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Head Quarters

Department of the Pacific,

San Francisco, February 17, 1854

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No. 2 }

I'm Agreeably to "General Orders", No 1, dated January 9, 1854, from the Head Quarters of the Army, Major General John E. Wool commands the Department of the Pacific, including California, Oregon and Washington Territories and Utah; the latter by special instructions from the Secretary of War.

The following officers are announced as Chiefs of the several Departments of the Staff:

Brevet Major E.D. Townsend, Asst. Adjt. General, Chief of the Staff

Major Osborne Cross, Chief of the Quarter Master Dept.

Bvt. Major A.B. Eaton, Chief of the Subsistence Dept.

Bvt. Major J.G. Barnard, Chief of the Corps of Engineers,

Bvt. Capt. C.P. Stone, Chief of Ordnance,

Langson C. L. Trilles Medical Director,

Major H. Leonard, Chief Paymaster

1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. J.A. Hardie 3<sup>rd</sup> Artillery Regiment

1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. W. M. Gardner 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Aide-de-Camp.

II On receipt of this order, the Commandant of each post will furnish a detailed report setting forth the exact state of his command, including all public property in his possession; also buildings, distinguishing such as are private from those belonging to the Government and stating the rent paid for the former.

By command of Major General Wool;

E.D. Townsend

Asst. Adjt. Genl

Capt. Stone

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Edward Davis Townsend (August 22, 1817 – May 10, 1893) was Adjutant General of the United States Army from 1869 to 1880.

The son of David S. & Eliza (Gerry) Townsend and grandson of Vice President Elbridge Gerry, Townsend was educated at Boston's Latin School before graduating from the United States Military Academy in 1837. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Second U. S. Artillery and served as that regiment's adjutant and participating in the Second Seminole War and the relocation of the Cherokee Nation. In 1846 he was transferred to the Adjutant General's Corps and assigned to duty in Washington, D.C. He served on the Pacific coast from 1851 to 1856, after which he returned to Washington for the remainder of his career. In February 1869 he was promoted to brigadier general and became adjutant general. Townsend retired in 1880. He died in Washington in 1893 after an accidental shock from a cable car and is buried at Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

