

78th Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry Regiment

Regimental Book A Transcriptions

-[A001] -

[No. 1]

Head Quarters 78th Regiment O. V. I.
Adamsville Tenn. April 4th 1862

Capt. S. W. Spencer.

Sir,

It is utterly impossible to get for you a leave of absence, for such a thing can never be obtained for an Officer who is absent without leave. I was ordered two weeks ago to report you on the Field Report as a Deserter.

I have never said and never thought that you were not sick, I did say and thought and still think that you were no worse than myself and several other Officers and Privates, and that it was wrong for you to leave as you did.

I exceedingly regret that you took the course you did and hardly know what to do under the circumstances. I can do no less ~~than~~ however than to order you under arrest which I hereby do. You will deliver all the books and papers of the Company to Adjutant Jewett.

If possible I will secure the acceptance of your resignation for otherwise you will be obliged to stand a Court Marshall [sic] which would result in your dismissal from the service and consequent disgrace.

Hoping that you will recover your health I am

Respectfully &c
M.D. Leggett
Col. 78th Regt.

[Signed]
John E. Jewett
Adjt.

[No. 2]

Head Quarters 78th Regt. O. V. I.
Camp near Pittsburg Landing Tenn
April 14th 1862

Lieut. Godfrey,

The feeling among your men and with the Officers of the Regiment, is such towards you as to unfit you for the command of your Company. The impression is almost universal, that you did not on Monday last, exhibit the courage and coolness essential in a leader. You spoke to me sometime since, about resigning, and expressed a desire to do so. I shall now advise you to resign, for such resignation will avoid the necessity of unfavorable mention of your name in a general order. Let me hear from you soon.

Respectfully &c
M.D. Leggett
Col 78th Regt.

-[A004]-

[No. 3]

Head Quarters U. S. forces Jackson Tenn.
June 15th 1862

Col. M.D. Leggett
78th O. V. Infantry

Dear Sir,

Yours of this date received, enclosing reply of Capt. Waller to my note of yesterday. I must confess myself surprised at the contents of your letter that my note Capt W. should be construed into an indignity seems impossible. Had an officer of my own Brigade [been accused] of such a violation of orders he would have been met with a prompt arrest. The complaint against Capt. W. was formally made and my duty compelled me to notice it. If as your note seems to intimate, you have other causes of grievance I regret that you did not earlier call my attention to it. I am sure I have endeavored to be as easy with your command as possible; hardly considering you as permanently attached to the command, and liable to be ordered off at any time, I had directed ~~to do~~ that you be relieved from Picket duty and from other duties as far as consistant [sic], to such an extent has this been done as to cause remark ~~from~~ by Officers of other Regiments.

The general conduct of your Officers and Soldiers has met my aproval [sic]. I have aimed to treat all portions of my command impartially and regret that you should entertain the feelings you express. Should you conceive that you have further cause of complaint, I beg that you will call my attention to it. Assuring you as far as these Head Quarters are

concerned no "little indignities" have been intended.

I am

Very Respectfully Yours

C.C. Marsh

Col. Comdg

Please inform Captain Wellar[?] that I will [smeared] to his matter at 10 o'clock tomorrow. I shall be pleased to have you present.

C.C.M.

-[A005]-

[No. 4]

Head Quarters 1st Division
Jackson Tenn. June 24th 1862

Col.

You will prepare your regiment for inspection at 8 o'clock A. M. the 25th inst. By Col. T. C. Ransom Inspector General Reserve Army on grounds to be selected by yourself.

Respectfully

John A. Logan

Brig. Genl. Of Vol.

Commdg. At Jackson

To M. D. Leggett

Col 78th Regt. O.V.I.

[No. 5]

Head Quarters U. S. Forces
Grand Junction, Tenn.
22nd July, 1862

Comdg Officer

78th Ohio V. I.

You will cause to be arrested Lieut. Dunne Co. F 78th O.V.I. for insubordination in disobeying the order of his commanding officer, during the early part of the day of the 21st inst. You will retain his sword and cause charges to be filed against him.

M.D. Leggett
Col. Commdg Post.

[No. 6]

Head Quarters 78th O.V.I.
Bolivar, Ten. 30th July 1862

Lieut Hugh Dunne
Co. F. 78th Ohio. V.I.

Lieut:

The time having expired that is proper to hold you in Arrest without charges being filed; and the aggrieved party not expressing any intention to file charges, you will resume your sword and return to duty.

Permit me to say, however, that I hope this may be the last time you take the responsibility of disobeying a superior officer. You have been too prone to speak lightly of your superior officers. Respect and quick obedience to superiors are the most prominent characteristics of a good officer or soldier.

Very Respectfully,
M.D. Leggett
Col. 78th O.V.I.

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[No. 7]

Head Quarters 78th O.V.I.
Bolivar 30th July 1862

Capt. F. A. Dallam
A. A. Genl.

Capt.,

I respectfully ask that Second Lieut Joseph C. Jenkins of the 78th Regt Ohio Vol. Infy. (Company G) be mustered out of the service for the following reasons – to wit:

1st On the 14th day of June last said Lieut. Jenkins obtained a leave of absence for 20 days on pretense of being sick. Since which time he has not returned to the regiment and has given to me no reason why he has not returned.

2nd When said Jenkins went home upon his leave of absence, instead of being treated for

disease (if he had any which no one in the Regiment believed) he spent his time in drunkenness and debauchery. Thus unfitting himself for duty, and disgracing the Regiment to which he belonged

3rd Said Lieut Jenkins never possessed a single qualification of a good Military Officer, - being an ignorant, low bred, disorderly man, without self respect or the power to command the respect of others. He has always been a plague spot upon the Regiment & a disgrace to the service & it is the unanimous desire of the Company of which he is an officer that he never return to the Regiment's

M. D. Leggett
Col 78 O.V.I.

[No. 8]

Head Quarters 78th O.V.I.
Bolivar 30th July 1862

Capt F. A. Dallam
A. A. Genl.

Capt.

I Respectfully request that Lieut. Col. B. F. Hawkes of the 78th Regt. Ohio Vol. Inftry. Be mustered out of the service for the reason following to wit -

1st. Said Lieut Col B. F. Hawkes joined the regiment just as it moved from Ohio on the 11th day of February last, and was then in very feeble health. He came with us to Tennessee, but on the 26th day of February, obtained a leave of absence & went home to Ohio, and has been there sick ever since. There is no prospect whatever that he will ever be fit for active service. On this point I would refer to the accompanying certificate of Dr. Reeves, Surgeon of the 78th O.V.I.

2nd The Disease of Lieut Col Hawkes seems to have affected his mind to such an extent as to unfit him for the part of Field Officer even were his physical health sufficient.

3rd The regiment is in great want of an efficient Lieut. Col. which it cannot have while the present incumbent retains his position.

It is just and proper to retain an officer upon the sick list a due length of time, but six months certainly ought to be regarded as long enough, especially when his regiment is in active service and needs all its officers. Had Col Hawkes lost his health in service with the regiment, I should perhaps feel differently, - but he came into the service with a broken down Constitution & entirely unequal to the Hardships of an active campaign.

I desire to get my regiment well officered prior to the opening of the Fall Campaign.

Very Respectfully,
M. D. Leggett
Col 78th O.V.I.

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[No. 009]

Head Quarters 78th Regt O.V.I.
Bolivar Ten 5th Aug. 1862

Capt F. A. Dallam,
A. A. Genl.

Capt:

There is a little difference of opinion as to whether Special Order No. 5 includes Regimental Sutlers from their Regimental line, & understand that it does – though some of my officers differ. Will you please state whether it does or not?

If it does, the order will work very great disorder with us. - I suppose the order is called out by the misconduct of some Sutlers, but it is certainly a poor reward for the good conduct of those who have managed their establishments properly.

Mr. A. Samson, my Regimental Sutler is an upright, high-minded, Religious man, has never sold or kept on hand intoxicating or other drinks of any kind whatever, - & his establishment has been a model of good order, & a service of great accommodation to my men. I have regarded a well regulated Sutlers department in camp as absolutely indispensable to the health & comfort of the men.

There are many articles that the men must have which are not furnished from the Quartermaster nor Commissary's departments. To deprive the men from having these articles supplied by a well conducted Sutlers department is really a hard necessity if it be one. [Continued on A004]

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To let my men have passes to go out of my line & through the city guard line for every article they may need from the Sutler department will make an excuse for absence from camp & for wandering about, that will be utterly subversive to all camp discipline.

At present, my men are not allowed to go to town except on duty, & are required to drill 5 hours everyday; - but if our sutler is removed from camp, I must either deprive my men of Sutler stores or surrender [sic] the inefficiency [sic] of my drill & camp discipline.

If however, the order applies to Regimental Sutlers, it shall be obeyed faithfully in my camp – whither may be the consequences.

You will pardon me for these suggestions, but I did not feel that in judgment to my Regiment I could say less.

Very Respectfully
M. D. Leggett
Col 78th O.V.I.

[No. 10]

Head Quarters 78th O.V.I.
Bolivar Tenn 6 Aug 1862

Capt Z. M. Chandler
Company B, 78th O.V.I.

Capt:

Major Carnahan having been relieved from duty by his own request; You as the senior Capt. Present will assume and discharge the duties of Major until further orders. As Major, in addition to your duties upon drill, & in the field, you will be specially charged with police of the camp, & will see that it is kept thoroughly cleaned and the tents & clothing properly ventilated. You will enter upon the discharge of your duties as Major at once.

M.D. Leggett
Col. 78th O.V.I.

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[No. 11]

Head Quarters 78th Regt O.V.I.
Bolivar, Tenn. 14th Aug. 1862

Lieut. DeNoll
Co. "I," 78th O.V.I.

Lieut:

In view of the fact that your health is so poor with so little prospect of its ever being better, while you remain in the service; I would suggest to you the propriety of resigning your Commission. As a man and gentleman no one can say aught against you truthfully; but your poor health and advanced age make it impossible for you to be a competent

Officer.

I desire during our summer rest to officer every company in the regiment efficiently, and this should be done before the arrival of new recruits, if possible, that we may be well prepared to drill such recruits rapidly and prepare them for service. Please let me know soon whether my suggestions meet your approval.

Very Respectfully
M.D. Leggett
Col. 78th O.V.I.

[No. 12]

Head Quarters, 78th Regt. O.V.I.
Bolivar, Tenn. 17th Aug. 1862

Captain Wallar
Co. "F," 78th O.V.I.

You will detail Joseph E. McKinney of Company "F," 78th Reg't O.V.I. To report to these Head Quarters immediately to take charge of the team heretofore driven by Richard Cusick.

M.D. Leggett
Col 78th O.V.I.

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[No. 13]

Head Quarters 78th Regt. OVI
Bolivar Tenn. 1st Sept 1862

Capt. T. M. Stevenson
Co. E, 78th OVI

Capt.,

I am informed that in disobedience to my orders on the evening of the 30th Ult. You remained in camp & permitted several of your men to do the same, and that you did not join the Regt. Until about 10 o'clock A M of the 31st and then without your sword. Will you please inform me in writing whether I am correctly informed - & if so what excuse for so doing.

Very Respectfully
M. D. Leggett

Col 78th O.V.I.

[No. 14]

Head Quarters 4th Division
at Bolivar, Tennessee
14th September, 1862

Brig. Genl. T. F. Ross
Bolivar, Tennessee

You will hold all the Infantry under your command ready to move by Rail Road on the shortest notice.

A rigid inspection will be held this day of arms and equipment and men will be required to have constantly in their haversacks ten days rations.

By Order of Brig Gen. Hurlbut
Henry Ramone[?] A. A. G.

Official Copy
E. N. Owen
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 15]

Head Quarters 1st Brigade 2nd Div.
Bolivar Tenn. Oct 2nd 1862

Capt Z. M. Chandler
Commdg. 78th Regt O.V.I.

Captain

I am directed to inform you that a Court of Inquiry is now sitting for the investigation of cases of absence on the 18th day of August 1862.

If you have any cases of this character in your command the Officer making the application will do so in writing making a *[...illegible...]* of his case with any additional remarks *[...illegible...]*

-[A011]-

to Genl. Ross at once.

I am Captain

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Lieut E. N. Owen
A. A. A. Genl.
1st Brigade

[No. 16]

Hd Qrs 1st Brigade 2nd Division
Bolivar Tenn 16th Oct 1862

Genl L. Thomas
Adjut Genl. U.S.A.

Genl

Section "3" of Special Order No. 281 restoring to the service Lieut Colonel Benj. F. Hawkes 78th Ohio Volunteers is recd.

On the 1st day of Oct inst. Capt. Z. M. Chandler of said regt. Was commissioned as Lt. Colonel of the 78th regt. O.V.I. And has been exercising the functions of his office ever since. In fact Lieut Col Z. M. Chandler as Senior Capt has commanded the regt for nearly three months. Lt Col Hawkes has never been on duty with the Regt over two weeks, the Major has been absent nearly three months and I have had Command of the Brigade since May last. Consequently the command has dissolved upon Z. M. Chandler, as Senior Capt. Until Oct 1st and as Lt Col from that date.

Lieut Col Hawkes is a good man, and would make a good officer if he had health, but he was never able for duty while he held his commission, and I am satisfied never will be able for active Campaigning.

Please inform me whether Lieut Col Hawkes should be entered upon our rolls and if so what will be done with Lieut Col Chandler? His place in Company B has been filled. If we can be allowed two Lt Col – all right – for two are needed if I am to be kept on Brigade duty.

I am General
Your Obt. Servant
M. D. Leggett
Col. 78th O.V.I.
Commdg 1st Brigade

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[No. 17]

Quartermaster's Dept. 78th O.V.I.
La Grange, Tenn.
Nov. 18th, 1862.

Com'd'g Officer
Co "F," 78th O.V.I.

Private William Gargis, your command is hereby relieved from Extra Duty in this Dept, and returned to your company for duty.

In relieving Wm Gargis from duty in this Dept. permit me to say that I have always found him faithful to his trust, exemplary in his conduct, unremitting in his attention to public property confided to his charge; and, in short, instant in season and out of season in the discharge of each and every duty.

He is at present relieved only for the purpose of again detailing him for extra duty in the Q. M.'s Dept of the 2nd Brig. 3rd Division.

By order of
M. D. Leggett
Col. 78th Ohio.

J. C. Douglass Lt.
to Q. M. 78th O.V.I.

[No. 18]

Quartermaster's Dept. 78th O.V.I.
La Grange, Tenn.
Nov. 18th, 1862

Com'd'g Officer
Co. "G," 78th O.V.I.

Privates Samuel Trout and Hiram Fogle, your command, are hereby relieved from extra duty in this Dept and returned to your company for duty.

In relieving Messr. Samuel Trout and Hiram Fogle from duty in this Dept., permit me to say that I have always found them faithful to their trust, honest, trustworthy, and capable.

They are relieved only for the purpose of being detailed for extra duty in the Q. M.'s Dep't 2nd Brig. 3rd Division.

By order of
M. D. Leggett

Col 78th O.V.I.

J. C. Douglass Lt.
to Q. M. 78th O.V.I.

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[No. 19]

Quartermaster's Dep't 78th O.V.I.
La Grange Tenn.
Nov. 18th, 1862

Com'd'g Officer
Co. "I," 78th O.

Private Andrew McIntosh, your command, is hereby relieved from Extra-duty in this Dep't, and returned to your company for duty.

In relieving Mr. McIntosh from duty in this Dep't permit me to say that I have always found him faithful to his trust, exemplary in his conduct, unremitting in attention to public property confided to his care, and, in short, honest capable, and trustworthy.

He is relieved only for the purpose of detailing him for Extra-duty in the Q. M.'s Dep't 2nd Brig. 3rd Division.

By order of
M. D. Leggett
Col. 78th O. V. I.

J. C. Douglass Lt.
& Q. M. 78th O.

[No. 20]

Q. M. Dep't 2nd Brig.
La Grange, Tenn.
Nov. 18th 1862

Com'd'g' Officer
78th O.V.I.

Sir:

You will detail Privates Wm. Gargis, Co. "F," Andrew McIntosh, Co. "I," and Hiram Fogle

& Samuel Trout Co "G," your command to report to the Quartermaster, 2nd Brig. For Extra-duty in [this] Dep't.

By order of
M. D. Leggett
Col. 78th O.V.I.

J. C. Douglass Lt.
& Q. M. 78th O.

-[A014]-

[No. 21]

Head Qrs 78th Regt. 2nd Brig
Camp near Abbeville Mississippi, December 26, [1862]

Col. M. D. Leggett
Comm'dg 2nd Brigade

Col

I do not distinctly understand your directions per T[??]er [courier?] in reference to the means for obtaining wood and water will you please sent it in writing

Respectfully
Z. M. Chandler
Lt. Col

[No. 22]

Head Quarters 2nd Brigade
Abbeyville Miss Dec 26th 62

Col

Your water and wood detail must be regimental and last for 24 hours in charge of a Sergt

By order of
M. D. Leggett
Col Commdg Brig

[No. 23]

Head Quarters 78th Regt
Camp near Abbeville Miss Dec 27th [1862]

J. C. Douglass
Lieut & R. Q. M.
78th Regt OVI

Lieut

You will immediately report yourself to these Head Quarters under arrest for disobedience of General Order No 15 issued from Head Quarters 2nd Brigade Signed by order of Col M. D. Leggett, and issued under date of Dec 26th 1862 in passing Privates [??] Watters Extra duty men and Sleethe[?] Teamster; this afternoon through the Guard lines of this Regiment

By order of Z. M. Chandler
Lt. Col. Commdg

H. S. Abbot
Adjt

-[A015]-

[No. 24]

Head Quarters, 17th Army Corps.
Memphis Tenn, Feb 10th 1863

Officers and Soldiers, 17th Army Corps

Our marching orders have come and it is for us to respond with promptness and alacrity.

We move to capture the Stronghold of the Rebels in the Valley of the Mississippi. That our success is certain I have not the slightest doubt. If you bring to the performance the work, the same zeal, ability and patriotic devotion to your Country which have marked your course thus far. Before an indomitable [sic] will, an earnestness of purpose, and a solemn resolution not to see our glorious old flag dishonored before a Rebel foe, all obstacles will disappear.

I know that I do not speak to the heroes of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Island No. 10, and Corinth in vain. The record of your past service glorious as it is, is but an earnestness of the future. Let no discouraging circumstances at home diminish your faith or cause you to falter for one moment in the career of honor which lies before you. We go forward to strike a fatal blow against this most unjustifiable Rebellion, a blow which will tell with deadly effect and cause the heart of every true and loyal man in our country to swell with pride. We go to plant our flag upon the ramparts of Vicksburg, and I know that I but echo your sentiments when I say that each and every one of you desires, no matter what the labor, privation or danger, may be, to battle earnestly and heroically until this great work

is accomplished.

Then indeed, when this Rebellion is crushed can you return to your homes with manly pride and pointing to the glorious but triumphant and battle stained banner with Vicksburg inscribed upon it, says we helped to place it there.

James B. McPherson
Major General

Official
E. P. Owen
A. A. A. Genl.

-[A016]-

[No. 25]

Head Quarters 2d Brigade
Vista[?] Plantation, La.
April 7th 1863

Lt. Col. Z. M. Chandler,

Com'd'g 78th Ohio,

You will cause to be reported to these Head Quarters the rank of the following named enlisted men of your command. Also whether or no[t] they are present for duty.

A. J. Barnard	Co. "F"	78 th Ohio
J. Zimmerman	" "	" "
B. F. Scott	"B" "	" "

By order of M. D. Leggett
Col. Comd'g 2d Brigade.
E. P. Owen
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 26]

Head Quarters 2nd Brigade 3rd Division
17th Army Corps.
Vista Plantation, La. April 9, 1863

Col,

You will at once cause to be turned over to Lt. J. C. Douglass, A. A. Q. M. twenty (20)

Shelter tents from your command.

By order of M. D. Leggett
Col. Comd'g 2d Brigade,
E. P. Owen, A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 27]

Head Quarters 17th Army Corps
April 12th 1863.

