General Orders

By agreement between the officers appointed by Generals Lee and Grant to carry out the stipulations of the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia the evidence that an officer or enlisted man is a paroled prisoner of war is the fact of his possessing a printed certificate certifying to the fact dated at Appomattox Court House April 12th, 1865 and signed by his Commanding Officer or the Staff Officer of the same Artillery Guard. Pranks, officers and soldiers of the United States forces will respect such certificates allowing free passage to the holder thereof and observe, in good faith, the provisions of the surrender, that the holder shall remain immunized in every respect.
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