



State of Maine.

Head Quarters,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Augusta, April 22, 1861.

GENERAL ORDER No. 6.

To Major General, *Wm. H. Pitcomb of the 2^d Division*
James H. Butler " " *1st "*
Wm. Wat Virgin " " *3^d "*

The Governor and Commander-in-Chief, orders that TEN THOUSAND VOLUNTEERS, to be organized into Ten Regiments, without regard to present military districts, be immediately enlisted and mustered into the active militia service of the State. They are to be armed, equipped and disciplined, and to hold themselves in readiness to respond to the order of the Commander-in-Chief by entering the service of the United States when required. Any one, or all of the organized and equipped military companies of the State will be accepted as a part of the above force, if tendered to the State. Each Company shall consist of one Captain, two Lieutenants, four Sergeants, four Corporals, one Fifer, one Drummer, and not less than fifty nor more than eighty-five Privates. No man below the rank of Commissioned Officer, will be accepted above forty-five or under eighteen years of age, or who is not in good physical health and vigor. All officers and soldiers will be required to take the oath of fidelity to the United States. Captains of existing volunteer companies offering their services to the State, will proceed at once to enlist the number of men necessary to fill up their ranks as above stated. Present members of such companies who are physically incompetent, or who refuse to take the oath of fidelity, must be stricken from the company rolls, and their places filled with new enlistments. Ten companies, composed of those first offering their services to the State, organized as above stated, except that no company will be allowed more than sixty-four Privates, will be immediately concentrated at Portland, where their equipment will be completed. They will be organized into a Regiment of Infantry, and mustered into the service of the United States.

You are hereby directed to cause suitable persons to open Recruiting Offices at all places within your Division, where, in your opinion, it may be practicable to raise a company, subject to the above conditions. Whenever fifty volunteers shall have been enrolled in any new company, you will cause an election of the commissioned officers to be held, and forward to this Office the return of such election. When practicable, you will detail a commissioned or non-commissioned officer to drill, discipline and instruct such recruits.

The utmost activity and energy are enjoined in carrying into effect the above order.

BY ORDER

ISRAEL WASHBURN, Jr.,

Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

JOHN L. HODSDON, Adjutant General.