R. R. Townes[?]
Adj. Gen.
3rd Div.

Capt:

I send you by Major Wakefield 7th Mo. all the rolls I have. I have no muster out, or in rolls and the ones I send you will have to be changed to suit the case, whether to muster in or out. I have headed and filled out one roll, which will show what I require. I wish you would give such information to officers as will enable them to make out their rolls correctly. The pamphlet on instructions for making out rolls will help officers materially in filling them up in shape. Major Wakefield will also let you have a copy of an affidavit which I require. I also require one from the

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Commanding officer of the Regt. to which the officer belongs setting forth that he knows that the facts as stated in the officers affidavit are true. I will muster all the officers of our Regt. on one set of rolls. I have mustered several officers in the 7th Mo. and they can give to other officers information which will enable them to fix them up in shape. Where an officer is not positive as to what should be inserted I desire that the space should be left blank. Officers will in all cases be governed by the pamphlet of instructions and the General Order of the War Dept.

I want to see the morning report and monthly return and muster rolls of each Regt. of Company of which the officers desire to be mustered.

I am Sir, Very respectfully
our Obt Servant
Lt.[?] Knox
1st Lt.[?] Of 13th Infantry
G.[?] M. 17th Army Corps

[No. 28]

Head Quarters, 2d Brigade 3rd Division
17th Army Corps
Berry's Landing, La. Apr. 15, 1863.

Col:

Wagon Master Springer[?] has just called on me to know how he can get the extra pay now due him. When he was paid before it was by all the mounted officers paying him half the commutation price of their forage. Since forage commutation has been stopped from the time to which he was paid it would be unjust to expect the mounted officers to pay all his extra pay. – Would it not be well to levy a tax on all the Salaries of all the officers and discharge the debt. Something like \$80 was due him last August & all since. The wages which we paid before was 60 \$ per month about 40 \$ per month above his his ~~extra~~ pay as private and extra duty money. I will pay the Col's quota as well as my own at any time.

I am Col,
Truly yours,
J. C. Douglass

[No. 29]

Head Quarters 2d Brigade 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps
Vista Plantation, La. April 15th, 1863

Lt. Col. Z. M. Chandler:
Com'd'g 78th Ohio,

-[A018]-

You will cause your command to be in readiness to move at a moments notice on board of transports (which are expected tonight) with two days rations prepared and in haversacks, camp and garrison equipage [sic] and ammunition and rations on hand. Forage sufficient for the animals on board will be conveyed on the respective transports conveying them.

By order of Brig. Gen. E. S. Dennis
E. P.[?] Owen
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 30]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Division
17th Army Corps

Vista Plantation La. April 17th 1863.

Lt. Col. Z. M. Chandler:
Com'd'g 78th Ohio,

You will at once move your entire command on board the Steamer Minnehaha, taking all camp and garrison equipage, also all rations and ammunition now on hand.

By order of Elias S. Dennis
Brig Genl. Com'd'g 2d Brigade
E. P. Owen
AAA Genl.

[No. 31]

Head Quarters 2d Brigade, 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
Millikens Bend La. April 21st 1863.

Comd'g Officer
78th O.V.I.

You will report your command armed provided with three (3) days rations, with all the axes and spades and all the teams that can be spared from your camp, to Capt. Hickenlooper Chf. Engineer, Gen. McPherson's Head Quarters at 7 ½ oclk. A. M. tomorrow.

By order of
Brig. Gen. E. S. Dennis
E. P. Owen,
AAA Genl.

[No. 32]

Head Quarters 2d Brig. 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps
Millikens Bend, La., April 22d 1863

Lt. Col. Z. M. Chandler:
Comd'g 78th Ohio,

-[A019]-

Col:

You are directed by the Brig. Genl. Comd'g, to cause to be sent forthwith to these Head

Quarters a report, stating whether or not General orders No. 10 dated Head Quarters 17th Army Corps April 4th 1863 has been complied with – The report will show the number and kind of arms turned over to the ordnance officer, the amount of citizens clothing turned over to the Quarter Master, and whether or not any soldiers in your Command has in his possession any citizens clothing.

The Officers will be instructed that any violation of of Paragraph V. of said order will subject them to arrest and trial for disobedience of orders.

By order of Brig. Gen. E. S. Dennis,
Comd'g 2d Brigade
E. P. Owen,
AAA Genl.

[No. 33]

Head Quarters 2d Brigade, 3rd Division
17th Army Corps
Millikens Bend, La., April 24th 1863

Col:

I. You are requested to return to Camp at Millikens Bend La. this evening, with your Adj. for the purpose of selecting suitable persons from this Brigade to be recommended for the following positions in a Colored Regiment's

viz:

1, One Colonel
3, Three Captains
3, Three 1st Lieuts
3, Three 2nd Lieuts

II. You will make out and return to these Head-Quarters forthwith a report of your proceedings under Gen Order No. 10, Paragraphs III and IV Gen McPherson Series 1863.

By Order of E. S. Dennis
Brig Gen. Com'd'g 2d Brig.
J. C. Douglass,
AAA Genl.

[No. 34]

Head Quarters 2d Brig. 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps

In the field, on Big Black Miss. May 4th 1863

Col. Z. M. Chandler,
Comd'g 78th Ohio:

-[A020]-

A consolidated morning report will be sent in to these Head Quarters, in the morning at the usual time.

Regimental commanders will cause ~~to~~ five Roll Calls daily while in Camp here, and will forward a roster of the names of those found to be absent to these Hd Qrs. at once giving the probable cause.

By order of Brig Gen Dennis
Comd'g 2d Brigade
J C Douglass
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 35]

Head Quarters 2d Brig. 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps
In the Field on big Black, Miss May 4th 63

Col:

If you have any sick in your command that should be sent to hospital you will immediately send them to Gen McPhersons Head Quarters.

An ambulance for that purpose can be procured by tending to the same place.

By order of Brig Gen Dennis
Comd'g 2d Brigade
J C Douglass
AAA Genl.

[No. 36]

Head Quarters 2d brig 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps
In the Field on Big Black, Miss May 4, 1863

Col:

You will cause your command to be mustered for pay immediately, to date April 30th, if it was not done at that time. So that the proper muster rolls may be made out, as soon as blank rolls can be procured.

By Order of Brig Gen Dennis
Comd'g 2d Brigade
J. C. Douglass
A. A. A. Genl

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[No. 37]

Head Quarters 2d Brigade, 3rd Div
17th Army Corps

In the Field on Big Black Miss May 4th 1863

Lt. Col. Z. M. Chandler
Comd'g 78th Ohio:

In accordance with instructions from Division Head Quarters, you will cause all Negroes not employed as servants to officers, to report at these Head Quarters, at 3 o'clock, P. M. this day.

You will also cause all axes, spades, and shovels to be collected and turned over to these Head Quarters to be used in throwing up fortifications.

By Order of Brig Gen. E. S. Dennis
Comd'g 2d Brigade,
J. C. Douglass
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 38]

Head Quarters 2d Brig. 3rd Division
17th Army Corps, May 6th 1863

Lt. Col. Z. M. Chandler
Comd'g 78th Ohio:

You will at once cause your Command to be supplied with 100 rounds of ammunition per man. Requisition will be made and presented at Division Head Quarters.

By order of Brig. Gen. Dennis

Comd'g 2d Brigade
J. C. Douglass
AAA Genl.

[No. 39]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig 3rd Division
17th Army Corps
Camp on Black River Miss, May 6th 1863

Lt Col. Z. M. Chandler
Comd'g 78th Ohio,

Col,

You will cause your entire command to be in readiness to move forward at 10 o'clock precisely tomorrow morning. Rations must be drawn in sufficient quantities at daybreak to make three days on-hand. Three quarter rations of flour will be issued in place of hard bread. The rations must be cooked and placed in haversacks. All the ammunition on hand will be taken. Also all camp and garrison equipage. All wagons

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not necessary to haul camp and garrison equipage or ammunition will report at these head quarters at nine o'clock A. M.

By Order of Brig. Gen Dennis
Comd'g 2d Brigade,
J. C. Douglass
AAA Genl.

[No. 40]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps
Rocky Springs, Miss. May 8th 1863.

Major J. T. Rainey,
Comd'g 78th Ohio,

Will cause his command to draw $\frac{3}{4}$ rations up to and including the 11th Inst. and have them cooked and in the haversack of the men by ten (10) o'clock tomorrow morning. You will also cause the wagons now loaded with ammunition to be driven to division head quarters, that more ammunition may be loaded in them.

By order of Brig Gen Dennis

Comd'g 2d Brigade
J. C. Douglass
AAA Genl.

[No. 41]

Head Quarters 2d Brigade 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps
Raymond Miss. May 13th 1863

Major J. T. Rainey:
Comd'g 78th Ohio,

You will move forward at 6 ½ o'clock or at once in the road to Jackson Miss.

Order of March,

1st to 7th inclusive, 1st & 3rd Brigades
8th Three Regiments, 2d Brigade – 20th, 78th and 68th O.V.I.
9th DeGolyers Battery,
10th Ambulances 2nd Brigade
11th Division Hd. Qr. Teams
12th Ammunition Train
13th Commissary and Supply train
14th One Regt 2nd Brigade - 30th Ills.
Ammunition wagon will follow in rear of each brigade.
No straggling will be permitted under any circumstances:

By order of brig Gen Dennis
Comd'g 2d Brigade

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[No. 42]

Head Quarters 2d Brigade 3rd Division
17th Army Corps
In the field near Bolton Miss May 15, 1863

Regimental Commanders will order to be drawn tonight all the beef they desire from the Corral which will be issued on the order of Regimental Commanders.

The beef so drawn will be cooked and placed in haversacks tonight. Also one days rations of Coffee will be issued and placed upon the last provision returns upon the order of Regtl Comdrs.

By Order of Brig Gen. Dennis
Comd'g 2d Brigade
J. C. Douglass
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 43]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Division
17th Army Corps
In the field near Bolton Miss, May 16th 1863

Major J. T. Rainey
Comd'g 78th Ohio,

You will have the wagons of your command packed and all things in readiness to move at a moments notice.

By order of Brig Gen Leggett
Comd'g 3d Brigade
J. C. Douglass
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 44]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig, 3rd Division
17th Army Corps
In rear of Vicksburg Miss May 25th 1863

Col,

I find it necessary in making the report required by Div. Hd Quarters to call for a list of casualties occurring in your command in the engagement before Port Gibson and Vicksburg.

Will you do me the kindness to forward the report by 3 o'clock P. M. this day.

I am Col,
Your Obt. Servant,
J. C. Douglass
AAA Genl.

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[No. 45]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps
Before Vicksburg Miss, June 5, 1863

Lt. Col. Wiles
Comd'g 78th Ohio,

You will send a consolidated report of the names of the persons killed, wounded and missing out of the Regiment since and including the battle of Port Gibson, up to and including the 22nd of May, giving name rank company, and regiment.

A separate report for each engagement is required.

By order of M. F. Force
Col. Comd'g 2d Brig.
J. B. Walker
AAA Genl.

[No. 46]

Hospital Camp 78th O.V.I.
June 7th 1863

Col,

Of the Subject of your note I know nothing. I have heard no complaint of the matter myself and presumed rations were issued them. Upon enquiry however I find that rations have not been issued for two days, but that the men have been well supplied with Sanitary Stores, drawn and issued by Chaplain Stevenson. Rations will have to be issued tomorrow morning, as sanitary stores are all consumed. I will ascertain the number of men here and instruct Sergt. Heller[?] to draw rations, to expire with those issued to the Regt. I understand that the Regt. moves in the morning at 3 o'clock If such is the case the stores brought from the River had better be brought over here. Any orders to myself in reference to the matter, please communicate through Sergt. Heller, as I am unable to come over this evening.

I am, Col, with Respect,
H. E. Bigelow[?]
Sergt.

To Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles
Comd'g 78th O.V.I.

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[No. 47]

Head Quarters 3rd Division
17th Army Corps
June 5th, 1863

Col. M. F. Force,
Commanding 2d Brigade:

Colonel,

There will be no objection to the men of your command going under charge of a commissioned officer to the line of rifle pits and discharging their pieces at Rebels on sight. They will not be allowed to fire by volley – it may create some excitement along the lines.

By order of Maj. Gen. Logan
R. R. Townes
AA Genl.

[No. 48]

Circular.

Head Quarters 78th O.V.I.
June 9, 1863

Company Commanders,

Will immediately furnish a list of Clothing, Camp and Garrison equipage arms ammunition and accoutrements, they have on hand serviceable and unserviceable; Stating the number of overcoats, coats, blankets, trowsers, shirts, drawers, shoes, stockings, jackets, haversacks, canteens, knapsacks, tents, axes, picks, shovels, spades, camp kettles, mess pans, &*c. Guns, cartridge boxes, cap pouches, bayonets, bayonet scabbards, gun slings, gross Belts and rounds of ammunition; Also stating number in possession number serviceable and unserviceable reason of deficiency or excess and every thing necessary to make a full report of everything in your several commands.

As there will be an inspection of our camp on the 12th inst. (tomorrow) everything should be in readiness and bright. Your report will be sent as soon as possible.

By order of
G. F. Wiles, Lt. Col.
Comd'g 78th O.V.I.

A. W. Search[?]

Act. Adjt.

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[No. 49]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps
Near Vicksburg June 11th 1863

Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles,
Com'd'g 78th Ohio

Colonel,

There will be a thorough inspection of the arms, accoutrements and camps of this command on Friday the 12th inst. At this inspection the Commanding Officer of the Regiment will furnish a report of arms in possession of the Regiment, the number kind and calibre numbers serviceable, and unserviceable. The number of cartridge boxes, cap boxes, bayonet scabbards, shoulder belts, waist belts, deficient number of rounds of ammunition on hand and its condition number of overcoats, coats, trowsers, shirts, drawers, shoes, stockings, blankets, haversacks, canteens, knapsacks, tents, axes, spades, camp kettles, and mess pans, deficient, and will give all information relative to his command that may be required.

By order of M. F. Force
Col. Comd'g 2d Brigade

Samuel R. Adams
Lt. & AA Genl.

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Head Quarters, 78th Reg. O.V.I.
In rear of Vicksburg, June 13th, 1863.

Lt. James B. Walker
AAA Genl
2nd Brig. 3rd Div.

Our camp equipage is lying on the shore at Chic[k]asaw Bayou and liable to be lost if not brought away: - I have ordered five teams to go for them tomorrow morning – now those things will have to lie there in case, I send you five teams in the morning and we are out of hay and failing in getting that article today. We have I believe but six teams and two of them were and I think are in the division now. I shall at once order the wagon master to have the teams ready at daylight and in case you can reduce the number of teams please

let me know tonight.

Respectfully your Obt Servt
G. F. Wiles Lt. Col. Comdg
78th O.V.I.

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[No. 51]

Head Quarters 2nd Brigade 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps,
Near Vicksburg, June 13th, 1863

Lt Col G. F. Wiles,
Comd'g 78th Ohio:

In compliance with instructions from Division Head Quarters, Camp and garrison
equipage at the landing will not for the present be brought here and no teams from
regiments will proceed to the river for that purpose.

By order W. F. Force
Col Comd'g 2d Brigade
J. B. Walker
AAA Genl.

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Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Division
June 12th 1863,

Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles,

Sir: - To procure furloughs for wounded men it is necessary to have in addition – to the
certificate of good conduct the certificate of the Regimental surgeon, attested by the
Division Surgeon, that he will not be able for duty for thirty days.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
J B Walker
Lt & AAA Genl

[No. 53]

Head Quarters 78th Regt. O.V.I.

In rear of Vicksburg Miss June 16th 1863

Major Townes
A. A. Genl
3rd Division 17th AC

If not inconsistent with the good of the service, I would like to have returned to my Regt, Co. C, now detached and on duty with the Div Pioneers.

Very Respectfully your Obt Servt
G. F. Wiles Lt. Col. Com'd'g
78th O.V.I.

[No. 54]

Hd. Qrs. 3rd Division June 17th, 1863

The return of the company is deferred for the present.

By order of Maj Gen Logan
R. R. Townes, A. A. Genl.

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[No. 55]

Camp of 78th O.V.I.
In the rear of Vicksburg Miss.
June 16th 1863

A. W. Search[?]
Act. Adj. 78th O.

Sir:

In accordance with Special Order No. 1, dated Head Qrs. 78th O.V.I. In rear of Vicksburg Miss., June 16th 1863, for the purpose of examining some meat drawn as rations for the 78th Regt. we the undersigned board of survey convened, and after examining said meat have the honor of reporting the following:

In a case containing ten (10) shoulders of meat five (5) were good and the remaining five (5) shoulders were unfit for issue.

We would therefore recommend that the five (5) shoulders found unfit for use be either returned, or destroyed.

Captain T. P. Wilson, Co. "A," 78th O.V.I.
Capt. John Orr[?], Co. "H," 78th O.V.I.
Capt J. C. Robinson, Co. "D," 78th O.V.I.
"Board of Survey"

[No. 56]

Head Quarters 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
June 19th 1863.

Col M. F. Force
Comd'g 2d Brigade,

You will have your command to be armed and equipped at 4 o'clock tomorrow. They will stack arms and get their breakfasts, then remain ready to move at a moments warning to support either Gen Leggett or Stevenson should it be necessary.

By order of Maj Gen Logan
R R Townes
A. A. Genl.

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Official
J. B. Walker
Lt. & A. A. A. Genl.

The detail for one Regt of Infantry from your command to report at 4 A. M. is recorded and will hereafter be furnished by Brig's in front.

By order of Maj Gen Logan
R. R. Townes, A. A. Genl

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[No. 58]

Head Quarters, 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
Provost Marshals Office, June 21, 1863.

Circular:

Brigade Commanders,

Will forward to these Hd Qrs, a Roll of all men paroled by the enemy at Raymond, Champion Hills, or elsewhere, that are new with their commands, including those in

Hospitals. These men will be be [sic] disposed[?] of by the several brigades as to be readily collected together when wanted.

By order of Maj Gen Logan
John C Fry,
Maj. And Provost Marshal
3rd Div. 17th A. C.

[No. 59]

Official
J. B. Walker
Lt. & A. A. A. Genl.

Head Quarters, 2d Brig. 3rd Div.
June 25th, 1863.

In compliance with above orders Regimental Commanders will forward to these Head Quarters. Rolls of men paroled as stated, in circular. Such men will not be detailed out of this command until further orders.

By Order of M F Force
Col Comd'g 2nd Brigade
J B Walker
Lt & A A A Genl

[No. 60]

Head Quarters 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
June 22nd 1863.

Col. M. F. Force,
Comd'g 2d Brigade:

You will instruct Regimental Commanders to save all Barrels, and deliver them to the Pioneer Corps of this Division for the purpose of making Gabions.

By Order of Maj Gen Logan
R. R. Townes
A. A. Genl.

[No. 61]

Hd. Qrs. 2nd Brigade 3rd Div.
June 22nd 1863

In compliance with above orders Regimental Commanders will save all spare barrels and turn them over to the Brigade Quarter master.

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By order of M. F. Force
Col Comd'g 2d Brigade
J B Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 62]

Head Quarters 2d Brig. 3rd Div.
17th A. C.
Near Vicksburg Miss. June 22d / '63

Each Regimental Commander will at once supply his Command with one hundred (100) rounds of ammunition in wagons besides the forty (40) rounds in Cartridge Boxes, and will draw one days field rations, and forage to make the supply on hand three days rations, and will hold their commands in readiness to move at a moments warning with three ~~days~~ wagon, one tent (for Regimental Head Quarters) and only such cooking utensils and entrenching tools as are necessary.

By Order of M. F. Force
Col Comd'g 2d Brigade
J B Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 63]

Head Quarters, 2nd Brig. 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps
June 22nd 1863.

Col:

The order enclosed is ~~sent~~ in anticipation of an order momentarily looked for.

Gen Sherman is to march with 45,000 men to encounter Genl Johnston, supposed to be crossing the big Black. Genl McArthur will command three brigades, of which this brigade will be one.

By order of M F Force
Col Comd'g 2nd Brig.
J B Walker
AAA Genl.

[No. 64]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig 3rd Div
17th A. C.
June 25th 1863.

