	June 23 1865.	June 23	Feb. 20	Paroled at Greensborough, N. C., May 1, 1865.
Stephen D. Lee	S. C.	Mar. 16	June 23	Mar. 16	Paroled at Greensborough, N. C., May 1, 1865.

MAJOR-GENERALS, PROVISIONAL ARMY.

Authorized by act of Congress approved February 28, 1861, as follows:

SEC. 4. That such forces [provisional forces for the Confederate States of America] may be received * * *; and the President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of Congress, such general officer or officers for said forces as may be necessary for the service.

Name.	Ap- pointed from—	Date of appoint- ment.	Date of rank.	Date of confir- mation.	Remarks.
David E. Twiggs.....	Ga.....	1861 May 22	1861 May 22	1861 Aug. 26	Died at Augusta, Ga., July 15, 1862.
Leonidas Polk.....	La.....	June 25	June 25	Aug. 26	Promoted to be lieutenant-general, provisional army, Oct. 11, 1862, to rank from Oct. 10, 1862.
Braxton Bragg.....	La.....	Sept. 12	Sept. 12	Dec. 13	Promoted to be general, Confederate States Army (regular), Apr. 12, 1862, to rank from Apr. 6, 1862.
Earl Van Dorn.....	Miss.....	Sept. 19	Sept. 19	Dec. 13	Killed May 8, 1863.
Gustavus W. Smith.....	Ky.....	Sept. 19	Sept. 19	Dec. 13	Resigned Feb. 17, 1863.
Theophilus H. Holmes.....	N. C.....	Oct. 7	Oct. 7	Dec. 13	Promoted to be lieutenant-general, provisional army, Oct. 13, 1862, to rank from Oct. 10, 1862.
William J. Hardee.....	Ga.....	Oct. 7	Oct. 7	Dec. 13	Promoted to be lieutenant-general, provisional army, Oct. 11, 1862, to rank from Oct. 10, 1862.
Benjamin Huger.....	S. C.....	Oct. 7	Oct. 7	Dec. 13	Paroled at Shreveport, La., June 12, 1865.
James Longstreet.....	Ala.....	Oct. 7	Oct. 7	Dec. 13	Promoted to be lieutenant-general, provisional army, Oct. 11, 1862, to rank from Oct. 9, 1862.
John B. Magruder.....	Va.....	Oct. 7	Oct. 7	Dec. 13 1864, June 10 1861	Included in the Canby-Smith conven- tion of May 26, 1865, but went to Mexico without waiting for his personal parole.
Mansfield Lovell.....	Md.....	Oct. 7	Oct. 7	Dec. 13	Included in the Sherman-Johnston convention of Apr. 26, 1865, but no record of his personal parole has been found.
Thomas J. Jackson.....	Va.....	Oct. 7	Oct. 7	Dec. 13	Promoted to be lieutenant-general, provisional army, Oct. 11, 1862, to rank from Oct. 10, 1862.
E. Kirby Smith.....	Fla.....	Oct. 11	Oct. 11	Dec. 13 1862	Promoted to be lieutenant-general, provisional army, Oct. 11, 1862, to rank from Oct. 9, 1862.
George B. Crittenden.....	Ky.....	Nov. 9 1862	Nov. 9 1862	Feb. 17	Resigned Oct. 23, 1862.
Richard S. Ewell.....	Va.....	Jan. 24	Jan. 24	Jan. 24	Promoted to be lieutenant-general, provisional army, May 23, 1863.
John C. Pemberton.....	Va.....	Feb. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 14	Promoted to be lieutenant-general, provisional army, Oct. 13, 1862, to rank from Oct. 10, 1862.
William W. Loring.....	Fla.....	Feb. 15	Feb. 17	Feb. 17 1864, Feb. 17	Paroled at Greensborough, N. C., May 1, 1865.

Major-generals, provisional army—Continued.

Name.	Ap- pointed from—	Date of appoint- ment.	Date of rank.	Date of confir- mation.	Remarks.
Sterling Price.....	Mo....	1862. Mar. 6	1862. Mar. 6	1862. Mar. 6	Included in the Canby-Smith convention of May 26, 1865, but went to Mexico without waiting for his personal parole.
Benjamin F. Chestam	Tenn..	Mar. 14	Mar. 10	Mar. 13 Mar. 18	Paroled at Greensborough, N. C., May 1, 1865.
Samuel Jones.....	Va.....	Mar. 14	Mar. 10	Mar. 13 Mar. 18	Paroled at Tallahassee, Fla., May 12, 1865.
John P. McCown.....	Tenn..	Mar. 14	Mar. 10	Mar. 13 Mar. 18	Paroled at Salisbury, N. C., May 12, 1865.
Daniel H. Hill.....	N. C..	Mar. 26	Mar. 26	Mar. 26	Promoted to be lieutenant-general, provisional army, July 11, 1865. (See explanatory footnote, p. 5.) Paroled at Greensborough, N. C., May 1, 1865.
Thomas C. Hindman..	Ark...	Apr. 18	Apr. 14	Apr. 18	No record of final capture or parole has been found. The records indicate that he went to Mexico at the close of the war.
John C. Breckinridge.	Ky....	Apr. 18	Apr. 14	Apr. 18	Held the office of Secretary of War from Feb. 6, 1865. No record of final capture or parole has been found. The records indicate that he left the country at the close of the war.
Lafayette McLaws....	Ga.....	May 23	May 23	Sept. 27	Included in the Sherman-Johnston convention of Apr. 26, 1865, but no record of his personal parole has been found.
Ambrose P. Hill.....	Va.....	May 26	May 26	Sept. 27	Promoted to be lieutenant-general, provisional army, May 23, 1865, to rank from May 24, 1865.
Richard H. Anderson.	S. C....	July 14	July 14	Sept. 27	Appointed lieutenant-general, provisional army, with temporary rank, June 1, 1864, to rank from May 31, 1864.
James E. B. Stuart....	Va.....	July 25	July 25	Sept. 27	Died at Richmond, Va., May 12, 1864, of wounds received in action at Yellow Tavern, Va.
Richard Taylor.....	La....	July 28	July 28	Sept. 27	Promoted to be lieutenant-general, provisional army, May 16, 1864, to rank from April 8, 1864.
Simon R. Buckner....	Ky....	Aug. 16	Aug. 16	Sept. 27	Promoted to be lieutenant-general, provisional army, Sept. 20, 1864.
Jones M. Withers.....	Ala....	Aug. 16	Apr. 6	Sept. 27	Resigned July 16, 1863; restored July 21, 1863; paroled at Meridian, Miss., May 11, 1865.
Samuel G. French....	Miss..	Oct. 22	Aug. 31	1863. Apr. 22	No record of final capture or parole has been found.
John H. Forney.....	Ala....	Oct. 27	Oct. 27	Apr. 22	Paroled at Galveston, Tex., June 20, 1865.