

Headquarters Department of Porto Rico.

San Juan, P. R., August 13, 1899.

To the

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Commanding Officer, Post of Humacao, P. R.,

Sir:-

The Department Commander directs that you at once organize a depot at your post for the receipt and distribution of supplies intended for the sufferers from the recent hurricane. This depot should be under your personal charge.

You will also organize at the Chief City in each of the municipalities in your division a sub-depot which will be under the command of a reliable Non-commissioned officer, with two or more privates to assist in the distribution of food and other material. Strict account will be kept of receipts and issues, and the latter will be made in accordance with regulations, which will be published in orders.

You should at once arrange for the most satisfactory transportation obtainable within your division for the transportation of material from your depot to the sub-depots. No delay should be permitted and no failure to get the material to the needy. The Department Commander relies upon your zeal and intelligence in carrying this work through, and no failure which human intelligence and effort can overcome should be allowed to interfere with it. You are authorized to use your entire command if necessary in this work as well as public transportation, etc., and you will hire such additional transportation and labor as may be necessary - observing due economy - the object being to get the material to the points of distribution, and for this you are wholly responsible.

(Issues will be facilitated by the use of measures; the soldier's tin cup will hold 22.1/2 ounces of beans and 23.1/4 ounces of rice.)

You will also urge the Alcaldes of your division to submit the names of three reputable and active citizens in each district to act as local Boards of Charities, and you will give them a provisional appointment until their nomination can be acted upon by the Board of Charities for Porto Rico at San Juan.

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Very respectfully,

Adjutant General.

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Relative to the assignment
of sub-depots and
local Boards of Charities
for the several towns of Puerto Rico