Circular:

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At a mill on the left hand side of the first road, which turns to the right, is a mill, where Regimental Commanders can obtain meal upon their own order.

The supply is small but the mill has been this afternoon set to work.

By order of M. F. Force
Col. Comd'g 2nd Brigade
J B Walker
AAA Genl.

[No. 65]

Head Quarters 3rd Division 17th A. C.
Near Vicksburg Miss June 26th / '63

Circular:

By direction from Corps Hd. Qrs. Brigade Commanders will send to these Hd Quarters a list of the number of and kind of guns, which will be required at the end of the siege.

By Order of Maj Gen Jno A Logan
Signed R. R. Townes
AA Genl

[No. 66]

Head Quarters, 2nd Brigade July 5th 1863

Commanding Officers,

Will send in a report in accordance with the above. It might be well to report the number without arms, and the number having defective or deficient arms separately.

By order of M F Force
Col Comd'g 3rd Brigade

J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 67]

Head Quarters, 2nd Brig. 3rd Division
17th Army Corps
Straws Plantation Miss. June 27, 1863

Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles

Comd'g 78th O.

1st. This Brigade will march punctually at 5 O'clock tomorrow morning to Tiffin.

2nd. At the request of Genl McArthur we take the road past the 9th A. C. His band will accompany the Brigade. Regimental Commanders will see that their men march well closed up. Company officers keep their places strictly, and that the troops make

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as good an appearance as possible. The Regiments will march in order of formation in Brigade. Each Ambulance will follow its Regiment.

3rd. A detail will be made before starting in each Regiment, whose duty it will be to Search for water, as soon as we arrive at Tiffin.

4th. Regimental Commanders will send one man with each axe in his command to the head of the Brigade, when formed to clear obstructions.

5th. Each Regimental Commander will muster his Regt after the arrival at Tiffin.

By order of M F Force
Col Comd'g 2d Brig.

Requisitions will be made out for two days rations to be drawn at Gen McArthurs Division Commissary this evening.

By order of M F Force
Col Comd'g 2d Brigade
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 68]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig 3rd Div.

17th A. C.
Tiffin Miss. July 1st 1863

In view of the number of recent promotions, attention of Regimental Commanders is invited to section 1st of article 2nd 1st Vol. Infantry Tactics.

By order of M F Force
Col Comd'g 2d Brig.
J. B. Walker A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 69]

Head Qrs. 2D Brig. 3rd Div 17th A. C.
July 3rd 1863.

Lt Col Wiles,
Comd'g 78th Ohio,

Will cause to be delivered to Lt. Trimeyer[?] at the Blacksmith Shop at once all axes in your command for the purpose of felling trees. Memorandum receipt of the number delivered over will be taken by each Comd'g Officer:

By order of M F Force, Comd'g 2d Brig
J B Walker; A A A Genl

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[No. 70]

Head Quarters 2d Brig. 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps
Tiffin, Miss. July 3rd, 1863.

Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles,
Comd'g 78th Ohio,

Genl McArthur has just received a dispatch from Gen Grant. Gen Pemberton has prepared to appoint commissioners to arrange terms of capitulation. You will hold your command in readiness to move forward at a moments notice.

By order of M F Force
Col Comd'g 2d Brigade,
J B Walker
A A A Genl.

[No. 71]

Head Qrs. 2d Brigade 3rd Division
July 3rd 1863

Lt Col Wiles
Comd'g 78th Ohio,

Cartridge Boxes not containing forty rounds will be at once filled, and arms placed so as to be secure from rain during the night.

Each regiment will have at least a Hd Qrs. Guard to wake up the commanding officers if necessary.

By order of M. F. Force
Col. Comd'g 2d Brigade
J. B. Walker
AAA Genl

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Head Quarters 2nd Brigade 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
Tiffin Miss. July 4th 1863.

A Great many axes brought out for cleaning the ground in front have disappeared. Each Regtl Commander will inspect his command to see if any of them have crept into it and report the same to these head quarters. All expedition is desired, axes are needed for immediate use.:

By order of
M F Force
Col. Comd'g 2d Brigade
J. B. Walker; A A A Genl

All Regimental passes given today must expire by noon and the command must be ready to march at any moment.

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[No. 73]

Head Quarters, 2nd Brig. 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps
Bouvina [sic], Miss. July 8th 1863

Circular:

Men have begun to plunder houses, each Regimental Commander will prevent all leaving camp until an inspection shall be held of men and shelters to find books and cooking utensils taken from an inhabited house this morning.

By Order of M. F. Force,
Col. Comd'g 2d Brigade
J. B. Walker,
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 74]

Vicksburg Miss. July 8th 1863.

Paroled prisoners will be sent out of here tomorrow they will be authorized to cross at the Rail Road and move ~~forward~~ from there to Edwards Station and on by way of Raymond East. Instruct the command to be orderly and quiet as these prisoners pass, to make no offensive remarks, and not to harbor any who fall out of the ranks in passing. After they have passed, should any return, they will be sent to the Provost Marshal here.

U S Grant
Major Genl.

[No. 75]

Head Qrs. 17th Army Corps.
Vicksburg, Miss July 9th 1863

Col

Sir:

In accordance with Special Order No. 133, in respect to mustering out drafted men, I would respectfully inform you that I will muster out the drafted men in your brigade on next Monday – July 13th at 12 O'clock M. Please have the necessary Rolls made out. Each Co. on separate Rolls.

I am Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
K[?] Knox.
1st Lt. 13th Infantry, C.[?] M. 17th A. C.

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[No. 76]

Head Quarters 2nd [Brigade]

July 10, 1863

Circular:

Before making out the rolls Officers are requested to read paragraph "60" and following and paragraph "80" in the pamphlet of instructions for musters.

By order of M. F. Force,
Col. Comd'g 2d Brigade
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 77]

Provost Marshals Office
Vicksburg July 11, 1863

Col,

I wrote you the other day that I would be ready to muster out the Drafted men of your Brigade on Monday.

After looking into the matter I think it better be postponed for a few days to give the officers time to have their rolls made out properly and I will be ready to muster them out, any time you may indicate.

Please have the Officers follow the instructions for making muster rolls. Also Gen Order NO. 108, current Series War Dept. I have given Lieut Waddle[?] the necessary instructions, and he will be kind enough to give your Adj. Genl. anything he may want. I am ready to muster them out on Monday, but I think we had better give them time to get their rolls made out properly. Please let me know what you determined on.

Yours, &c,
K[?]. Knox
1st Lt., & C. M. 17th A. C.

[No. 78]

Head Quarters, 2nd Brig 3rd Div.
July 12th 1863

Col,

I would be ~~glad~~ much obliged if you will cause to be made, Reports of Arms, Accoutrements, and Clothing, Camp & Garrison Equipage [sic], and list of absent officers, and by what authority absent. Similar to that made last month, and send them

to Brigade Hd Qrs. as soon as possible.

Marching Orders renders an inspection impossible.

I remain Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
Samuel R Adams
2nd Lt. & A. A. I. G.

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[No. 79]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
Bouvina Miss. July 12th 1863

Lt. Col. Wiles,
Comd'g 78th Ohio:

Major Pegues[?], 28th La. Vols. As he stopped a few moments this morning to rest had his revolver stolen from him. The revolver is of Le-Matts Patent and fires ten times. Search will be instituted in your command and if such a revolver is found, it will be sent to these Head Quarters.

By Order of M. F. Force
Col. Comd'g 2nd Brigade
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 80]

Head Quarters 6th Division
Ordnance Office
Clinton, Miss. July 18th 1863

Col:

The General received information today that a Carbine and two Revolvers were captured yesterday by the 78th Ohio Infantry of your Brigade. He directs that the arms be at once turned over to me.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
F. H. Magdeburg
Capt. And Act. Ord. Off.
6th Div. 17th A.C.

[No. 81]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div. 17 A. C.
Clinton Miss. July 18th 1863

Circular:

Regiments desiring green corn and vegetables, will send a sufficient number of wagons to report to Col. Scott, 68th Ohio in the hollow near the springs. One non-com'd officer and eight men will accompany each wagon, and an officer have charge of the party from each regiment.

Regt'l commanders will also send all the mounted men to these Hd. Qrs at once, reporting to Capt Munson[?] 78th Ohio, to go out foraging. They will be fully armed and equipped.

By Order of M. F. Force
Col Comd'g 2nd Brigade
J. B. Walker[?]; A. A. A. Genl.

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Capt. Munson will report to these Head Quarters at once to take charge of a Foraging Party. He will be mounted.

By order of M. F. Force
Col. Comd'g 2nd Brigade
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 82]

Head Quarters 78th Rev O.V.I.
Clinton Miss. July 21st 1863

Circular:

Company Commanders will see that all men able to march are put in ranks, and all mules or horses turned over to W. M. Beach[?], Asst. Surgeon, 78th O. that they may be used to convey the sick on our march to Black River. We have more sick than we can transport with our limited transportation and every effort must be made to convey the sick as comfortably as possible.

By Order of
Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles
Comd'g 78th O.V.I.

A. W. Search,
Act. Adj't

[No. 83]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
Bakers Creek, Miss. July 22, 1863.

Lt. Col. Wiles,
Comd'g 78th Ohio

You will have your command ready to move out toward Vicksburg at precisely five o'clock, tomorrow morning July 23rd.

By order of M. F. Force
Col Comd'g 2nd Brigade
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

Col,

You will detail from your command for picket duty one com'd and two non com'd officers, and 17 men with rations and in full marching orders to report to Brig. Head Quarters immediately after the command goes into camp after the march tomorrow.

By Order of M. F. Force
Col. Comd'g 2nd Brigade
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

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Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
Bouvina Miss., July 24th, 1863

Lt. Col. Wiles,
Comd'g 78th Ohio,

You will have your command in readiness to move to Vicksburg at precisely five (5) o'clock, tomorrow morning.

By Order of M. F. Force,

Col. Comd'g 2nd Brigade.
J. B. Walker,
A. a. A. Genl.

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Head Quarters 78th Reg. O. V. I.
Bouvina Miss. July 24th, 1863

Circular:

The Colonel Commanding orders that all your arms and equipments be immediately put in the best possible condition, that we may make a respectable appearance on arriving at Vicksburg tomorrow.

By Order of Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles
Comd'g 78th O. V. I.

A. W. Search
Act. Adjt.

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Head Quarters 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss. July 25th 1863

The Commanding Officer making application for furloughs will certify that the number absent on furloughs is less than five per cent of his command present and that the furlough is asked on account of good conduct in line of duty.

By Order of Brig. Gen. Stevenson
R. A. Townes
A. A. Genl.

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Head Qrs. 2nd Brig. 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss. July 28th 1863.

Lt. Col. Wiles,
Comd'g 78th Ohio:

You will please report to these Hd. Qrs. Whether there are any men on detached service yet remaining in Gen McArthur's Division; if so,

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their names and the duty they are on.

By order of M. F. Force
Col Comd'g 2nd Brigade
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

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Head Quarters, 2nd Brigade
July 28th 1863

Circular:

The attention of Regimental Commanders is called to Gen Order No. 6, Hd. Qrs. 2nd Brig. 3rd Div. 17th A. C. Bouvina Miss. July 10th, 1863. The calls will be sounded by the bugle from Brigade Head Quarters and repeated as prescribed by the music of the different regiments.

By order of M. F. Force
Col. Comd'g 2nd Brigade
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 89]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss. July 29th 1863

Circular:

The attention of Regimental Commanders is respectfully directed to Special Orders No. 4, dated Brig. Hd. Qrs. June 8th 1863 and Compliance therewith strictly enjoined.

By order of M. F. Force
Col. Comd'g 2nd Brigade
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

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Head Quarters, 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss. Aug. 2nd 1863

Lt. Col. C. C. Williams [?]
A. A. Q. M.

Will cause one additional team from the corral to be sent to every regiment in the division. One team not being sufficient to supply a Regt with necessaries.

By Order of Brig. Gen. Stevenson,
R. R. Townes
A. A. Genl.

Official
J. B. Walker; A. A. A. Genl.

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[No. 91]

Head Quarters 3rd Division
17th Army Corps
Memphis Tenn. Feb. 12th 1863

My Fellow Soldiers:

Debility from recent illness has prevented and still prevents me from appearing amongst you as has been my custom and is my desire. It is for this cause I deem it my duty to communicate with you now, and give you the assurance that your General still maintains unshaken confidence in your patriotism, devotion, and in the ultimate success of our glorious cause.

I am aware that influences of the most discouraging and treasonable character, well calculated and designed to render you dissatisfied, have recently been brought to bear upon some of you by professed friends. Newspapers, containing treasonable articles, artfully falsifying the public sentiment at your homes, have been circulated in your camps. Intriguing political tricksters, demagogues and time-servers, whose corrupt deeds are but a faint reflex of their more corrupt hearts, seem determined to drive our people on to anarchy and destruction. They have hoped, by magnifying the reverses of our arms, basely misrepresenting the conduct and slandering the character of our soldiers in the field, and boldly denouncing the acts of the constituted authorities of the Government as unconstitutional usurpations, to produce general demoralization in the army and thereby reap their political reward, weaken the cause we have espoused, and aid these archtraitors of the South to dismember our mighty Republic and trail in the dust the emblem of our national unity, greatness, and glory. Let me remind you my Countrymen, that we are Soldiers of the Federal Union, armed for the preservation of the Federal Constitution and the maintenance of its Laws and Authority. Upon your faithfulness and devotion, heroism and gallantry depend its perpetuity. To us has been committed this sacred inheritance, baptized in the blood of our fathers. We are Soldiers of a Government

that has always blessed us with prosperity and happiness. It has given to every American citizen the largest freedom and the most perfect equality of rights and privileges. It has afforded us security, in person and property and blessed us until, under its beneficent influence

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we were the proudest nation on Earth.

We should be united in our efforts to put down a rebellion, that now like an earthquake, rocks the Nation from state to state, from center to circumference, and threatens to engulf us all in one common ruin, the horrors of which no pen can portray.

We have solemnly sworn to bear true faith to this Government, preserve its Constitution and defend its glorious flag against all its enemies and opposers. To our hands has been committed the Liberties, the Prosperity, and Happiness of future generations; Shall we betray such a trust? Shall the brilliance of your past achievements be dimmed and tarnished by hesitation, discord and dissension, whilst armed traitors menace you in front and unarmed traitors intrigue against you in the rear? We are in no way responsible for any action of the Civil Authorities. We constitute the Military arm of the Government. That the Civil power is threatened and attempted to be paralyzed is the reason for resort to the Military power. To aid the Civil Authorities (not oppose or obstruct) in the exercise of their authority is our office, and shall we forget this duty, and stop to wrangle and dispute over this or that political act or measure, whilst the country is bleeding at every pore; Whilst a fearful wail of anguish, wrung from the heart of a distracted people, is borne upon every breeze, and widows and orphans are appealing to us to avenge the loss of their loved ones who have fallen by our side in defence of the old blood stained banner, and whilst the temple of Liberty itself is being shaken to its very center by the ruthless blows of Traitors, who have desecrated our flag – obstructed our national highways, destroyed our peace, desolated our firesides, and draped thousands of homes in mourning?

Let us stand firm at our posts of duty and of honor, yielding a cheerful obedience to all orders from our superiors, until by our united efforts, the Stars and Stripes shall be planted in every city, town and hamlet of the Rebellious States. We can then return to our homes and through the ballot box peacefully redress all our wrongs if any we have.

Whilst I rely upon you with confidence and pride, I rush to confess that recently some of those who were once our comrades in arms have so far forgotten their honor, their oath, and their country, as to shamefully desert us, and skulkingly make their way to their homes, where like culprits, they dare not look an honest man

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in the face. Disgrace and ignominy (if they escape the penalty of the law) will not only follow them to their dishonored graves, but will stamp their names and lineage with

infamy to the latest generation. The scorn and contempt of every true man will ever follow those base men who forgetful of their oaths, have, like cowardly spaniels, deserted their comrades in arms in the face of the foe, and their Country in the hour of its greatest peril. Every true hearted Mother or Father, Sister or Wife will spurn the coward who could thus not only disgrace himself, but his name, and his kindred. An indelible stamp of infamy should be branded upon his cheek that all who look upon his vile countenance may feel for him the contempt his cowardice merits. Could I believe that such conduct found either justification or excuse in your hearts, or that you would for a moment falter in our glorious purpose of saving the Nation from threatened wreck and hopeless ruin, I would invoke from Deity as the greatest boon, a common grave to save us from such infamy and disgrace. The day is not far distant when traitors and cowards North and South will cower before the indignation of outraged people. March Bravely onward! Nerve your strong arms to the task of overthrowing every obstacle in the pathway of victory until with shouts of triumph the last gun is fired that proclaims as a United People under the Old Flag and one Government. Patriot Soldiers! This great work accomplished, the reward for such service as yours will be realized; the blessings and honors of a grateful people will be yours.

John A. Logan
Brig. Gen. Comd'g

[No. 92]

Head Quarters 78th Ohio Vol. Infantry
Camp near Berry's Landing La.
April 2nd 1863

At a meeting of the 78th Ohio Infantry Vols the following preamble and resolutions being read on Dress Parade were unanimously adopted.

Whereas: A belief has existed for some time past

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that our beloved and distinguished Division Commander Brig. Gen. John A. Logan has recently been promoted to the rank of Major General, thus giving us the assurance of the impartial manner in which this administration acknowledged the claims of its supporters and defenders,

And whereas: we have without any Political differences of opinion during the past two years admired the praiseworthy, manly, and patriotic course of our Commander yielding, at all times, a most cordial support to all demands of the Government alike regardless of political persecution and uninfluenced by promise of political reward,

And whereas: we are impressed with an unshaken consciousness of his signal ability, honesty of purpose, and admiring the shining example afforded us in contemplation of his

unsullied patriotism and unswerving fidelity to true democratic principles and coveting without exception his enviable reputation as a loyal Soldiers, Statesman and representatives, therefore in the name and behalf of the Officers and Soldiers of the 78th Regt. Ohio Volunteer Infantry be it -

Resolved: - that we regard it as a solemn duty of our rulers at Washington to carry out all pledges made our Military leaders who naturally expect from the Administration a prompt recognition of all claims for promotion when Services are rendered which entitle them to favorable consideration.

Resolved: That we have a continued and increasing confidence in the impartiality of President Lincoln in the bestowal of executive favors and are hereby unanimously pledged to a most vigorous support of all necessary means to overthrow treason and reestablish the Supremacy of the Laws.

Resolved: - That confiding in the honesty of our Chief executive and believing he desires to consult the wishes of the Soldiers whom he controls: That the officers and men of this Regiment deeply regretting the want of confirmation, by the Senate of Genl John A. Logan to be a Major Genl of Volunteers as recently appointed by our excellency would most earnestly ask and respectfully request his appointment, believing as we unanimously do that the interests of the public Service will be benefited thereby.

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upon the Records of the Regiment.

Z. M. Chandler
Lt. Col. Comd'g 78. Ohio
Infantry.

W. S. Abbott [?]
Adjt.

[No. 93]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps.
Near Vicksburg Miss June 17, 1863

I. Commanding Officers of Regiments will keep "one" hundred (100) rounds of ammunition per man on hand constantly.

II. By instructions from Division Hd Qrs the column on printed blanks will be altered from within and without the Department to within and without the Division and filled up accordingly

By Order of M. F. Force,
Col. Comd'g 2nd Brigade
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 94]

Head Quarters 17th Army Corps,
Department of the Tennessee
Vicksburg Miss Aug 1st 1863

Genl. John D. Stevenson
Comd'g 3rd Div. 17th A. C.

Genl,

I am requested by the Maj. Genl. Commanding to inform you that in accordance with advices from Dept. Hd. Qrs. Leaves of absence will be granted to meritorious officers under section 31 of the Act of Congress approved March 3rd 1863.

One field officer for each Regt and one Company officer to each Company must remain with their commands.

