The Confederate military commissions of Edwin G. Lee, 1860-1864

Commonwealth of Virginia

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General Edwin G. Lee - Confederate Military Commissions
A Complete Set of Commissions from 1st Lt. to Brig. General

2 Gen. Edwin G. Lee - 7 Confederate Military Commissions - complete. Extremely rare, documenting a Confederate general's rise in ranks as follows:

Virginia Militia commission as 1st Lt. of the 55th Virginia Regiment, signed by Governor John Letcher,

Virginia Volunteer Forces as Major of the 10th Virginia Regiment,

Confederate States commission as Lt. Col. of the 33rd Virginia Regiment, signed by James Seddon - Secretary of War,

Confederate States commission as Lt. Col. in Adjt. Gen'l's Department to report for duty to Brig. Gen'l Rains,

Confederate States commission as Major - Assistant Adjutant General,

Confederate States commission as Colonel of Cavalry assigned to Maj. Gen'l Elzey's Command,

Confederate States commission as Brigadier General to command Reserve Forces in the Valley District of Virginia.

Accompanied by three manuscript directives, as follows: July 27, 1861 to report for duty to Gen. J.E. Johnston at Manassas, December 31, 1862 resignation as colonel of the 33rd Virginia is accepted by the President, July 21, 1863 CS Navy Department resignation as Acting Master in the Navy of the Confederate States is accepted by the Secretary of the Navy.

Also accompanied by his calling card 'Brig. Gen'l Lee - C.S. Army' (for use in Canada), as well as his pay voucher as a brigadier general, signed and dated at Staunton, Va. Oct. 31, 1864 by the paymaster. Altogether 12 items, consecutively documenting Gen. E.G. Lee's rise in rank, most with notations on verso by Gen. Lee. I can find no record of another consecutive run of a Confederate general's commissions ever having been offered before. Unique - Historical (12)
Commonwealth of Virginia,

To Edwin G. Lee.

Greeting:

Know You, That from special trust and confidence reposed in your fidelity, courage and good conduct, our GOVERNOR, in pursuance of the authority vested in him by the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth, doth commission you a First Lieutenant of Light Infantry in the 15th Regiment of the 16th Brigade and Third Division of the Virginia Militia, to rank as such from the ninth day of June 1860.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name as Governor, and caused the seal of the Commonwealth to be affixed, this 15th day of June 1860.

John Esteben.
Commonwealth of Virginia,

To Edwin G. Lee

Greeting:

Know You, That from special trust and confidence reposed in your fidelity, courage and good conduct, our GOVERNOR, in pursuance of the authority vested in him by an Ordinance of the Convention of the State of Virginia, doth commission you a

Major

in the ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FORCES of the State, to rank as such from the 26th day of July 1861

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name as Governor, and caused the Seal of the Commonwealth to be affixed, this 26th day of July 1861

John Letcher
Head-Quarters of the Virginia Forces.

Richmond, Va., 27th July, 1861.

Special Orders
No. 234


By order of General Lee,

C. P. R.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

No. 306.

11. The resignation of Colonel S. H. L.

Sec. 38th Regiment Virginia Volunteer Infantry is accepted by the President, to take effect February 1st, 1863.

By Command of the Sec. of War,

Br. Withered,

Col. A. S. Beo
Lexington
Confederate States of America,
WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, January 14, 1863.

Sir:

You are hereby informed that the President has appointed you

Lieutenant Colonel

Thirty-third Virginia Regiment

In the Provisional Army in the service of the Confederate States: to rank as such from the twenty-second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three. Should the Senate, at their next session, advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

Immediately on receipt hereof, please to communicate to this Department, through the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, your acceptance or non-acceptance of said appointment; and with your letter of acceptance, return to the Adjutant and Inspector General the OATH, herewith enclosed, properly filled up, subscribed and attested, reporting at the same time your age, residence when appointed, and the state in which you were born.

