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### Abstract

This collection contains the Dept. of Northern Virginia General Orders No. 27, dated February 28, 1862, made by General Joseph E. Johnston, written by A. P. Mason, and officially copied by C. R. Holmes. The order indicates two types of signals that will be made, one by night from Capt. Alexander's Quarters and one by day from Centreville, and states that all sentinels on guard are to report when the signals are seen or heard.

### Creator

Johnston, Joseph E. (Joseph Eggleston), 1807-1891

### Creator

Holmes, C. R. (Confederate Department of Northern Virginia)

### Creator

Mason, A. P. (Confederate Department of Northern Virginia)

**Extent**

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## Biographical Note

Joseph E. Johnston (1807-1891) served as a general in the U.S. and Confederate Armies and as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. During the American Civil War, he served as the leader of the Department (later Army) of Northern Virginia from 1861 to 1862.

No information could be found about A. P. Mason.

C. R. Holmes may be Captain Charles Rutledge Holmes (1835-1891) of South Carolina, who enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861 just after the American Civil War began. He served in Major General Joseph B. Kershaw's Brigade and others in the Army of Northern Virginia.

External source:

"Captain Charles Rutledge Holmes", [findagrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com), <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/35961026/charles-rutledge-holmes>, accessed on July 19, 2023.

John Bell, "Joseph E. Johnston (1807-1891)" (2020 December 07), in *Encyclopedia Virginia*, <https://encyclopediavirginia.org/entries/johnston-joseph-e-1807-1891>, accessed February 10, 2025.

## Scope and Content

This collection contains an official copy of the Department of Northern Virginia General Orders No. 27 by order of General Joseph E. Johnston, written by A. P. Mason, and copied by C. R. Holmes. Dated February 28, 1862, the orders are from the Headquarters of the Department of Northern Virginia of the Confederate Army during the American Civil War. The order indicates two types of signals that will be made, one by night from Capt. Alexander's Quarters and one by day from Centreville, and states that all sentinels on guard are to report when the signals are seen or heard.

## Keywords

Civil War

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