Applications will be forwarded through the proper channels and will not be approved at these Head Quarters unless recommended by Brigade and Division commanders.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt.
Wm. I. Clark
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Official
R. Rr. Townes
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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[No. 95]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps
Vicksburg Miss, Aug 2nd 1863,

Memorandum,

1st, At the sounding of a call at Brigade Head Quarters (five minutes before the hour) the field music of each Regiment will assemble on its parade, at the hour the call will be made in the Regiments, the Regiment at the right sounding first, and the others dropping in successively in order. An irregularity in camp places the 20th Ohio farthest to the right in this camp and it will sound first.

2nd, To recover the accuracy which is always lost in long marches, and to prepare private Soldiers, as well as non-Commissioned Officers to instruct expected recruits drill will be resumed in squads as small as practicable. It is desirable that the School of the Soldier be thoroughly practiced syllable by syllable as in the tactics, and particularly that non-Commissioned Officers learn to take steps to correct length and cadence.

Each Regimental Commander will establish an Officers School to be held by himself or some officer designated by him. Where it is impracticable to hold Company Schools an Officer Non-Commissioned staff Officer designated by the Regimental Commander, will hold a Regimental School of Non-Commissioned Officers.

It is desired that all be able to recite every syllable in the School of the Soldier, before receiving the other volumes, accuracy in this is essential to the correct performance of all maneuvers.

3rd, Regimental Commanders are requested to require men to make sufficient use of soup in frying, instead of laying the meat upon a dry pan and frying it to indigestible hardness, it should be immersed in hot gravy and so fried.

Cooking utensils must be kept clean – they must be scoured.

4th, In addition to the usual sanitary precaution it is hoped, that effectual means will be taken to rid the men of vermin. The blankets should be hung in the sun out of camp, daily so long as any remain.

By order of M. F. Force
Col Comd'g 2nd Brigade
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

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[No. 96]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps
Vicksburg Miss. Aug. 7th 1863,

Commanding Officer
78th Ohio,

Sir,

In obedience to instructions from the Asst. Inspector Genl. 17th A. C. I would inform you that the existing orders with regard to trafficking by Soldiers will be enforced. All Beer, Lemonade, and Cigar peddling will be at once discontinued.

By order of Col. M. F. Force
Comd'g 2nd Brigade
Ashley Pierce
1st Lieut. & Act'g Asst. Inspt. Genl.

[No. 97]

Head Quarters Board of Honor
Vicksburg Miss, Aug. 8, 1863

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio Infantry Vols,

Sir:

You will please make a list of the battles previous to the late campaign participated in by your Command and which your Command is entitled for gallantry and good conduct to inscribe upon its banners – and forward the same to Col. M. F. Force, at Head Quarters of 2nd Brigade, by noon tomorrow 9th Inst.

By order of M. F. Force
Col. 20th Ohio Comd'g 2nd Brig 3rd Div.

President of the Board
Major Joseph Walter, 10th Mo. Secretary.

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Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps
Vicksburg Miss, Aug. 9th 1863

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio,

Orders from General Comd'g Div directs that estimates for ordnance and ordnance stores to fully equip your Regt be made out and sent to these Head Quarters at once.

By order of M. F. Force

Col. Comd'g 2nd Brig.
J. B. Walker, A. A. A. Genl.

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[No. 99]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig 3rd Division
17th Army Corps
Vicksburg Miss, Aug. 11, 1863

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio:

I. The use of old gunpowder in camp has grown excessive and become dangerous. It will be discontinued.

2. A supply of tents is expected. Regt'l Commanders will cause estimates to be made for what are wanted and sent in to Division Head Quarters.

By order of M. F. Force
Col. Comd'g 2nd Brigade
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 100]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss. Aug 11, 1863.

Comd'g Officer,
78th Ohio:

Sir:

You will please have your Regiment ready for monthly inspection by the 12th Inst. At 8 O'clock A. M. You will have a report of arms, accoutrements, ammunition, Clothing, Camp and Garrison equipage on hand and deficiency in your Regt. - also a report of absent Com'dg Officers by name, the date, and by what authority &c., the report to be the same as all previous monthly inspection reports.

Respectfully your Obt. Servt.
A. Pierce
1st Lt. & Act. Asst. Insp. Gen. 2nd Brig.

[No. 101]

Head Quarters 78th O.V.I.
Vicksburg Miss Aug 11, 1863

Circular:

In accordance with orders from Brigade Head Quarters a monthly inspection will be held tomorrow (12th inst) at 8 O'clock A. M. Everything must be put in the best order possible; the men must make a good appearance and have their clothes clean and the Streets and quarters in the very best condition. Company Commanders will immediately sent to these Hd. Qrs an estimate of all articles on hand; and deficiency in Equipments

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the report to be the same as previous reports. This report should be forwarded by noon today 11th inst.

By order of G. F. Wiles
Lt. Col. Comd'g 78th O.V.I.

A. W. Search
Act. Adjt.

[No. 102]

Head Quarters 17th Army Corps
Medical Directors Office
Vicksburg Miss Aug 14, 1863

Sir:

Lieut Jas. Harris Co "D," 78th Ohio Vol Infantry, refuses upon application to give Jno. A. Young, of Co. "D" 78th O.V.I. A patient in Corps Hospital his Descriptive Roll in order that he may be furloughed.

Yours truly,
J. H. Boucher[?]
Med. Director.

Head Quarters 17th A. C.
Aug 14, 1863

Respectfully referred to Co. D. 78th Ohio Vols. Who will cause the Descriptive Roll to be forwarded immediately to the Soldier in hospital and also investigate the charges within made and if found to be correct will arrest and prefer charges against the Lt. In Command.

By order of
Maj. Genl. McPherson
Jno. Munson[?]
A. A. Genl.

[No. 103]

Head Quarters 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss, Aug 15, 1863

Col. Manning F. Force
Comd'g 2nd Brigade:

You will at once cause Descriptive Rolls of all men on detached service in the Ambulance Corps of this Div to be made out and forwarded to Capt Sharp in charge of Ambulance Corps 3rd division.

By Order of Brig. Gen. Jno. D. Stevenson

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R. R. Townes
A. A. Genl.

Official
J. B. Walker,
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 104]

Head Quarters 78th Regt. O.V.I.
Clinton Miss July 17th 1863

J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.
2nd Brig. 3rd Div. 17th A. C.

I have the honor to report that on the night of the 15th, I received a dispatch from Gen Sherman to be on the alert and informing me of movements of thee Enemy in this direction under command of Jackson. I immediately made the best disposition I could with my limited forces to give them a warm reception. I threw out videttes of mounted infantry and Cavalry on four different roads. The road on which I thought the attack would be made, and on which it was made. I doubled the Pickets at 11 o'clock at night and had the Regt notified to be ready at a moments notice and properly patrolled to get

them under arms without delay. At ¼ to 4 o'clock in the morning of the 16th a Lieut and five men tried to capture my outpost but were in turn all captured and sent in. This having occurred without any firing, the Regt following them not knowing of their capture followed them in battle line in the large field in front of the picket post. Our pickets reserved their fire until the enemy were quite close when they opened on them. As soon as this occurred I immediately dispatched Capt. Wallar[?] with Co "F" to support the Picket. As soon as he found our picket being driven in he deployed forward and immediately engaged them and checked their advance. The enemy then undertook to flank us by turning our left. I then threw forward Co "G" being one of my largest companies to sustain that point and moved the balance of the Regt forward to support all. Fearing the Picket on the Vicksburg road would be captured I dispatched Capt. Wilson with Company "A" to that point. At this time the Skirmishing was brisk. After maintaining our position for over ¾ of an hour I advanced with skirmish line and drove them back until I regained the position I held at the Commencement. I could not advance any further, as I had no troops under my Command, except my Regt. The Cavalry force left for my use by Gen McArthur having been sent to communicate with Col. Chambers and Gen McArthur. The enemy thought to surprise us and failing in that, and reinforcements having arrived, after cutting the telegraph wires, beat a retreat. The force of the Enemy is estimated at 1500. We have prisoners from three different Regts. We have no casualties on our side; the enemy is known to have had 10[?] killed. I wish to make honorable mention for your consideration of Capt. Wallar, Capt Munson, and

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Lieut Stewart, also of Private Johnston of Co "F" who behaved in a gallant manner at the picket line when he captured the advance.

Respectfully, Your Obdt. Servt.
G. F. Wiles
Lt. Col. Comd'g 78th O.V.I.

[No. 105]

Provost Marshal's Office
Vicksburg, August 19th 1863

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio

Will you cause Charles Haynes Co "C" of your Regt to report at this office as a witness as soon as possible.

Your Obt Servt.
Jas. Wilson Lt. Col.
Provost Marshal

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Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div.
Vicksburg, Miss. Aug. 19th 1863

Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles
Comd'g 78th O.

Colonel:

You will see that your tri-monthly Reports and ordnance Returns are in at these Head Quarters by 7 o'clock A. M. tomorrow, at the latest.

By order of M. F. Force
Col. Comd'g 2nd Brig.
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 107]

Head Quarters 78th Regiment O.V.I.
Vicksburg Miss Aug 20th 1863

Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles
Comd'g 78th O.V.I.

In accordance with Special orders No. 9, Head Quarters 78th O.V.I. dated Vicksburg Miss Aug 20th 1863, the "Council" of Administration convened to consider the appointment of a Regimental Sutler for the 78th Regt. O.V.I. and would respectfully recommend the appointment of James Fry.

Respectfully submitted
A. L. Wallar
capt Co "F"
Prest. Council

Hugh Dunne
1st Lieut Co. "F"
Recorder of Council

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[No. 108]

General Hospital No. 2
Vicksburg Aug. 20, 1863

Col Commanding
78th OV Infantry

Colonel:

I have the honor to inform you that 5 men of your Command have been furloughed from this Hospital. Two of them, Boyer and Crawford went on board 'City of Memphis' Hospital Boat, and the remaining "three" leave this P. M. The furloughs commence Aug. 21st 1863. I enclose Descriptive Rolls which please have delivered to Company Commanders.

I am Colonel,
Yours Respectfully
Edward L. Hill
Surg. In Charge of Hospital No. 2

[No. 109]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig 3rd Div 17th AC
Vicksburg Miss. Aug. 20th 1863

Circular.

I. If any men are to be sent to General Hospital tomorrow, their names should be sent to Dr. Hill Surgeon in Charge Genl Hospital No. 2 early in the morning.

II. In future when men who have received furloughs cannot get off at the date of the furlough, the officer giving it should write on the face "Delivered to – Aug – the earliest day on which they could get transportation" the time will then run from the date they leave.

By order of M. F. Force
Col. Comd'g 2nd Brigade
J. B. Walker; A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 110]

Head Quarters 2nd Brigade 3rd Div
17th Army Corps
Vicksburg Miss Aug. 20th 1863

Comd'g Officer
78th O.

Sir:

You will send into these Head Quarters at once the number of enlisted men equipped for duty in your command to go upon this Expedition.

By order of M. F. Force
Col. Comd'g 2nd Brig.
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

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[No. 111]

Please inform me without delay what is the present effective Strength the kind and calibre of the arms – and the precise station of your Regt. This information is desired by the Q. M. Genl. Of Ohio with the view of procuring Springfield Rifle Muskets for Ohio Troops.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt.
F. H. Parker
Chief Ordnance Officer
Dept of Tenn.

[No. 112]

“Post Office,” Memphis Tenn. Aug. 31st 1863

Sir:

Harmon Brown a member of your Regiment who has been on Special Service in this office has been relieved from duty.

Respectfully, J. S. Paecook[?]
Chief Clerk.

To Comd'g Off. 78th O.V.I.

[No. 113]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig 3rd Div. 17 AC
Bayou Macon La Sept. 1st 1863

Comd'g Officer 78th Ohio:

Will hold his command in readiness to move at 12 o'clock tonight. The 20th Ohio Infantry will march in front and the 78th Ohio Infantry in the rear.

Officers will see that men have coffee before leaving and will have alarm guards who will keep fires burning for that purpose. Water must be brought into camp this evening in order to be ready.

By order of M. F. Force
Col. Comd'g 2nd Brig
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 114]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div. 17 A. C.
Vicksburg Miss, Sept. 3rd 1863

Capt. Wallar
Comd'g 78th Ohio,

Sir: The officers who went home with the mistaken idea that their Leaves of Absence would be twenty days from time of leaving Cairo will, Gen. Grant orders, be reported as absent with leave.

By order of M. F. Force
Col. Comd'g 2nd Brigade
J. B. Walker; A. A. A. Genl.

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[No. 115]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div.
17th Army Corps
Sept. 4th 1863

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio:

Sir: - You will please send to these Head Quarters this afternoon for a box of blanks sent here for your Regiment.

By order of Brig Gen Force
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 116]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div.
Sept. 4th, 1863

Comd'g Officer - 78th Ohio:

Sir, - The accompanying order (Gen order No 12) will be read at Dress parade, and Staff officers not attending Dress parade will be notified of it.

By order of Brig Gen M. F. Force.
J. B. Walker; A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 117]

Head Quarters 2nd Brigade 3rd Div
Vicksburg Miss Sept. 5th 1863

Capt. A. L. Wallar
Comd'g 78th Ohio:

Sir: - You will please send in to these Hd Qrs a list of all changes that will have occurred in the Roster of the Officers of your Regt since the one sent into these Head Quarters in June.

By Order of Brig Gen M. F. Force
J. B. Walker; A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 118]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3rd Div 17th A.C.
Vicksburg Miss Sept. 7th 1863

Memorandum

Lists will be sent to Div Head Quarters of men who have overstayed their furloughs without fault that they may be restored by order.

Transportation will be thoroughly inspected and put in repair.

Ammunition in the wooden boxes will be examined and spoiled or defective cartridges replaced.

Pickets when marched off post will discharge their pieces by volley under direction of the Officers.

Brigade drill will shortly be commenced.

Commanding officers will see that their men are properly clothed. Men must have clothing fit to pass inspection, it is not to be left to their choice.

By order of Brig Gen M. F. Force
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

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[No. 119]

Head Quarters 78th O.V.I.
Vicksburg Miss Sept. 7, 1863

Circular,

Information has just been received from Brig. Head Quarters that Capt. O. Pierce Act. Asst. Insp. Genl. Will inspect all the arms and accoutrements of the 78th Regt. Ohio Vols. With the view that those unserviceable shall be condemned.

Company Commanders will immediately select al arms and accoutrements which they deem unserviceable so that the inspection may be conducted the more expeditiously.

A report of all condemned articles will be required in accordance with Forms 10 and 11 Ordnance Department Revised Army Regulations.

By order of
A. L. Wallar,
Capt Comd'g 78th Regt. O. V. I.

A. W. Search;
Act. Adjt.

[No. 120]

Head Quarters 2d Brig. 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss, Sept. 8th 1863

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio

Sir, - Your Report this morning has an increase of men on detached service. On what duty were they ordered? And by whom? The increase is not so large as the detail made yesterday evening as Hospital Guard.

By Order of Brig Gen. Force
J. B. Walker; A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 121]

Head Quarters 22nd Brig. 3rd Div.
Vicksburg Miss. Sept. 8th 1863

Capt. A. L. Wallar
Comd'g 78th Ohio

Capt. - The lists of men to be restored by Division order will not include any who are in fault for not returning in time.

By Order of Brig Gen. M. F. Force
J. B. Walker, A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 122]

Head Quarters, 78th O. V. I.
Vicksburg Miss, Sept. 8th 1863

Lieut Jas. B. walker
A. A. A. Genl 2nd Brig:

Sir: - I have the honor to request that Joel Runyan Co "F" 78th O. V. I. To be restored on the rolls and returns of Said Company. He was enticed away as a Deserter in last November

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returned to duty June 10, 1863 and has conducted himself as a good soldier since.

Very Respectfully,
A. L. Wallar
Capt Comd'g 78 O. V. I.

Copy Endorsements.

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Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div 17 A. C.
Vicksburg Miss, Sept 9, 1863

Circular:

In future, passes will be signed at these Head Quarters from 7 to 8 A. M. and 1 to 2 P. M. and only at that time.

By order of M. F. Force
Brig Gen. Comd'g 2nd Brigade
J. B. Walker,
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 124]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig, 3rd Div. 17th AC
Vicksburg Miss Sept. 9, 1863

Capt A. L. Wallar
Comd'g 78th Ohio

Capt. - I will carefully and minutely inspect the arms, accoutrements and clothing of your Command; also the Regtl And Company Books & papers, condition of Company quarters &c. commencing at 2 o'clock P. M.

You will please have your command ready at the hour mentioned.

The inspection will be conducted the same as all previous Genl. Inspections.

I am Capt
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A. Pierce
Capt & Act. Inspector Genl. 2d Brig

[No. 125]

Head Quarters 78th O.V.I.
Vicksburg Miss, Sept 10, 1863.

Circular:

In accordance with orders from Brigade Hd Qrs a monthly Regimental Inspection will be had at 2 o'clock P M on the 11th inst. Company Commanders will immediately arrange their quarters, clean camp and have everything so arranged that we may not be excelled. Our inspection report for the month of Aug. being so very favorable we expect a report equally as good for Sept. - We must excel the Aug report if possible. Returns of everything on hand and estimates for everything needed will be required at 8 A. M. o'clock, 11th inst.

By Order of Avery L. Wallar

Capt. Comd'g 78th Regt O. V. I.

A. W. Search
Act. Adjt.

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[No. 126]

Head Quarters 3rd Division
17th Army Corps,
Vicksburg Miss, Sept 11, 1863

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio Vols:

Will cause the following named enlisted men of his command to report immediately to Harvey James, in charge of cattle corral of this Division. W. F. Fry Co "G" 78th Ohio.

By order of Brig Gen Leggett
R. R. Townes
A. A. Genl.

[No. 127]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div. 17. AC
Vicksburg Miss, Sept. 11, 1863

Circular:

Commanding Officers of Regts will sent in to these Hd Qrs the names of all men improperly paroled at Raymond Champion Hills or any other place, giving rank, when or where paroled, and place where said person is supposed to be.

By Order of Brig. Gen. M. F. Force,
J. B. Walker,
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 128]

Provost Marshal's Office
Vicksburg Miss. Sept. 4th 1863

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio Regt.

J. Moorehead and John Snyder of your Regiment were arrested for Desertion and Sent to this office from Memphis and are now in jail.

James Wilson, Lieut. Col.
Provost Marshal.

[No. 129]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss, September 11th 1863

Memorandum:

The calls are not yet sounded with quite the desired regularity. The field music of each Regiment will strike as soon as it hears the Regt next to its right begin and not sooner. The Regiment on the right will begin five minutes after the sounding of the call at Brigade Head Quarters. The monthly estimate of clothing and regular report of rations drawn required at these Head Quarters will be sent to the Brigade Quarter Master. He will keep himself at all times informed of the condition of the Equipments of the command and to that end will make such inspection and call

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for such information as may be needed. Regimental Quartermasters will draw their supplies directly from the Division Q. M. or Dept. except on rare occasions when the command can be supplied to better advantage by the intervention of a Brigade Quarter Master.

By order of Brig Gen. M. F. Force
J. B. Walker, A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 130]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss Sept. 13 1863

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio Regt.

Sir: Your list of prisoners improperly paroled has not yet been recd at this office. You will please send it up as soon as possible.

By order of Brig Gen M F Force
J B Walker; A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 131]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig 3rd Division 17th AC
Vicksburg Miss, Sept. 14th 1863

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio:

Sir: - You will please send to these Hd Qrs at once the name of one Commissioned Officer to be appointed on a board of Survey.

By order of Brig Gen M. F. Force
J. B. Walker A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 132]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss Sept 15th 1863

Circular:

General Logan and Staff will inspect camps tomorrow. They will probably pass through this camp between seven and eight in the morning. The Genl Comd'g Brigade desires men, camps, wagon yards and workshops – everything to be in the best and most perfect order possible.

By Order of Brig Gen. Force.
J. B. Walker, A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 133]

Head Quarters 3rd Div. 17th Army Corps
Vicksburg Miss, Sept. 15th 1863

Comd'g Officer,
78th Regt. O.V.I.

Will you please inform me if George Lumbold[?] belongs to “K” Co 78th Ohio Infantry.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
R. R. Townes
A. A. Genl.

