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SPECIAL ORDER regulating the transportation of the remains of the late President, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, from Washington City, to Springfield, Illinois.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

WASHINGTON CITY,

April 18, 1865.

ORDERED:

First. That the following report and the arrangements therein specified be approved and confirmed, and that the transportation of the remains of the late President, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, from Washington, to his former home at Springfield, the capital of Illinois, be conducted in accordance with the said report and the arrangements therein specified.

Second. That for the purpose of said transportation, the railroads over which said transportation is made, be declared military roads, subject to the orders of the War Department; and that the railroads, and the locomotives, cars and engines engaged in said transportation, be subject to the military control of Brigadier-General McCALLUM, Superintendent of Military Railroad Transportation; and all persons are required to conform to the rules, regulations, orders and directions he may give or prescribe for the transportation aforesaid; and all persons disobeying said orders shall be deemed to have violated the military orders of the War Department, and shall be dealt with accordingly.

Third. That no person shall be allowed to be transported upon the cars constituting the funeral train, save those who are specially authorized by the Order of the War Department. The funeral train will not exceed nine cars, including baggage car, and the hearse car, which will proceed over the whole route from Washington to Springfield, Illinois.

Fourth. At the various points on the route where the remains are to be taken from the hearse car, by State or Municipal authorities, to receive public honors, according to the aforesaid programme, the said authorities will make such arrangements as may be fitting and appropriate to the occasion, under the direction of the Military Commander of the Division, Department, or District; but the remains will continue always under the special charge of the officers and escort assigned by this Department.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Report, Time-table and Programme referred to in the foregoing order.

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.

April 18th, 1865.

HON. E. M. STANTON,

Secretary of War:—

Under your commission of this date we have the honor to report:—

1st. A committee of the citizens of the State of Illinois, appointed for the purpose of attending to the removal of the remains of the late President to their State, has furnished us with the following route for the remains and escort, being, with the exception of two points, the route traversed by Mr. LINCOLN from Springfield to Washington:—Washington to Baltimore, thence to Harrisburgh, Philadelphia, New York, Albany, Buffalo, Cleveland, Columbus, Indianapolis, Chicago, to Springfield.

2d. Over this route, under the counsels of the Committee, we have prepared the following time card, in all cases for special trains:—

Time card.

Leave Washington,	8.00, a. m., Friday, 21st instant;
Arrive at Baltimore,	10.00, a. m., same day;
Leave Baltimore,	3.00, p. m., same day;
Arrive at Harrisburg,	8.20, p. m., same day.
Leave Harrisburg,	12.00, m., Saturday, 22d;
Arrive at Philadelphia,	6.30, p. m., same day.
Leave Philadelphia,	4.00, a. m., Monday, 24th;
Arrive at New York,	10.00, a. m., same day.
Leave New York,	4.00, p. m., Tuesday, 25th;
Arrive at Albany,	11.00, p. m., same day.
Leave Albany,	4.00, p. m., Wednesday, 26th.
Arrive at Buffalo,	7.00, a. m., Thursday, 27th;
Leave Buffalo,	10.10, p. m., same day.
Arrive at Cleveland,	7.00, a. m., Friday, 28th;
Leave Cleveland,	12.00, midnight, same day.
Arrive at Columbus,	7.30, a. m., Saturday, 29th;
Leave Columbus,	8.00, p. m., same day.
Arrive at Indianapolis,	7.00, a. m., Sunday, 30th;
Leave Indianapolis,	12.00, midnight, same day.
Arrive at Chicago,	11.00, a. m., Monday, May 1st.

Leave Chicago, 9.30, p. m., Tuesday, May 2d.
 Arrive at Springfield, 8.00. a. m., Wednesday, May 3d.

The route from Columbus to Indianapolis, is *via* the Columbus and Indianapolis Central Railway, and from Indianapolis to Chicago, *via* Lafayette and Michigan City.

3d. As to the running of these special trains, which, in order to guard as far as practicable against accidents and detentions, we have reduced to about twenty miles per hour; we suggest the following regulations:—

First. That time of departure and arrival be observed as closely as possible.

Second. That material detentions at way points be guarded against as much as practicable, so as not to increase the speed of trains.

Third. That a pilot engine be kept ten minutes in advance of the train.

Fourth. That the special train in all cases have the right of road; and that all other trains be kept out of its way.

Fifth. That the several Railroad Companies provide a sufficient number of coaches for the comfortable accommodation of the escort, and a special car for the remains; and that all these, together with the engines, be appropriately draped in mourning.

Sixth. That where the running time of any train extends beyond, or commences at midnight, not less than two sleeping cars be used, and a greater number, if the road can command them, sufficient for the accommodation of the escort.

Seventh. That two officers of the United States Military Railway Service, be detailed by you and despatched at once over the route to confer with the several railway officers, and make all necessary preparations for carrying out these arrangements promptly and satisfactorily.

Eighth. That this programme and these regulations, if approved, be confirmed by an order of the War Department.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. BROUGH,
 JOHN W. GARRETT,

Committee.