

Office of the Commissary General of Prisoners,

Washington, D. C., Dec 27<sup>th</sup>, 1864.

Brig. Genl. James B. Fry,  
Provost Marshal General,  
Washington, D. C.

General:

From the Prison Report of Rock Island of 19<sup>th</sup> inst, it is seen that 1797 Enlisted men, recruited from the Prisoners of war, are still confined or quartered at that Camp.

Recent captures in Tennessee will probably fill the Western Prisons, and the space occupied by the recruits will be needed. They are poorly clad and now require clothing. I have the honor to request that they be sent to some suitable camp for organization.

I am, General,

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Serv't

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Brig. Genl. U. S. V.

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