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[No. 134]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 2d Div 17 AC
Vicksburg Sept 17th 1863.

Capt. A. L. Waller:

Capt, The man who reported this morning for teamster was unwell, and did not feel able to perform the duty. He was therefore relieved, a detail for another man is enclosed.

By order of Brig Gen M. F. Force,
J. B. Walker A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 135]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Div 17 AC
Vicksburg Miss Sept 18 1863

Adjt 78th Ohio:

Sir: - You will report the men whom you are now reporting as in "arrest without authority" I have altered the report as you will see.

N. J. Adams
Regt[?] Clerk.

[No. 136]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Div.
17th Army Corps
Vicksburg Miss Sept. 19th 1863

Circular

Regimental Commanders will see that the tri-monthly report of their respective command are handed in to these Head Quarters promptly by 7 o'clock A. M. tomorrow morning, that the consolidated tri-monthly report of the Brigade may in compliance with orders be handed in to Division Head Quarters by 9 AM tomorrow.

By order of Brig Gen. M. F. Force
J. B. Walker A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 137]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Div 17 A. C.
Vicksburg Miss Sept. 20, 1863

Comd'g Officer, 78th Ohio:

Sir: The detail ordered to report here at 8 ½ o'clock this morning will be detailed but will not report until sent for.

By Order of Brig Gen M. F. Force
J. B. Walker A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 138]

Head Quarters 2d Brig. 3d Div. 17 A. C.
Vicksburg Miss Sept 20, 1863

Capt A. L. Wallar

You will please send to these Hd Qrs the name of a teamster if you have one not driving in the Reg. To be detailed temporarily for duty here.

By order Brig. Gen M F Force
J B Walker A A A Genl

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[No. 139]

Head Quarters 2d Brig. 3rd Div 17 A. C.
Vicksburg Miss Sept 21 1863

Circular:

The attention of commanding officers of Regts is called to Section 5 Gen Orders No 55 Hd Qrs Dept. of the Tenn. Sept 16th 1863.

By order of Brig Gen M F Force
J B Walker A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 140]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Div 17 A. C.
Vicksburg Miss, Sept. 22d 1863

Comd'g Officer, 78th Ohio

Sir – You will please send to these Head Quarters the name of some officer of the rank of captain to act as member of a General Court Martial.

By order of Brig Gen M F Force
J B Walker A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 141]

General Hospital No. 2
Vicksburg Miss Sept 22d 1863

Adjut 78th O.V.I.

Sir: - Enclosed find Descriptive Rolls of Corporal John Baker Co "I," and Privates John J. Simes Co "A" Wm Lake Co "H" George W Harris Co "E" W. R. Jackson Co "D" and John W. Goshen Co "A" of your Regt who have this day left the hospital on furlough for 30 days under Special Order No. 167. Corps Hd Qrs with orders to Report to their Regt on the expirations of their furloughs.

I am Sir Your Obt Servt
Edward L. Hill
Surgeon in Charge of Gen. Hosptl. No. 2

[No. 142]

War Department Adjut. Genl.'s Office
Washington D. C. Aug 28th 1863

Sir:

The following instructions received from the General in Chief are furnished for your information and guidance and are to be strictly observed.

All men charged with desertion who belong to regiments whose term of service have expired shall be examined by a commission of from one to three officers detailed by the officer (not including Provost Marshals of Enrollment Districts) under whose command they may be held in confinement with a view to ascertain whether they are actually deserters, and if it should appear that they are not their cases will be submitted to the Department Commander that the penalty of desertion may be remitted without trial, under par. 159 Army Regulations and the men sent to the mustering officer (under G. O. 105. of 1863)] nearest the place of enrollment to be mustered out of service.

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If the commission should consider them deserters, or the men cannot clear themselves of the charge, they will be assigned and sent to one of the Regts from the same state serving in the Same Corps or department in which the regiments to which they belonged served, for trial, or such disposition as the Division, Corps, or Department Commander may

make of them, according to Regulations, to serve out the time lost by desertion, the regiment to be designated by the officer who forwards them, and entered on their descriptive list or muster and descriptive roll.

The time to be made good will be the time from the date of desertion to the date of joining the regiment to which assigned.

Provost Marshals of enrollment Districts will forward deserters from regiments whose terms of service have expired in the same manner as others with a view to carry out the above instructions.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
E. D. Townsend
Asst. Adjt. Genl.
Provost Marshals Office
Vicksburg Miss, Sept. 18th 1863

[No. 143]

Provost Marshals Office
Vicksburg Miss. Sept 18th 1863

Commanding Officer
78th Ohio Infantry: -

M. Howell, Private of your Regiment was arrested yesterday for "Desertion" and is now in jail.

James Wilson, Lieut Col.
Provost Marshal.

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Head Quarters 2d brigade 3d Div. 17 A. C.
Vicksburg Miss, Sept 22nd 1863

Comd'g Officer 78th Regt
Ohio Volunteer Inftry.

The morning report for your Surgeon has not been received at these Head Quarters for several mornings past. You will see that it is regularly forwarded.

By order of
Brig Gen M F Force
J. B. Walker A. A. A. Gen.

[No. 145]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Div. 17 A. C.
Vicksburg Miss. Sept 24, 1863

Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles:

Col: - Please to inform me whether you have any man now in your Regiment whose name can be sent up to Div Head Quarters for detail that is a first rate clerk.

By order of Brig Gen M. F. Force
J B Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

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[No. 146]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3rd Div. 17 AC
Vicksburg Miss, Sept. 24th 1863

Circular

A continual discrepancy exists between the number of sick reported on the Regtl morning Reports and the reports of Surgeons. Commanding Officers will see that Orderly Sergeants compare their reports with that of the Surgeon of their respective Regiments in order that this difficulty may be obviated.

Reports should be made promptly and regularly by each Surgeon or assistant Surgeon in charge. A list of diseases under treatment – together with the number of patients confined by each should be regularly given.

By order of Brig Gen. M F Force
J B Walker; A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 147]

Head Quarters 2d Brig. 3rd Division 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss. Sept 25th 1863.

Comd'g Officer
78th O.

Please have the detail ordered for fatigue duty to report at these Head Quarters at 6 A.

M. tomorrow to report with Dinner and Supper rations.

By Order of Brig Gen M. F. Force
J. B. Walker; A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 148]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Div 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss, Sept 25th 1863

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio

Sir: - If the report required has been sent a duplicate will now be sent and a report of that fact together with a report of the date when the original was sent be made.

By Order of Brig Gen. M. F. Force
J B Walker; A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 149]

Head Quarters 2d Brig. 3d Division 17 A. C.
Vicksburg Miss, Sept 26th 1863

C. O. 78th Ohio:

The detail ordered for fatigue duty to report at these Hd Qrs at 5 A. M. tomorrow will not report tomorrow being Sunday.

By order of Brig Gen M. F. Force
J. B. Walker; A. A. A. Genl.

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Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Div 17 A. C.
Vicksburg Miss Sept 26th 1863

Commanding Officer
78th O. V. Infantry

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Sir: - In answer to your inquiries I would say that men whom upon inquiry you think over stayed their time without fault can, I understand be restored by order without loss of pay and allowances. All others must go before a Court Martial. Officers absent over time should have been reported "absent without leave," if it has not been done there is nothing

for a commission to investigate, and no proceeding will be necessary.

By Order of Brig Gen. M. F. Force,
J. B. Walker; A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 151]

Head Quarters 2d Brig. 3d Div. 17 AC
Vicksburg, Miss. Sept 27, 1863

Sir: You will please forward Charges and Specifications against any offenders in your command, requiring trial by General Court Martial.

By Order of Brig.. Gen. Force,
J. B. Walker, A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 152]

Hospital 45th Illinois
September 28th 1863

Adjutant 78th O.V.I.:

Sir: - Please forward the enclosed Roll immediately through proper channel to Corps Head Quarters.

Respectfully,
O. B. O. Misly
Surgeon 45 Ills. Infty. Hd. Examiner
3d Div 17th A. C.

[No. 153]

Head Quarters 2d Brig. 3d Div. 17. A. C.
Vicksburg Miss. Sept 28th 1863

Comd'g Officer
78th O.

You will please send at once to these Head Quarters report required in the Orders from Brig Hd Qrs accompany Genl Orders No 28, Hd Qrs, 17. A. C.

By Order of Brig Gen Force
J B Walker; A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 154]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Div 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Mississippi Sept 28th 1863

Comdg Officer
78th Ohio

You will send in to these Head Quarters immediately a complete estimate of all ordnance and ordnance stores needed in your command.

By order of Brig Gen M. F. Force
J B Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

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[No. 155]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Div 17 A. C.
Vicksburg Miss, Sept 29th 1863

Comdg Officer 78th O.

Sir: - Your estimate of Ordnance and Ordnance stores needed now in your command has not yet been received at these Hd Qrs. You will please forward it at once.

By Order of Brig Gen Force
J. B. Walker, A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 156]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Div 17 A. C.
Vicksburg Miss Sept 29 1863

Comdg Officer 78th O.

You will please report as soon as possible to these Head Quarters, the names of four good men to be detailed in the Division Pioneer Corps and also at the same time the number of men you have on detail in the present Pioneer Corps.

By Order of Brig Gen M. F. Force
J. B. Walker, A. A. A. Genl.

John Ledman Co. "A"
Abel Farnsworth "B"
John C. Brown "E"

Samuel Williams “ “ “ “

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Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Div 17. A. C.
Vicksburg Miss Sept 29 1863

Comd'g Officer 78th O.

Each non-commissioned officer on duty with the half past five o'clock detail will in the future be provided with a pencil and paper sufficient to write at least ten names upon.

By Order of Brig Gen M F Force
J. B. Walker, A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 158]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Division 17. A. C.
Vicksburg Miss Oct 3d 1863

Comd'g Officer 78th O.

The details ordered to report from fatigue duty at these Hd Qrs tomorrow morning will not be required to report tomorrow being Sunday.

By Order of Brig Gen Force
J. B. Walker, A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 159]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Div 17 AC
Vicksburg Miss, Oct 3d 1863

Comd'g Officer, 78th O.

An order from Department Hd. Qrs is soon to be published to carry into effect the following order from the War Department

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War Department, “Adj. Genl. Office”
Washington, Sept 11 1863

General Orders
No 305

Paragraph VIII of General Orders No 191 from this Office relative to recruiting Veteran Volunteers is hereby amended to read as follows.

After the expiration of ninety days from this date (June 25) Volunteers serving in three years organizations who may reenlist for three years or the war in the Companies or Regts to which they now belong, and who may have at the date of reenlistment less than one to serve, shall be entitled to the aforesaid bounty and premium of \$402, to be paid in the manner herein provided for other troops reentering the Service. The new term of service will commence from date of reenlistment.

By Order of the Secretary of War,
E. D. Townsend
A. A. Genl.

Official:
J. B. Walker; A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 160]

Provost Marshals Office
Vicksburg Miss, Oct. 5, 1863

Comdg. Off. 78th O.V.I.

J. Ruby & W. Barnes of your command was arrested for "Desertion" unless charges are preferred they will be released.

James Wilson Lieut. Col.
Provost Marshal

[No. 161]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Div 17. A. C.
Vicksburg Miss. Oct 6th 1863

Circular: In compliance with accompanying orders, the Regts forming this command will be in order of march at 11 ½ o'clock A. M. this day in front of their respective camps. All fatigue parties will not be required to report.

By Order of Gen M. F. Force,
J B Walker A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 162]

Head Quarters 78th O.V.I.
Vicksburg Miss. Oct 6 1863

Circular:

In compliance with orders from Superior Head Quarters, a Grand Review will take place this day. Every man must appear fully armed and equipped and no man must be excused from appearing except the Picket detail which goes out this morning. Company Commanders will have their commands in readiness at 11 O'clock A. M. and see that their arms and equipment are all arranged.

By Order of G. F. Wiles
Col. Comdg. 78th O. V. I.

A. W. Search
Act. Adjt.

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[No. 163]

Provost Marshal Genl's Office
Washington, D. C. Sept. 15, 1863

His Excellency, the Governor of Ohio,
Columbus, Ohio:

Sir: - You are authorized to raise as many regiments of volunteers – Infantry & Cavalry – as you think you can complete in organization in a reasonable time. The proportion of Cavalry should not be large.

The recruitment will be conducted under the provisions of General Orders No. 75 series of 1862, from the War Department.

The organization of the respective regiments & companies must conform to the requirements of General Orders No. 110 current series from the Adjutant General's Office.

All musters into service will be made and supplies furnished in accordance with the established orders and regulations of the Department.

To volunteers enlisted under this authority bounties, &c. will be paid as follows, viz:

I. To a Veteran Volunteer, as defined in General Orders No. 191 of June 25th 1863, for recruiting Veteran Volunteers, one months pay in advance and a bounty and premium amounting to \$402, will be paid as follows:

1. Before leaving the State, the Veteran Volunteer will be paid one month's pay in

advance, \$13; first installment of bounty, \$25; premium, \$2; total pay before leaving
general rendezvous, \$40.

2. At the first Regular pay-day, or two months after muster in, an additional installment of bounty will be paid, \$50; making pay and bounty then received, \$76.

3. At the first regular pay-day, after six months service, he shall be paid an additional installment of bounty \$50.

4. At the first regular pay-day at the end of first years service an additional installment of bounty will be paid, \$50.

5. At the first regular pay-day, after eighteen months service an additional installment of bounty will be paid, \$50.

6. At the first regular pay-day after two years service an additional installment of bounty will be paid, \$50.

7. At the first regular pay-day after two and a half years service an additional installment of bounty will be paid, \$50.

8. At the expiration of the three years service, the remainder of the bounty will be paid, \$75.

II. To all other men accepted and enlisted as herein required, one month's pay in advance, and in addition a bounty and premium amounting to \$302, shall be paid as follows:

1. Before leaving the State, the men accepted under this authority will be paid one month's pay in advance, \$13; first

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installment of bounty, \$25; premium \$2; total pay before leaving State, \$40.

2. At the first regular pay-day, or two months after muster-in, an additional installment of bounty will be paid, \$40.

3. At the first regular pay-day, after six months service, he shall be paid an additional installment of bounty, \$40.

4. At the first regular pay-day, after the first year's service, an additional installment of bounty will be paid, \$40.

5. At the first regular pay-day, after eighteen month's service an additional installment of bounty will be paid, \$40.

6. At the first regular pay-day, after two years' service, an additional installment of bounty will be paid, \$40.

7. At the first regular pay-day after two and a half years' service an additional installment of bounty will be paid, \$40.

8. At the expiration of three years' service, the remainder of the bounty will be paid, \$35.

If the Government shall not require these troops for the full period of three years and they shall be mustered honorably out of the service before the expiration of their terms of enlistment, they shall receive upon being mustered out, the full whole amount of bounty remaining unpaid, the same as if the full term had been served. The legal heirs of the substitutes who die in the service shall be entitled to receive the whole bounty remaining unpaid at the time of the soldier's death.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Very Respectfully,
Your Ob't Serv't
James B. Fry
Prov. Marsh. Genl.

[No. 164]

Office Com. Musters, 17th Army Corps
Vicksburg, Miss. Sept. 17th 1863,

Lieutenant:

Herewith, I have the honor to transmit blank forms for the condition of the reports called for in General Orders No. 24, dated Head Quarters 17th Army Corps, Sept. 8th, 1863. You will hereafter please make these reports as promptly as possible as no officer of your Regiment will be mustered into any grade whatever unless the reports are forwarded as directed in the order above referred to.

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully your Ob't Svt.
K. Knox
1st Lt. 13th Infty. Com. Mus. 17th A. C.
To Adj't 78th O. V. I.

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[No. 165]

War Department
Provost Marshal Gen. Off.
Washington D. C. Sept. 23rd '63

His Excellency, the Gov. of Ohio,
Columbus Ohio.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst embracing a plan for securing recruits in the regiments from Ohio in the field. In reply, I have respectfully to inform you that the commanding Generals of Departments & Armies have been instructed to honor your call for officers and men to be sent to the State for recruiting duty. The number thus called for from each regiment not to exceed the number of vacancies among the commissioned officers therein. The parties selected or called for must be those who by their abilities good conduct and devotion to duty have shown their fitness for promotion. As far as practicable selections must be made from parties now in the State after drafted men.

You are authorized by the Secretary of War to issue to the persons thus selected, recruiting commissions, specifying therein the rank and regiment in which commissioned the rank to correspond to the vacancies in the regiment. These officers will be mustered into service by the mustering officer of that State. Any officer thus commissioned and mustered shall only be entitled to be paid on the muster and pay rolls of his company and shall he fail within a reasonable time to secure the number of men designated by you, his appointment will be revoked without pay under it and he returned to his original position in his regiment or company. The State Mustering Officer will report promptly to the Adjutant Generals of the Army the names of all recruiting officers mustered into service by them under conditional commissions together with the regiment into which mustered. The presentation of the conditional commission will be authority for the Mustering Officer to make the muster. Recruits enlisted will be allowed a bounty of \$412 for veterans and \$302 for raw recruits. These amounts to be paid under the regulations of the Department.

Except as herein set forth, the recruiting will be carried on under existing regulations governing the recruiting service.

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jas. B. Fry
Prov. Mar. Genl.

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[No. 166]

The State of Ohio
Executive Department

Columbus, Ohio, Sept 27th 1863

To Greenberry F. Wiles
Comd'g 78th Regt. O. V. I.

Sir

Enclosed please find copy of an order from the War Department bearing date 23rd inst also Copy of a letter from the Provost Marshal General of the 15th inst to both of which your special attention is invited.

I have no hesitation in Expressing the opinion that with a prompt acquiescence upon your part with the requirements of the first of these orders I can without much delay fill up your command.

The fact that the recruiting officer will have his commission to earn will stimulate his friends at home to aid in the work of recruiting and this with the generous bounties now offered by the Government will ensure success. Prompt action is highly necessary.

Respectfully Yours
David Tod
Governor

[No. 167]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig 3rd Division
Vicksburg, Oct 6th 1863

Lieut. Col. G. F. Wiles

Colonel

You will hold your regiment in readiness to march on picket this evening. The Picket Officer will call for you.

By order of brig Genl Force
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 168]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig 3rd Division 17th A. C.
Vicksburg, Oct 6th 1863.

Comdg Officer 78th Regt. O. V. I.

Sir

You will have the details ordered tonight in camp with orders to report to these Head Quarters at the hours specified.

Until further orders the working parties on the fortifications will report armed.

By Order of Brig. Gen. M. F. Force
J. B. Walker
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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[No. 169]

Head Quarters 22nd Brig. 3rd Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg, Miss. Oct. 6th 1863.

Comd'g Officer 78th Ohio

Sir,

You will establish a sufficient camp guard to awaken your regiment promptly in case of alarm, and will have your command in line at 4 A. M. every morning until further orders.

By order of Brig. Gen. Force
J. B. Walker
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

[No. 170]

Head quarters 78th O. V. I.
Vicksburg, Miss. Oct 8th 1863.

Company Commanders,

Will immediately report the number of Tool[s] on hand, their condition, the number required and what is [required?] to put them in good repair.

By order of
G. F. Wiles
Lt. Col. 78th Regt O. V. I.

A. W. Search
Actg. Adjt.

[No. 171]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 3rd Div. 17th A.C.
Vicksburg Miss Oct 9th 1863

Commanding Officer
78th Ohio

Lieut Col Clark A. A. Genl. Estimates that \$5.00 per each company officer from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per each field Officer and a corresponding large amount from General Officers, will produce all that is required for getting medals. He offers this as a suggestion for a basis for subscription.

By Order of Brig. Gen. Force
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 172]

Head Quarters 2nd Div. 3rd Brig. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss Oct 9th 1863

Commanding Officer
78th Regt. O. V. I.

Sir

You will have your regiment in line ready to march on picket for 24 hours at 6 o'clock this afternoon. The Brig. Picket Officer will be at camp at that time to post you.

You will leave in Camp men to fill the details before that time tomorrow instructed to report at the proper hours.

By Order of Brig Gen Force
J. B. Walker A. A. A. Genl.