Should you accept, you will report for duty to Commander Army Office

James A. Seddon

Secretary of War

First Col. E. B. Lee

33rd Virginia Regiment
Confederate States of America,
WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Richmond, Va., March 13th, 1863.

This Certifies, That E. D. Lee

has been nominated by the President, to serve in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, to take rank as such

from the first day of February, 1863, subject to confirmation by the Senate, at their present session.

By command of the Secretary of War.

Sam'l M. Melton
Major Genl., Genl. Staff.
Confederate States of America,
WAR DEPARTMENT.
Richmond, April 11th, 1863.

Sir:

You are hereby informed that the President has appointed you

Major

Assistant Adjutant General

In the Provisional Army in the service of the Confederate States: to rank as such from the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three. Should the Senate, at their next session, advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

Immediately on receipt hereof, please to communicate to this Department, through the Adjutant and Inspector General’s Office, your acceptance or non-acceptance of said appointment; and with your letter of acceptance, return to the Adjutant and Inspector General the OATH, herewith enclosed, properly filled up, subscribed and attested. Reporting at the same time your age, residence, when appointed, and the state in which you were born.

Should you accept, you will report for duty to Brig. Genl. J. Raines

James A. Seddon
Secretary of War.

Major E.G. Lee

Acting Adjutant General.
Office of Acting Admlnl
CS Navy Department
Richmond 21 July 1863.

Sir,

The resignation tendered in your letter of to-day, as an Acting Master in the Navy of the Confederate States, is hereby accepted.

By Command of Sec of the Navy

E. D. C. Stone

Commander in charge.

F. D. Sec., Ex

Syracuse

Virginia
Confederate States of America,
WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, November 19, 1862.

Sir:

You are hereby informed that the President has appointed you

Colonel of Cavalry.

In the Provisional Army in the service of the Confederate States: to rank as such from the Nineteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three. Should the Senate, at their next session, advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

Immediately on receipt hereof, please to communicate to this Department, through the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, your acceptance or non-acceptance of said appointment; and with your letter of acceptance, return to the Adjutant and Inspector General the OATH, herewith enclosed, properly filled up, subscribed and attested, reporting at the same time your age, residence when appointed, and the state in which you were born.

Should you accept, you will report for duty at the place assigned to duty as member of Military Court attached to Major Gen. Ely's Command.

Secretary of War.

Gale Edmund A. Lee
Military Court
R. A. S.

Accepted Nov. 19, 1863.

Ed. Parry
St. Adol. C. L.
Confederate States of America,
WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, September 23, 1864

Sir:

You are hereby informed that the President has appointed you

**Brigadier General.**

In the Provisional Army in the service of the Confederate States: to rank as such from the Nineteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four. Should the Senate, at their next session, advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

Immediately on receipt hereof, please to communicate to this Department, through the Adjutant and Inspector General’s Office, your acceptance or non-acceptance of said appointment; and with your letter of acceptance, return to the Adjutant and Inspector General the OATH, herewith enclosed, properly filled up, subscribed and attested, reporting at the same time your age, residence when appointed, and the state in which you were born.

Should you accept, you will report for duty to Maj. Gen. J. E. Johnston to command Reserve forces in the Valley District of Virginia.

(Signed) James A. Seddon
Secretary of War.

Big. Gen. E. P. Lee

P. S. S.

Official Copy
[Handwritten note: A. J. D. G.]
Oct. 25, 1864

[Signature]
Paymaster's Office, Staunton, Va.,

Oct. 31, 1864.

I hereby certify that I have this day paid Brig. Genl. E. P. Lee, Volunteers, C. S. A.,

Co. A, 5th Regiment, 100 Dollars, amount pay due

this hundred forty-four

him from 1st day Sept. 1864 to 31st day of Oct.

1864.

Maj. & P. Q. M., C. S. A.
Brig. Gen. Lee
C.S. Army