

Ad. Quarters U.S. Forces
Paducah Ky Nov. 11th 1861

Genl Order }
No 33^d }

Reports of the most ^{corrupt} painful character have reached the Genl. from different sources in regard to the conduct of a portion of the troops who recently marched to Milburn under the command of Brig Genl Paine. The imputations are of the most discreditable - most disgraceful character to them as Soldiers or citizens. That, in returning several regiments - the 9th & 15th Ills. excepted - Straggled Home in parties without the semblance of Military array - a mere armed mob; and that the property of Citizens was wantonly destroyed and in some instances robbery by violence committed. Such conduct ~~cannot~~ implies a want of discipline that he can scarcely credit; and he calls upon the Brigade and other commanders to use their

utmost endeavor to remedy such a state
of things. That, unmerited censure may
not attach to any one the comdg Genl.
intends to ask for a legal investigation
into the conduct of all concerned

This order will be read at the
Head of every company in camp

By Order of
Brig Genl C F Smith
Wm J. Munster
A. A. S.

By Bldg.
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