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[No. 173]

Head Quarters 3rd Division 17th A.C.
Vicksburg Miss Oct. 11th 1863

Brig Gen. M. F. Force
Comdg 2nd Brigade

There will be an inspection of the Troops of the Division in their Camps to morrow morning, by Maj Gen McPherson and Logan, commencing with 1st Brigade at 9 o'clock.

By Order of Maj. Gen. Logan
Samuel Caldwell
AAA Genl.

[No. 174]

Head Quarters 2nd Brig 3rd Division 17th A.C.
Vicksburg Miss Oct 12th 1863

Commdg Officer
78th Ohio

Your command will not be required to rise before Reveille tomorrow morning. - Those remaining in Camp

You will cause sufficient rations to be drawn for your Command so as to have ten days rations on hand tomorrow morning.

By order of Brig Genl. Force
J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 175]

Head Quarters 78th Regt. O.V.I. 2nd Brig 3rd Div.
Vicksburg Miss Oct 13th 1863

Company Commandeers

Will see that [at] least one (1) Ax and one (1) spade and one (1) Pick for each Company is taken along, that the men have three days rations (3) days in Haversacks and Canteens filled and that the men have their breakfasts by 5 o'clock A. M. and every thing in readiness to move by 5 ½ A. M. The men to take blankets and Ponchos; the Officers will take either a Wedge tent or fly.

By order of
G. F. Wiles
Lt. Col. 78th O.V.I.

(Signed) A. W. Search
Actg. Adjt.

[No. 176]

Head Quarters 2nd Brigade 3rd Division
Vicksburg Miss Oct 13th 1863

Lieut Col G. F. Wiles
Commd'g 78th Ohio Inftry

Colonel

I have received a private note from Gen. John A. Logan ordering me to be ready to move at precisely six o'clock

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tomorrow morning. Unless further orders come there will be five wagons and one hospital wagon to each Regiment – ten days subsistence – 160 rounds in wagons, 40 in boxes, a wall tent for Regt Hd Qrs, a wedge tent for each Company Hd Qrs, blank reports and stationary, axes and spades for ordinary use, and such camp equipage as can be carried. A different disposition of tents, as a wall tent for each two companies, or additional tents if the wagons will bear them can be carried. The wagons not to be overloaded. The men to take blankets & ponchos or shelter tents & cooking is needed for the [??] days rations in haversacks, let company cooks be waked [????] [?????] in the morning, rather than cook this evening. Wagons to be loaded and line formed in camp by 5 ½ A. M. awaiting orders there.

The Brigade and train will form in the valley.

Reveille will be sounded at the usual time, and drums will not be beat earlier.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
M. F. Force
Brig. Genl. Comdg.

[No. 177]

Head Quarters 17th Army Corps
Vicksburg Miss Oct 21st 1863

Maj Genl. John A. Logan
Commdg 3rd Division

General

I am directed by the Major Genl. Commanding to state for the information of all concerned that furloughs will be granted according to existing orders to men in those Regiments where none who have received furloughs are “absent without leave.”

Leave of absence will also be granted to officers of Regiments in accordance with previous orders where no officer is reported "absent without leave."

In case where it is known that the absentees have been unable to return within the time specified, Leave will be granted to Meritorious officers and furloughs to worthy men.

These will form the exceptions to the rule.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Wm. T. Clark
A. A. Genl.

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[No. 178]

Head Quarters 17th Army Corps
Vicksburg Miss. Oct 22nd 1863

Maj. Genl. Jno A. Logan
Comd'g 3rd Division

Sir

I am directed by the Major General Commanding to state for the information of all concerned that Officers and men who ran the Blockade will receive extra pay for such service.

The application will be accompanied by the Certificate of the Commanding officers, showing the time and manner of employment, the pay being same as Officers and crews of boats in Government service. Captain receiving pay of captain Pilot of Pilot &c.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Wm. T. Clark
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

[No. 179]

Head Quarters 78th Regt. O.V.I.
In Camp Near Vicksburg Mississippi
Nov. 11th 1863

Lieut. J. B. Walker
A. A. A. Genl. 2nd Brig.

Lieut

Having learned it was the instruction of Superior Headquarters do detail Private J. B. Mills Co. "I" 78th Regt. O.V.I. For Special duty, I would respectfully request that he be allowed to remain with his company as an essential measure of discipline, he having been returned to the company from Special duty for improper conduct.

I am respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) G. F. Wiles
Lt. Col. Commdg. Regt.

[No. 180]

Office A. A. Q. M. 3rd Div.
Jan 21st 1864

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio Inftry

Sir: - You hold a memorandum receipt for 45,000 Cartridges given Oct 26th which I wish you to present at once so that proper transfers can be made for same.

Very respectfully
E. E. Williams
A. A. Q. M.

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[No. 181]

Head Quarters 3d Div 17th A.C.
Canton Miss. Feb. 29th 1864

Colonel

In accordance with instructions from Superior Hd Qrs you will supply your command as far as practicable with the stores on hand with three days rations in haversacks and be ready to move tomorrow morning. - All empty wagons will be filled with corn for forage. The men will be kept well in hand today, excepting regiments detailed to destroy R. R.

By order of Brig Gen'l Leggett,
(Signed) J. C. Douglass A. A. Genl.

[No. 182]

Head Quarters 2d Brig. 3D div. 17th A.C.
Vicksburg Miss March 11th 1864

Commanding officer
78th Ohio Vols

In compliance with orders from superior Head Quarters, you will make and forward to these Head Quarters, as soon as practicable an estimate of arms, accoutrements &c. which will be required by your regimen to supply Veteran Volunteers returning to duty during the Spring Campaign.

By order of R. K. Scott
Col Comd'g 2d Brig
Thos. I. Cowen. A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 183]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Div 17th A.C.
Vicksburg Miss March 11th 1864

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio Vols.

Sir: - Please report to these Head Quarters immediately the names of all Officers, Other than Company Commanders who have drawn any Ord. or Ord. Stores in the month of January 1864, and the exact date when they were drawn.

By Order of R. K. Scott
Col. Comdg 2d Brig.
Thos I Cowen A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 184]

War Dept. Adj. Gens Office
Washington D. C.
Aug[?]. 20th 1863

Commanding Officer
78th Regt. Ohio Inftry Vols.

Sir: The proceedings of the Military Commission instituted by S. O. 140, Hd. Qrs. 3D Div. 17th A. C. in the case of Lieut. John B. Mills of your Regiment have been approved by the Sec. of War – The bar to his receiving pay is hereby removed except for 21 days, from the

27th Aug to 16th Sept. You will cause the necessary remarks to be inserted on the Muster and Pay Rolls.

I am sir, Very respectfully
Your Servant
Thos. Vincent A. A. Genl.

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[No. 185]

War Dept. Adj. Gen's Office
Washington D. C. Nov. 20th 1863

To the
Commanding Officer
78th Regt. Ohio Inftry Vols.

Thru Hd Qrs Dept Tennessee

Sir: The proceedings of the Military Commission instituted by S. O. 140, C. S. Hd Qrs 3d Div. 17th Corps in the case of Capt. A Scott of Your Regiment is hereby removed except for 15 days from Aug 27th to Sept 10th. You will cause the necessary remarks to be inserted on the Muster and pay Rolls.

I am very respectfully your Obedient servant,
Thos. M. Vincent,
Asst. Adj. Genl.

[No. 186]

War Dep't Adj. Gen's Office
Washington DC Nov 20th 1863

Commanding Officer
78th Regt Ohio Inftry Vols – Thru Hd Qrs Dept Tennessee

Sir: The proceedings of the Military Commission instituted by S. O. 140, C. S. Hd Qrs 3d Div 17th [AC] in the case of Lieut James I. Story, of your Regiment have been approved by the Sec. Of war. The bar to his receiving pay is hereby removed.

I am sir, Very respectfully,
Your Obed't Serv't
Thos. M. Vincent

[No. 187]

War Dep't Adj't Gen's Office
Washington DC Nov 20th 1863

Commanding Officer
78th Regt Ohio Inftry Vols. - Thru Hd Qrs Dept of Tennessee

Sir: - The proceedings of the Military Commission instituted by S.O. 140, C.S. Hd Qrs 3d Div. 17th Corps in the case of Lieut G A McDonald of your Regt have been approved by the Sec of War. The bar to his receiving pay ~~and~~ is hereby removed except for 12 days from 6th to 17th Oct. Inc. You will cause the necessary remarks to be inserted on the Muster and Pay Rolls.

I am Sir, Very respectfully your obedient Servt.
Thos. M. Vincent
Asst. Adj't. Genl.

[No. 188]

War Dept Adj't Gen's Office
Washington D.C. Nov. 23rd 1863

Commanding Officer
78th Regt Ohio Inftry Vols

Thru Hd Qrs Dept of the Tennessee

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Sir:

The proceedings of the Military Commission instituted by S.O. 140, C. S. Hd Qrs 3d Div 17th Corps in the case of Lieut James C. Harris of Your Regt. Have been approved by the secretary of War. The bar to his receiving pay is hereby removed except for 36 days from 16th Sept to 21st Oct. Inc. You will cause the necessary remarks to be made on the Muster and Pay Rolls.

I am sir, Very Respectfully, your Obt Servt
Thos. M. Vincent, Asst. Adj't. Genl.

[No. 189]

War Dept, Adj't Gen's Office
Washington D. C. Nov 28th 1863

Commanding Officer
78th Regt. Ohio Volunteers: - Through Hd Qrs. Dept Tennessee

Sir:

The proceedings of the Military Commission instituted by S. O. No. 140, C.S. Hd Qrs 3d Div 17th Corps in the case of Capt. J. C. Robinson of your Regiment have been approved by the Sec. Of war.

The bar to his receiving pay is hereby removed except for 43 days from 21st Aug to 31 Oct. 1863. You will cause the necessary remarks to be inserted on the Muster and Pay Rolls.

I am Sir, very respectfully, your Obt Servt
Thos. M Vincent, Asst. Adj't Gen'l

[No. 190]

War Dept. Adj't Gen'l's Office
Washington D.C. Nov 30th 1863

Commanding Officer
78th Regt Ohio Inftry Vols - Thru Hd Qrs Dept Tennessee

Sir:

The proceedings of the Military Commission instituted by S. O. 140, C. S. Hd Qrs 3d Div 17th Corps in the case of Surg. J. S. Reeves of your Regiment have been approved by the secretary of War.

The bar to his receiving pay is hereby removed.

I am Sir, Very respectfully your
Obedient Serv't Thos. M. Vincent
Asst. Adj't Genl.

[No. 191]

War Dept. Adj't Gen'l's Office
Washington D. C. Dec 5th 1863

Commanding Officer,
78th Regt. Ohio Inftry Vols -
Thru Hd Qrs, Dept Tennessee

Sir: - The proceedings of the Military Commission instituted by S. O. No. 4, C. S. Hd Qrs 3d Div, 17th Corps in the case of Lieut A. W. Stewart of your Regiment have been approved

by the Sec of War. - The bar to his receiving pay is hereby removed.

I am very respectfully your Obedient Servt, Thos. M. Vincent
Asst. Adj't Genl.

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[No. 192]

War Dep't Adj't Genl's Office
Washington D. C. Dec. 19th 1863

To
Commanding Officer
78th Ohio Inf'try Vols.

Thru Hd Qrs Dep't Tennessee,

Sir:

The proceedings of the Military Commission instituted by s. O. 10, C. S. Hd Qrs. 3D Div. 17th Corps, in the case of Lieut Colonel G. W. Wiles and Lieut Jas. R. Miller of your Regiment have been approved by the Sec of War.

The bar to their receiving pay is hereby removed.

I am Very respectfully your Obt Servt.
Thos. M. Vincent, Ass't Adj't Genl.

[No. 193]

Head Quarters 78th Regt. O.V.I.
Vicksburg Miss. Nov. 26th 1863

Lieut Stewart

You will take command of Co "K" immediately and I particularly desire you to straighten their camp and make it equal in discipline and drill to other companies in the Regt. I direct your attention to the men drinking and gambling. I will endorse you in any action you may find necessary.

Signed G. F. Wiles
Lt. Col. Comd'g 78th Ohio

[No. 194]

Head Quarters 3 Division
17th Army Corps
Vicksburg Miss. Nov. 25th 1863

Comd'g Officers
2d Brigade

Sir:

By direction of the Major General Commanding the Corps you will cause each Regimental Commander in your Brigade, whose Regiment is not already armed with the Springfield Rifled Musket, Cal. 58 to send requisition for that arm to the chief of Artillery and Ordnance of the Corps through Lieut. Warren Ordnance Officer of the Division.

By order of Brig. Genl. Leggett
William H. Hessin
A. A. A. Genl

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Head Quarters 2nd Brig 3d Division
November 25th 1863

Comd'g Officer 78th Ohio

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Will comply with your requirements of the above order.

By Command of B. F. Potts
A G Philips
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 196]

Head Quarters 3 Division
17th Army Corps
Vicksburg, Miss. Nov. 28th 1864.

Col B. F. Potts
Comd'g 2d Brigade

Colonel

In making recommendations for the Medal of Honor you will have your command comply strictly with paragraphs III and IV General Orders No. 30 dated head Quarters 17th A. C.

Dept Tenn. Vicksburg Miss. Oct 2d 1863. All Company Regtl and Brigade Commanders must make recommendations of those they deem entitled to the Medal of Honor or a statement that they have none to make.

The recommendations and reports of Company Commanders must be revised and endorsed either recommendation disapproving or stating they have no personal knowledge of the cases in question by Regimental Commander who will forward them with their own recommendations or statements that they have none to make as the case may be to the Commanders of their Brigades who after revision will send the whole with their recommendations and statements to the President of the Board.

Battery Commanders will send their recommendations or statements that they have none to make to the Chiefs of Artillery of their Divisions who will revise and send them to the President of the board. It is urged upon the Division Commanders that they have recommendations from their Divisions sent in before Saturday Dec. 5, 1863.

By order of the board of honor

A. M. Powell
Lt. Col. And Recorder

Official
J. C. Douglass
A. A. Genl.

Official:
A G Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

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[No. 197]

Head Quarters 17th A. C.
Dept. of the Tenn.
Office Chief of Arty. and Ord. Dep't Dec. 5 / 63

Brig. Genl. M. D. Leggett

Comd'g 3 Div.

General

It being the wish of Maj. Genl. Comd'g to arm the Corps with Springfield Rifled Muskets Cal 58 and as there seem to be a chance for getting them now, which delay might miss, I would like very much to have the requisitions from Regimental Commanders forwarded

to me as soon as possible. The requisitions of Company Commanders will not do, they must be consolidated and the consolidated requisitions come forward, signed by the Commanding Officer of the Regiments as they are to be furnished with entire new armament if they are not already armed with the Springfield Rifled Muskets. Please inform Regimental Commanders of this fact.

I am Genl. Very Respt. Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) a. M. Powell
Lt. Col. And Chief of Arty. And Ord.
17 A. C.

Official:
J. C. Douglass
A. A. Genl.

Official:
A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 198]

Head Quarters 2 Brig 3 Division
Vicksburg Miss. Dec 4th 1863.

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio

Sir:

You will select an Officer of your Regiment competent and energetic to superintend the recruiting of Veterans in your Command, forwarding his name to these Head Quarters for approval.

By order of
B. F. Potts, Col.
Comd'g Brigade
A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

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[No. 199]

Head Quarters 2 Brig 3d Div
17th Army Corps
Vicksburg Miss Dec. 5, 1862

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio

In compliance with orders from Division Head Qrs you will cause to be forwarded with morning Report of Regiment, a Surgeon's Report. Said report to agree with one sent to Divs. Hd Qrs through the Medical channels and with morning Report of Regiment.

By order of B. F. Potts
Col Comd'g 2d Brig
A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 200]

Head Quarters 3d Division 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss. Dec. 11th 1863

Col. B. F. Potts
Comd'g 2d Brig

Colonel

The General Commanding directs attention to the following extract from Gen. Orders 46, Corps Hd Quarters.

Regimental Commanders under directions of Commanders of Brigades will select and appoint a Recruiting Officer for their commands, and charge him with the reenlistment of the Veterans thereof.

This will be complied with at once and the Recruiting Officer selected and appointed in compliance therewith will report without delay to Capt H. C. Pole, A. C. M. 3rd Division for Blanks and Instructions.

By order of Brig. Gen. Leggett
J. C. Douglass
A. A. A. Genl.

Official:
B. F. Potts
Col Comd'g Brig.

[No. 201]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3 Divs. 17th Army Corps
Vicksburg Miss Dec. 5, 1863

Comdg Officer
78th Regt Ohio Inf. Vols.

Sir:

You will appoint each day an Officer of the day who will inspect the Kitchens, cooking utensils, and quarters of each Company of your command, and report in writing the condition of the same too the A. A. Inspector Genl of the Brig before

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nine o'clock every morning.

By order of
Col. B. F. Potts
S. Guthrie
Capt. A. A. Inspector Genl.

[No. 202]

War Dept Adj't Genl's Office
Washington D. C.

Circular

It is directed by General Orders No. 346 cannot series from the war Department, that reenlisted Volunteers, returned to their States, shall report, through the Governor, to the Superintendent of the Volunteer recruiting service, when Officers and men so report, the respective Governors and superintendents should arrange to place such as can be profitably employed on recruiting service, on that duty; the others to be furloughed for the time authorized by General Orders No 346. when furloughs are granted they must be signed by the Superintendent, who will direct that at the expiration of the time granted the parties furloughed shall report at a stated rendezvous, else be considered Deserters.

Superintendents will arrange under existing regulations for the transportation and subsistence of those placed on duty. When the assembling of the Veteran Volunteers at the rendezvous after the expiration of the furloughs, Superintendents will report the respective commands (Regiments, Companies, or detachments) to the Adjutant Genl. Of the army for orders. The reports will give the strength of the Command, the number of the recruits obtained during the furlough to be stated separately. In returning the Volunteers to the field the superintendents will arrange with the Quartermasters department for the necessary transportation.

Superintendents will confer with the Governors and arrange with them as to the points of rendezvous for the Volunteers herein referred to. The rendezvous must be at points

where there are already public barracks or quarters and if the accommodations are not sufficient for the number to rendezvous thereat, the quartermasters Department, on the requisition of the Superintendent, will supply the deficiency.

At the respective rendezvous, the Subsistence Department will be charged with the subsistence of the troops. The Superintendent will advise the Subsistence Department of the number of troops that will have to be supplied.

By order of the secretary of War
(S) E. D. Townsend
A. A. Genl.

Official
William H. Hessin
A. A. A. Genl.

Official:
A G Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

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[No. 203]

Head Quarters 3 Divs. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg, Miss. Dec 22d 1863

Comd'g Officer
2 Brig 3d Div

Under recent instructions received from Washington, captain Charles B. Welles, C. S. 3d Divis. will pay the Company savings account.

By order of Brig. Genl. M. D. Leggett
William H. Hessin
A. A. A. Genl.

Official:
A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 204]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3 Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss. Dec 26th 1863

Cool,

I desire through you to tender my sincere thoughts to officers and men composing the Picket detail from your regiments on duty yesterday for the fine Soldier like conduct of the entire guard. Their fine soldierly deportment "Regulars" might well envy for the detail as an honor to any service.

By orders of
B. F. Potts
Col. Comd'g

[No. 205]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Division
Vicksburg Miss Dec. 29th 1863

Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles
Comd'g 78th Ohio

Col

Would it not be advisable to send in Requisitions for an entire new set of accoutrements for your Regiment now and have those on hand condemned as soon as possible. The "Inspector" will be at your service any day you may designate. With your new arms you ought to surely to have new accoutrements.

I am Col,
Very Respectively
Your Obt Servt
A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 206]

Vicksburg Miss. Dec. 31st 1863

Col. G. F. Wiles
Comd'g 78th Ohio

Dear sir the following report of the moral condition of the Regiment, for the quarter ending Dec. 31st 1863

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is respectfully submitted: Public religious services have been held in the Regiment every Sabbath but two, which were omitted on account of unfavorable weather. Attendance

upon said services have been generally good, especially by the Right Wing of the Regiment, which has generally formed five sixths of the congregation. Recently, attendance by some of the companies on the left has greatly improved. Good order and quiet deportment have attended all our meetings, so much as that it has been a subject of notice and remark by strangers present. The attendance of Officers upon preaching has generally been good. I am therefore happy to report that I am not compelled to make the complaint so general in the army, that Officers give no encouragement by example or otherwise to religious services in their Regiments. Listening to the reports of chaplains in other Regiments, I am convinced, that the Chaplains usefulness and efficiency are greatly impaired by want of encouragement and cooperation on the part of Officers. Recently a prayer meeting twice a week has been held in the Hospital tents which has been well attended and its success has surpassed our most sanguine expectations. I regret however to report that all the companies are not represented in the prayer meetings. Companies "B," "C," "H," and "K" are not represented by either the Officers or men, Captains Wilson, Wallar, Scott, and Gillespie; also Major Surgeon Reeves unite with us in the prayer meeting services adding thereby much to its interest and usefulness. We have established a Union church in the Regiment composed of those who have belonged to the different evangelical denominations of Christians. About thirty have united with said church and others have upon proffession [sic] of faith applied for the sealing ordinances of the church, which will be administered as soon as we are more perfectly organized and the weather for outdoor services become more favorable. I have during the past three months distributed nearly four thousand religious news papers and many packages of tracts, and small books prepared especially for the army. These have been received thoughtfully, and read with increasing interest. I believe they have been greatly instrumental in promoting the religious and moral improvement of the Regiment. I am happy therefore in reporting a decided improvement in the discipline, order and morality of the Regiment. It stands higher today, I have reason to believe in respect to these things than at anytime since he came into active service. Intemperance, profanity, and gambling have diminished fifty per cent from what it was one year ago. Many addicted to these vices so common in the army, have entirely abandoned them. Playing cards more or less is still kept up in some of the companies. Companies "A," "F," and E are the only one entirely free from it. Co. "E" has abandoned it entirely. In my visit through the camp and in mens quarters I have found only one Officer playing cards

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with his men, no other one has come under my observation, neither have I heard of any others. In this report I cannot omit to express my deep thoughtfulness that my lot has been costly providence under a command in the 78th who has done much to hold up my hands in the Regiment and whose influence, by word and example has been in favor of religion. I must attribute much of my success, if any, to your own [???]seration, encouragement and decided stand in support of Chaplain's efforts and duties. I thank you for your disapprobation of impure and lewed [sic] conversation at the boarding table of the Officers mess, and the Officers but two a captain and a Lieut. refrain from it,. That the Regiment may be blessed with health and peace and cordiality of feelings, that has attended her the past quarter, and that she may still be worthy of that high reputation

which has gave an order and morality has armed from all around us; is the prayer of yours.

Sincerely, T. M. Stevenson
Chaplain, 78th O. V. I.

[No. 207]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3 Div
17th Army Corps
Vicksburg, Miss. Dec. 31st 1863.

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio

In order to comply with sentence of General Court Martial in the case of Private Wm. A. Early, "D," Co. 32d Ohio Vols., you will hold your command in readiness to move at 2 ½ o'clock this P. M. Men will appear without Knapsacks, and without arms and accoutrements.

By order of B. F. Potts
Col. Comdg. 2 Brig.
A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 208]

Head Quarters 3d Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss. Jan. 5th, 1864

Col. B. F. Potts
Comd'g 2d Brig

Col,

The Corps Mustering Officer decides that where three fourth of the men of a Regt. or Comp. Eligible for reenlistment reenlist the Regt or Compy is entitled to a furlough as an organization.

By order of Brig General Leggett
J. C. Douglass
A. A. Gen.

Official:
A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

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[No. 209]

Head Qrs 2d Brig 3d Div.
17th Army Corps
Vicksburg, Miss. Jan 6th 1864

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio

You will cause a report to be forwarded to these Hd. Qrs. with as little delay as possible, showing the number of men in each Company eligible for reenlistment in Veteran service on the 5th Inst. and the number of men actually enlisted therein.

By order of B. F. Potts
Col. Comd'g 2d Brigade
A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 210]

Head Quarters 3 Div 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss Jan. 6th 1864

Comd'g Officer
2d Brig 3d Divs

Sir

Your attention is respectfully called to the fact that many enlisted men of your command are daily bringing to these Headquarters in person, bills for commutation of rations and other papers; you will please take immediate measure to prevent this and will order all papers forwarded through the proper military channel.

By order of Brig. Genl. Leggett
William H. Hessin
A. A. A. Genl.

Official:
A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 211]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Divs
17th Army Corps
Vicksburg Miss. Jan. 6th 1864.

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio

By directions from Corps mustering Officers, Enlistments for the "Veteran Service" can continue today and as date of yesterday.

By order of B. F. Potts
Col. Comd'g 2d Brig
A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

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[No. 212]

Head Quarters 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss. Jan. 7th 1864

Brig. Gen. M. D. Leggett
Comd'g 3d Division

General,

The Major General Comd'g directs me to notify you that Major Genl Hunter will review the troops and inspect the camps of your Command tomorrow at 2 o'clock (Jan 8th). It will not be regular review of the Division, but simply a review of each Regiment paraded under arms on its own color line. The men and Camp will of course present an appearance worthy of the 3d Division.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Saml. Taggart
Capt. and A. A. Genl.

Official:
J. C. Douglass
A. A. Genl.

Official:
A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 213]

Headquarters 3 Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg, Miss. Jan. 7th 1864

B. F. Potts
Col. Comd'g 2d Brig.

Col:

Notice has been received from the Major Genl Comd'g Corps, they Pay Masters have arrived with Eight (\$800,000) hundred thousand dollars to pay Veteran Volunteers.

By order of Brig. Genl. Leggett
William H. Hessin
A. A. A. Genl.

Official:
A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 214]

Head Quarters 3d Divis 17th A. C.
Vicksburg, Miss Jan. 19th 1864

Col. B. F. Potts
Comd'g 2d Brigade

The General Commanding would respectfully announce to the troops of this Division, that the flags designated in Genl Order No. 4, series 1863, from these Headquarters have arrived and are now in exhibition at these Headquarters. The drills through which the excelsior Regiment and "Excelsior Battery" are to be designated will be commenced at once, and

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Regiment and Battery will hold itself in readiness to drill on notice served in the morning of the same day. Each Regiment and battery will be required to drill. The method of selecting the Excelsior Regiment will be First: The Regiment of each Brigade will be drilled separately and the best drilled Regiment of each selected, Second: - These three best Regiments will be brought together and drilled; and the one that excels will be designated the "Excelsior Regiment" of the 3 Divisions, provided the Inspector General Reports of the other qualifications mentioned in General Order No. 4 warrant the same. The Excelsior Battery will be directed in a similar manner.

By Order of Brig. Gen. Leggett
J. C. Douglass
A. A. Genl.

[No. 215]

Head Quarters 3d Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss. Jan. 20th 1864

Col. B. F. Potts
Comd'g 2d Brig.

The trial drill of the 1st Brig will take place today. Cars leave at 10 A. M. Officers wishing to attend can do so. The trial drill of the Second Brig. will come off tomorrow, and the 3d Brigade the day after.

By order of Brig. Genl. Leggett
J. C. Douglass
A. A. Genl.

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio

In order to comply with the above order you will have your command in readiness to move at 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

By order of B. F. Potts
Col. Comd'g 2d Brig.
A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 216]

Head Quarters 2d Brig 3d Division
17th Army Corps
Vicksburg Miss. Jan. 21. /64

Comd'g Officer
78th Ohio

You will have your command in readiness to move from Camp at 11 o'clock A. M. this day..
The drill will be on the drill and parade ground below the city

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By order of B. F. Potts

Col. Comd'g 2d Brig
A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 217]

Act. Asst. Inspt. Genl. Office
Before Atlanta Ga. Aug. 25th 1864

Circular

Hereafter the accompanying form will be used for Inspection Reports.

Brigade Inspecting Officers will see that all Inspection reports are made on the accompanying form.

Inspection Reports will be made out in Triplicates, Duplicates for L. M. Stores returned to the officer responsible, and Triplicates returned to the Officer responsible for Ordnance stores.

By Order of
Brig Gen Charles R. Woods
(Sgt) T. R. Conklin
Act. Adj. Genl. 3 Div. 17th AC.

(Official). A. M. Donald Lieut
and Actg. Asst. Insp. Genl. 2D Brig.
3d Div. 17th A. C.

[No. 218]

Office Chief of Ordnance
Hd. Qrs. Dept. Army of the Tennessee
Near Lovejoy Station Sept 5, 1864

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Comdg Dept. of Army of the Tenn.

General

I beg leave to call your attention to the want of care in the preservation of small arms of the Army. This army with few Exceptions was rearmed with new Springfield Rifled Muskets at the commencement of the present campaign and it was supposed that the Troops were sufficiently experienced in the use of arms to keep them in good order.

Such however is not the case. The arms as a general thing are badly taken care of and

when turned into a depot as surplus scarcely one in ten is found to be serviceable.

The barrels are so incrustated with rust as to render the use of Machinery necessary to make the arms fit for reissue. This at considerable expense to the Government.

I would respectfully Sub[??] of that both the efficiency of the Troops themselves and justice to the Government call for measures to correct this neglect.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.

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(Sighed) D. H. Buel
Capt. Ord. Corps
and Chief of Ord. D and A of the Tenn.

(Endorsement)
Hd. Qrs. D. and A. of the Tenn.
Sept. 5, 11864

The attention of Corps Commanders is called to the within report. They will enjoin hereafter the most careful weekly inspections and take any other measures they may deem necessary to put their arms in prime order and preserve them so.

A soldier who gives fifteen minutes daily to the care of his musket can keep it free from permanent rust.

By Order of
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
(Sig) L. L. Taggart A. A. Gen.

Official
A. Hicken Cooper
Capt & A A T Genl 17 A. C.

Official
J. R. Conklin Lieut.
And Act Asst. I. Gen.
3 Div. 17th A. C.

Official
H. A. McDonald Lieut
and Act. Asst. Insp. Gen.
2d Brig. 3 Div. 17th A. C.

[No. 219]

Head Quarters 2d Brig, 3d Div, 17. A. C.
Near Atlanta Ga Sept 10, 1864

Circular

The prescribed Roll Calls will be had during the day at the following hours:

Reveille Roll Call at 5 O'clock A. M.

Breakfast " " 6 " "

Dinner " " 12 " M

Retreat " " 6 " P. M.

Tattoo " " 8 " "

The signal to extinguish lights will be sounded at 8 ½ o'clock P. M. after which no lights will be permitted in the shelters or tents of the men and quiet will be observed in the Camp.

By order of Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles, Comdg. Brig.
T. T. Cowen A. A. A. G.

(C. O. 78. Ohio)

[No. 220]

Head Qrs. Dpt. & A of the Tenn.

Circular

The following regulations relative to passing through the lines of the Command of all citizens and colored persons will be observed during the continuance of the Army at this point.

1st. Flags of Truce will be received only at the outpost on the East Point Road.

2nd. Citizens will not be allowed through the lines either in or out except by the East Point Rd.

3rd. Maj. Genl. Logan Comdg 15th Corps will establish such rules as he may deem best regulating the leg of the Pickets line on that Point.

4th. Deserters from the enemy and all colored persons upon approaching the liens at any point will be conducted to the Hd. Qrs. Of the Corps at whose lines they may present themselves to be disposed of [how] the commanding General of the Corps may direct.

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5th. No persons not immediately connected with the army will be allowed to pass beyond the outer Picket lines without permission from Corps Commanders or from superior authority.

6th. Corps Commanders will please forward to these Hd Qrs copies of their respective orders given their pickets and outposts.

By order of Maj. Gen. O O Howard
Sg. Wm. T. Clark A. A. Genl.

Official (Sg.) Rowland Cox, A. A. Genl.

[No. 221]

Head Qrs 78th O.V.V.I.
Sept. 15, 1864

Company Commanders,

Will please cause the brush in front of the color line to be cleaned off at least Twenty paces and have the ground thoroughly policed also their camp swept and everything in trim for inspection.

By order of Maj. John G. Ramey
Comdg 78. O.V. I.

A. W. Search (Adj.)

[No. 222]

Head Quarters 3d Division 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss Jan. 23, 1864

Col. B. F. Potts
Comd'g 2d Brig.

Colonel

The Major Genl Comdg the Corps requests me to notify you that General Geiger will address your command at 2 ½ o'clock P. M. the 25th inst.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
William H. Hessin
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 223]

Hd Qrs. 2d Brig 3 Div. Jan. 25, 1864

C.O. 78th Ohio:

In compliance with the above you will report with your Command at these Head Qrs. at 2 o'clock PM this day.

By order of
B. F. Potts
Col Comdg 2 Brig.

A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 224]

Head Qrs. 3d Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss. Jan 28th 1864

Col. B. F. Potts
Comdg 2 Brigd.

Col,

You will cause your command to keep constantly on hand five days marching rations.

By order of
Brig. Genl. Leggett

William H. Hessin
A. A. A. G.

Official
A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. G.
Comdg Officer
78th Ohio

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[No. 225]

Head Quarters 2 Br. 3 Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss Jan. 29, 1864

Comd'g Officer 78th Ohio,

The small pox prevailing to an alarming extent in the 81st Ills. and in other regiments in the Division, you are directed to have all your Command vaccinated at once, that have not already been, and particularly the recruits lately received from Depots.

You will also immediately supply your Command with canteens & Haversacks if it has not already been done.

By order of B. F. Potts Col. Comdg 2 Brig.
A. G. Phillips AAA Genl

[No. 226]

Head Quarters 2d Brig. 3D Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss. Febry. 1st 1864

Circular.

Regimental Commanders will leave a Camp Guard well organized, with the respective Camps composed of Invalids alone as all availing men will be required to march.

Each man will be provided with full forty rounds of good ammunition, with haversacks & Canteens.

The men will be closely kept in camp and no straggling allowed.

Each Regimental Commander will each day detail a rear guard under the command of a good & competent Officer and all men will be required to march with their respective Companies.

Comdg Officers of Regt's will be held strictly responsible for the enforcement & observance of Genl. Orders No. 3, C. S. Hd. Qrs. 3 Div. 17th A. C.

By Order of B. F. Potts Col. Comdg 2 Brig.
A. G. Phillips AAA G.

3 Div. 17th A. C.
C. O. 78 Ohio

[No. 227]

Head Qrs. 2d Br. 3 Div. 17th A. C.
Vicksburg Miss Febry 2, 1864.

Comdg Officer 78th Ohio

You will have your command in readiness to move to morrow morning at 6 o'clock supplied as heretofore ordered.

Order of march:

1st 20th Ohio Vols.

2nd 78th “ “

3d 68th “ “

4th 32d “ “

5th The ambulances assigned to the different Regiments will follow in the rear of their respective Regiments.

Officers left in charge of Regimental Camps will cause Morning Reports to be made to these Hd Qrs at the usual time each morning.

By order of B. F. Potts
Col. Comdg 2d Brig.
A. G. Phillips
A. A. A. Genl.

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[No. 228]

Head Qrs Post and Dept. Vicksburg Miss. Feb. 12, 1864

Instructions to Officers in Command of Camps of division Regiment and Detachment remaining at Vicksburg:

1. The camp will be laid out in accordance with Regulations and every tent will be marked with the Regiment and Company to which it belongs.
2. The men will be organized into Companies and all the Regulations of a battalion of Infantry will be observed. There will be regular hours for Meals & Roll Calls, and the Officers and Non Comd. Officers will be required to enforce strict discipline.
3. Morning Reports will be required and Tri-Monthly Reports sent regularly to these Hd. Qrs. showing the number present, the number sent to join their Regiments, with their names, and the genl. Condition of the Command.
4. The men will be subject for detail, for unloading and loading stores from boats and trains and for guard duty and will always be accompanied by Efficient Comd. Non Cd. Officers.
5. A Guard from the battalion will be detailed daily to take charge of and be responsible for the C. S. equipage left by the troops of this Command.
6. The Negro Cooks, Teamsters & Hosp. Attends. now authorized will be allowed.

7. The men will be required to drill at such times as the Comd. Officer may designate but not less than 2 hours Each Day.
8. The most careful attention will be paid to the cleanliness of the men, fresh earth must be thrown into the Sinks each day, and the men under severe penalties be required to use them.
9. The Comdg Officer will see that the men are continually supplied with vegetables and will make frequent Requisition on the Sanitary Commission for Supplies. No Whiskey or other Liquor will at any time be allowed them except by direction of the Surgeon in charge.
10. These instructions are intended to promote the health of the men to make them efficient in case of an emergency and to secure their early return to their Regiments.

By order of
Brig Genl McArthur
W. K. F. Randall
AA Genl.

Official
Wm. H. Hessin
A. A. A. Genl.

Official
W. H. Bowen
Capt Comdg 2d Brig Dt.

[No. 229]

Hd. Qrs. 3D Div. 17. A. C. Vicksburg M. Febry. 13, '64

Comd'g Officer
2d Brig.

As soon as the regiments of your Brigade have been organized into Companies You will forward to these Hd. Qrs. a report of the number of companies in each Regiment and number of men in each Company, with name of officers Comdg Regt.

By order of Lt. Col. Rogers
W. H. Hessin
A. A. A. Genl.

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In compliance with the above Regtl commanders will as soon as practicable, forward the necessary information to these Head Qrs.

M. W. Bowen
Capt Comdg Det. 2 Brig

[No. 230]

Hd Qrs 3d Div. 17 A. C. Vicksburg M March 3 64.

Circular.

Par III Special Field Orders No 7 from these Hd Qrs dated near Canton Miss Febr 27, 1864 is hereby altered to read as follows

III Major John T. Rainey 78th Ohio V I is hereby announced as Actg gvt Insp. General 3 Div 17th A. C. and will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

By order of Brig Genl Leggett
(S) J. C. Douglass A. A. Genl

Official
H. S. Abbot
A. A. A. Genl.

[No. 231]

Hd. Qrs. 2d Brig. 3 Div 17 A. C.
Vicksburg Miss March 5, 1864

Comdg Officer 78th Ohio

Will cause a Report to be forwarded to these Hd Qrs of the casualties in his Command from Febr 2d 1864 to the time the regiment returned to Vicksburg March 4, 1864.

By Order of G. F. wiles
Lieut Col Comdg 2 Brig
H. S. Abbot
AAA Genl.

[No. 232]

Head Quarters 17th Army Corps
Vicksburg Miss March 9, 1864

Brig. Genl. M. D. Leggett
Comdg 3d Div.

General

The Maj Genl Commanding directs me to inform you that the time for the re-enlistment of Veterans has been extended and that the original bounties will continue to be paid, until further orders.

He directs me to suggest that renewed efforts be made to securing if possible, every regiment on the 3 Divis.

I am General Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant,
(S) Road Cox
capt & AA Genl

Official
J C Douglas
AA Genl

Official Thos. T. Cowen
AAA Genl

C. O. 78 OVI

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[No. 233]

Head Qrs 3 Div 17th A C
Vicksburg Miss March 12, 1864

Col,

You will cause a boy of 10 years named James Slack now with your Command to be sent without delay to the residence of his Aunt, Mrs. Vallandigham in Jackson St. head of 1st East St. and delivered into her care.

By order of Brig Genl Leggett
J. C. Douglass
AA Genl.

Official
Thos. T. Cowen
AAA Genl
Lt. Col. G. F. wiles Comdg 78 Ohio Vols.

[No. 234]

Head Qrs 2d Brig 3d Div
March 13th 1864

Lt Col. G. F. Wiles
78th Ohio

The Col. comdg directs me to say to you that it would be well for you to have all papers that are necessary to turn over your Govt Property ready as early as possible and have your Regiment in readiness so as to cause as little delay as possible when you receive orders for your Regt to go home on furlough. The probabilities are that you will receive orders in a day or two.

I am very Respectfully
Thos. T. Cowen
AAA Genl

[No. 235]

Q. M. Office 78th O. V. I.
Columbus Ohio April 2, 1864

Lieut. Col. G. F. Wiles
Comdg 78th O. V. I.

Sir

the position of Quarter Master's Sergt now being vacant and it being very necessary that one should be appointed I would most respectfully request that Private C. C. Wiles be appointed to fill the vacancy. I consider him in every qualified to fill the position, and hope this application may meet your approbation, and ensure your early action in the matter.

I have the honor to be Col.
Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt.
H. E. Bigelow Lieut.
& Regtl. Q. M. 78th O. V. I.

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[No. 236]

Head Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee
Chattanooga, Tenn. May 5, 1864

(Circular.)

Soldiers of the Army of the Tennessee:

We are about to enter upon one of the most important campaigns of the war, and to measure our strength on the battle field against a large and well commanded foe. To men like yourselves, who have shown their valor and patriotism on many a hard fought field, no words of encouragement are necessary. Your past record is a glorious one let not the future be sullied by a single act which will reflect discredit upon the character of an American soldier. Better a thousand times to fall on the battle field, with our glorious old flag wrapped around you, than to leave it and your comrades in the face of the enemy.

Stand firmly by your posts! Let not the storm of battle nor the vigorous onsets of the enemy shake your faith in the righteousness of our cause, and the conviction of our ultimate success.

Falter not for one moment, keep cool, check the first advance of the enemy should he move against you with all the impetuosity of reckless daring, and the day will surely be ours.

Remember that not withstanding the contest may be severe, strong arms and brave hearts are near by to support you, and that the successful issue of the battle may depend on your individual bravery, and the stubbornness with which you hold your position.

Be careful of your ammunition. Reserve your fire until the enemy is in sight, and within effective range, then deliver it with deadly force, taking care to keep cool, and aim low. It is not the rapid, continuous, roll of musketry, delivered in a hasty manner, which shakes an enemy, checks his advance, and draws him from the field, but the accuracy with which it is given. Should the enemy advance against you in line of battle with charged bayonets, do not wait quietly and receive the charge, but fix bayonets and meet him half way.

If any of your comrades fall wounded, do not leave the ranks to take them to the rear, an ample Corps of men with stretchers and ambulances will follow close behind you to pick up the wounded, and the surest way of having them properly taken care of, is to press forward and gain the victory, then we will have time and means to give all necessary attention to them. Many a regiment, on the battle field, has been sadly reduced in numbers at the critical moment, by men leaving ranks to take wounded to the rear.

Obey cheerfully and promptly, the orders of your officers, and rely implicitly upon their judgment and discretion.

James B. McPherson
Major General.

[No. 237]

Hd Qrs. Expd. Up Tenn. Steamer Von Thiel[?] May [?]

On recommendation of the Capt. Commdg. Gunboats, the order of sailing is changed as follows: Gun Boat Key West, 1st Von Thiel, 2nd Illinois, 3rd Albert Pearce, 4th Hannibal, 5th John S. Roe, 6th John H. Dickey, 7th Gladiator, 8th New Iowa, 9th Mary E. Forsyth, 10th Jennie Deans, 11th Raymond, 12th Liberty No. 2 Gunboat

By order of Brig Genl Leggett
J. C. Douglass
A. A. Genl.

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[No. 238]

War Department, Adjutant Generals Office
Washington D. C. May 14, 1864

His Excellency The Governor of Ohio, Columbus O.

Sir, -

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your reference of the letter of Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles 78th Ohio Vols, respecting the claim for pay of Lieut. Howard L. Abbott who was discharged for disability and subsequently restored. As it appears that Lieut Abbot was on duty continuously from date of discharge till March 11th 1864 and as the order of restoration provides that he shall receive pay from the date at which he rejoined his regiment for duty, the Paymaster general has been directed to pay him without deduction to that date. He cannot receive pay however for the period intervening between march 11th 1864 and the date at which he again rejoined the regiment under the order restoring him to his Command. I am sir, “ “ (S) Thomas M. Vincent AA G.

Official copy respectfully furnished for the information of Lieut. H. L. Abbott
Thru Hd Qrs 78th O. V. 17 A. C. Memphis Ten. Thomas M. Vincent AA G

[No. 239]

Hd Qrs 78th O. V. V. I. Clifton Tenn. May 15 '64

Circular.

Company Commanders will at once take an Inventory of all unserviceable knapsacks, Haversacks & Canteens, in their several commands, with the view of having the same condemned. Also blanks will be made for the number of the above articles necessary to fully equip the men for the march.

By order of Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles Comdg 78th O. V. V. I.

A. Q. Leach Adjt.

[names faded considerably; likely correspond to company commanders]

J. C. Robinson, D. Co.

G. P. Wilson, A.

John W. A. Gillespie, G.

N G Goutt C.

H.. Dunn K.

B. Mills B.

H. W. Cart, E.

John [?] K.

A [??]tt I.

Walker F.

[No. 240]

Hd Qrs 17 A. C. In the field May 18, 1864

Circular.

The Genl Comdg takes great pleasure in publishing the following as the latest reliable news received in papers of the 16th Inst. Genl Grant has been fighting the Rebels for 9 days with uniform success, is now between the P. A. River & Richmond has taken 30 or 40 pieces of cannon, and a large number of prisoners. Lee is reported by Rebel papers, wounded and in Richmond & Maj. Genl. [???] Johnston & Brig Gen. Johnston prisoners. - Genl Grant constantly successful at every point. Sherman 20 miles below Dalton Ga. Rebels retreating after being badly whipped, and R R in rear of Lees army, between him & Richmond cut by Sheridans Corps of Cavalry, a mile and a half & rations destroyed.

By order of Brig Genl Leggett

W. H. Hessin, AAA G

[No. 241]

Head Qrs 2 Brig. 3D div. 17th A. C. Pulaski Tenn. May 20, 1864

Comdg Officer 78 O. V. By request of Gen. Force, Comdg 1 Br. 3 Div. The martial Band of your command will this evening play tattoo immediately after the Brass Band of the 1 Br. 3 Div. has played three pieces. By order of R. K. Scott Col Comdg 2d Brig.

Thos. T. Cowen

AAA G.

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[No. 242]

Hd. Qrs 2d Brig. 3D Div. 17th A. C. Huntsville, A. May 24, '64

Circular.

Comdg officers of Regiments will hereafter furnish these Hd Qrs with a Field Report each morning. The Report being handed in to these Hd Qrs each evening immediately after the camp has been formed for the day following. In this Report only the number present need be given.

By order of Col R. K. Scott

Thos. T. Cowen A A A G.

[No. 243]

Hd Qrs 78th O. V. I. Huntsville A. May 24, 1864

Company Commanders,

Will immediately make an estimate of all ordnance and ordnance stores necessary to fully equip their several commands and report the same to these Hd Qrs.

By order of Lt Col G. F. Wiles Comdg 78 O. V. I.
A. W. Search Adjt

(names) Sgt.

[No. 244]

Hd Qrs. 2 Br. 3 Div. 17 A. C. Huntsville Ala. May 24, 1864

Circular.

In compliance with instructions from Div. Hd. Qrs. each Regt will be allowed 3 teams one of them for use as the Hospital of the regiment. All in excess of that number will be turned over to Lieut C. C. Williams A. A. Q. M. 3 Div. Comdg Officer of Regiments will send to these Hd Qrs at once a report of the number of teams now In their respective regiments.

By order of R K Scott Col Comdg 2 Brig 3 Div
Thos T. Cowen
AAA G.

C. O. 78th Ohio

[No. 245]

Hd. Qrs. 3 Div. 17 A. C. Decatur Ala. May 26, 64.

Comdg Officer 2d Brig.

In accordance with instructions from Corps Hd Qrs, you will cause to be sent from each Regt. In your command a sufficient number of wagons, with the proper officer across the river to draw three days rations, at 4 AM to morrow.

By order of Brig Genl Leggett
Wm. H. Hessin A. A. A. G.

Hd Qrs. 78th [Undated]

Circular,

Comdg Officers of Companies will immediately collect together their extra Baggage and bring it together at once near these Hd Qrs for convenience of loading.

G F Wiles Lt Col Comdg 78th R. O. V. I.

[No. 246]

Hd Qrs. 17 A. C. Dpt Ten. In the field June 14, 1864

C. O. 78th Ohio Inf Vol.

Col,

You will order Private Chas. T. Bowers "B" Co. to report forthwith at these Hd Qrs for special service.

By Command of Maj Genl F. P. Blair
Rowland Cox
AA Genl.

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[No. 247]

Hd Qrs 2d Brig 3d Div 17 A. C. in the Field June 14, 1864

Circular.

Comdg Officers of Regiments will cause an inspection report of their several Commands

for June 1864 to be made & forwarded to these Hd Qrs as soon as possible. The kind, calibre condition of arms & number serviceable & deficient will be reported also all deficiencies in ordnance and ordnance stores; Clothing camp and Garrison equipage, the names of all absent officers will be reported giving dates & authority for their absence.

By order of R K Scott
Col Comdg 2 B. 3 D.
H. H. Poe Capt A. A. J. G.

[No. 248]

Hd. Qrs. Dept. & A of the Tenn. In the field June 14, 1864,
Maj. Genl. F. P. Blair Comdg 17 A. C.

General,

Below please find copy of telegraph to Maj. Genl. W. T. Sherman for information of yourself & command:

By order of Maj. Genl. McPherson
S Saml . Taggart AAA Genl.

Lexington Ky 9 P.M. June 13, 1864

Morgan entered Kentucky with nearly 3000 men through Pound Gap, June 4th. June 7th I started in pursuit from mouth of Beaver in Big sandy, attacked him at Mt Sterling at daylight June 9th rebel loss nearly 600 prisoners; ours about 25 killed and 100 wounded, drove him on to Lexington to Cynthiana when I attacked him at daylight yesterday & gaining Complete victory.

Rebel loss 300 killed and 400 prisoners, besides wounded.

I captured over 1000 Horses and recaptured most of General Hobson's command taken by Morgan the day before.

Our loss about 150 Killed & wounded.

The Rebel force is scattered and small squads without arms or ammunition and wholly demoralized are being pursued and picked up in every direction.

(Sig) S. G. Burbridge

Official Thos. T. Cowen
AAA G.

Official

Wm H Hessin
AAA Genl.

(C. O. 78 Ohio)

[No. 249]

Hd Qrs 2d Brig 3d Div 17 A. C. Big Shanty Ga. June 16, 1864

Col,

In compliance with orders from div. Hd Qrs. you will cause to be forwarded to these Hd Qrs a report of the Killed, wounded, & missing of your command since leaving Acworth. The names of the men will be given.

By order of R. K. Scott Col Comdg 2d Brig.
Thos T. Cowen AAA G.

Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles Comd'g 78 Ohio.

[No. 250]

Hd Qrs 17 A. C. Dept of the Tenn. On the Field Ga. June 19, 1864

Brig. Genl. M. D. Leggett Comdg 3d Div,

General,

In addition to a return of your effective forces, you will please cause to be forwarded to these Hd Qrs every five days a complete report of all casualties in your Command, the report to be added to that effective already required, you will please state the losses by Regiment, giving the names of Commissioned officers only and making mention [Note: Order ends and is not continued on following page]

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[No. 251]

Hd. Qrs 2d Br. 3 Div. 17 A. C. In the field Ga. July 11, 1864

Circular.

In accordance with orders from Div. Hd Qrs. Reg. Com. will forward to these Hd Qrs at the earliest practicable moment a complete roster of the Officers of their Commands. This roster will give the name in full the rank, company and Regiment of each officer together

with the date of commission and of muster. Officers of each grade will be classed together the ranking Officer of each grade being numbered 1 the next in rank 2nd.

Those Officers detached from their regiments the remarks opposite their name will show by what authority they have been so detached and where they were stationed at last report.

By order of R K Scott
Col Comdg 2d Brig.
Thos T Cowen
A. A. A. Genl.

C. O. 78th Ohio Vols.

[No. 252]

Hd Qrs 2d Brig. 3 Div. July 15, 1864

Comdg Officer 78 Ohio,

Sir – You will cause to be made out and forwarded to these Hd Qrs as soon as possible, a complete list of all Officers absent from your command with number and date of orders by which they are absent. If any are absent without leave state the time from which they are so absent.

By Order Col. R. K. Scott
S. Guthrie
Capt & A A I Genl.

[No. 253]

Hd Qrs 2nd Brig. 3D Div. 17 A. C.
Before Atlanta Ga July 31st 1864

Comdg Officer 78 Regt.

Will in compliance with instructions from division Hd Qrs Send to these Hd Qrs without delay a complete list of all absentees from your command giving name rank and Company, with cause of absence whether sick wounded detached &c and place where probably to be found. The object of this is to collect all such men fit for duty and bring them to the front.

By order of G. F. Wiles Lt. Col. Comdg Brig.
T. T. Cowen
AAA Genl.

[No. 254]

Head Qrs 17 A. C. Dept of Ten. Aug 1st 1864
By Telegraph from Louisville 31st

Baltimore, 31st.
To Assoc. Press Report.

The siege of Petersburg opened in earnest yesterday at daylight we blew up one of the principal Rebel Batteries consisting of 16 guns and had three tiers of earth works of rebels. Before the mail steamer left City Point this morning Baltimore 31st. We have received confirmatory Statement of the above. Hd Qrs A of T. 30th 10 PM. The explosion of the mine under the rebel fort in front of the 9th Corps took place this AM at 40 minutes past 4. Picket firing was kept up all night and at times match was applied to the mine the skirmishers were still engaged on both sides, an immense volume of dirt was thrown up 300 feet. 9th Corps at once charged driving rebels to 2d line taking numbers prisoners Some of which were dug out of the exploded mine.

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Prisoners say Rebels completely surprised most of them being asleep at time of explosion. The 4 Guns in front were of course buried far out of sight. They also say they were busy mining under our works and in two days would have been ready to blow them up.

30th P. M. Reports just in say we have possession of entire first line of Rebel works with large number of prisoners, our loss in the charge was severe as our men had to cross fields to reach rebels.

The troops engaged were 9th Corps with the 18th supporting them, 2nd & 5th in reserve, firing still [????] with great fury. Grant & Mead with all Corps Generals are front watching operations.

Hd. Qrs. 17 A. C. before Atlanta Ga. Aug 1, 64

Respectfully referred to the Comdg Genl. 3rd Div. For his information

Gen. Leggett will please publish the within to his Command.

By Command off Maj. Genl. F. P. Blair
S. Rowland Cox AA Gl.

Official J. C. Douglass, AA Genl.
Off. T. T. Cowen AAAG.

[No. 255]

Ordnance Office 3d Div. 17 A. C. Aug 1st 1864.

Comdg Officer 78 Ohio V. I.

In order to make me fully to carry out the requirements of Par. C. G. O. no 193, War Dept 1864, Please report to me the names of all officers in your comd who were responsible for ordnance stores during the quarter ending June 30, 1864, and have duly accounted for them.

Respectfully & &. Vespasian Warner
Lt. & Act. Ord. Officer 3 Div. 17 A. C.

[No. 256]

Hd Qrs 78th O. V. V. I.

Before Atlanta Ga. Aug 5 1864

Company Commanders -

Will have all their Knapsacks, haversacks & canteens, which they wish condemned ready for the Inspection who will be here in a few minutes.

By order of Jno T. Rainey
Maj comdg 78 O. V. I.

A. W. Search Adjnt.

[No. 257]

Hd Qrs. 3d Div. 17 A. C. before Atlanta Aug 7, 64.

Circular.

The General Comdg takes pleasure in publishing to the 3d Div. that he has heard from the gallant Brig Genl M F Force who fell severely wounded in the battle of the 22d inst. He reached his home in Cincinnati on the 2d of August and improving already. No doubts are entertained as to his recovery and he expresses sanguine hopes of soon being with us again.

By order of Brig Genl M D Leggett
(S) J C Douglass
AA Genl.

Official
Thos T. Cowen

A. A. A. G.

C. O. 78. Ohio

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[No. 258]

Hd. Qrs. 3d Div. 17. A. C. Before Atlanta Ga. Aug 7, 1864

Circular.

Rations to include the 12th inst will be drawn by this Command to morrow the 8th. The commissary train being much worn down Regimental & battery teams will be sent for the same to a point on the Chattahoochee near the R R Linage under direction of Lieut T. M. Hitchcock A A Q M. 2d Brig. Returns will be sent in for approval this P. M. The train will assemble on and start fro t he flat below these Head Qrs at 55 o'clock A M precisely.

By order of Brig Genl M. D. Leggett
J C Douglass A A Genl

Official Thos. T. Cowen A A A Gl.

[No. 259]

Hd Qrs 3d Div. 17th a. c. Office A. A. I. Gl.
Before Atlanta Ga. Aug 9, 1864.

Comdg Officer 2d Brig.

Sir. - I am directed by the General commdg to call your special attention to the annexed communication from Hd Qrs 17 A. C. and to request that in so far as its requirements relate to your Brigade you will see them at once carried into effect.

Very respectfully & (S) Saml. Bradley Lt Col
A A I Genl. 3 Div 17 AC

[No. 260]

Hd Qrs 17. A. C. Office A A I. Gl.
Before Atlanta Ga Aug 9, 64

Lieut Col. Danl Bradley A A I. Genl. 3D Div 17 A. C.

Col,

You will at once cause the wagon trains of your Div that are required near the front to be packed in some convenient and proper place and the harness to be hung up from the ground in wooden racks made for the purpose and hereafter during the present campaign when the ordnance supply or Regimental trains are removed from one point to another and corralled the same system and order will be strictly observed the trains must be packed as near in accordance with regulations as the nature of the ground will permit the corrals & grounds adjacent to the same and the camps and quarters of teamsters employees must be thoroughly policed at all times. It is a noticeable fact that many of the trans belonging to this corps are scattered around the country in the greatest disorder and that hardness are hung upon wagon wheels or thrown down in the mud, and that dead horses and mules are permitted to be unburied for days until the stench is intolerable no one seeming to take any interest in the matter. This must not be permitted & is the duty of Inspecting Officers at all times to see that such disorders are remedied and Brigade & Div. Inspect Officers will be held responsible in the future for the packing of the trains and the burying of all refuse matter offal and carrion in the regimental camps of their respective command and upon that portion of the country upon either flank and in the rear which is passed over or occupied by any of portion of their troops.

I am Col,
Very Respt, & &
(S) Jeff. I. Hibbetts Lt. Col.
A. A. I. Genl. 17 A. C.

Official
T. T. Cowen
AAA G.

C. O.
78th Ohio

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[No. 261]

Hd Qrs 3d Div. 17 A. C. Before Atlanta Ga Aug 10 1864.

The Genl. Commdg desires me to inform you that:

The C. S. 3d Div. has been ordered by the Commissary of the Dept to issue no meat except Fresh Beef to the troops until further orders.

It will be brought near these Hd Qrs and issued to the command to day Qr Masters will be notified. [??] to include the 15th will be brought near these Hd Qrs and issued to morrow the 11th inst. Returns will be made and Rations drawn accordingly.

I am Col Very truly yours

(S.) J. C. Douglass, A A G. Official T. T. Cowen, A A A G.

[No. 262]

[Note: edge of page folded, making transcription difficult]

War Department Washington 11 P. M. Aug. 10, 1864.

Telegraph from -
to Major Genl Sherman,

The following was taken from Richmond Sentinel of 8th and Richmond Enquirer of 10th is [???] for your information.

Mobile Aug 5.

Hon J. Seddon Secty of War, - Seventeen (17) of the enemys vessels fourteen ships and three (3) Iron Clads, passed Ft. Morgan this A M "Tecumseh" Iron clad [???] was sunk by Ft Morgan. The Tennessee surrendered after a desperate engagement with enemys fleet. Admiral Buchanan lost a leg and is a prisoner the Sabina is captured and the Gaines beached near Hospital. The Morgan is safe and will try [???] up to night, the enemys fleet has approached the city. A monitor has been engaging [?] Powell all day. Sgd D. H. Maury Maj Genl. Aug 10, Mobile Aug 8, Friday Night.

Genl. Williams commanding Fort Powell evacuated & blew up the Fort. Yesterday and to day enemy are shelling Ft. Gaines. The people of Mobile are all ready for the affray, Great [????]. The people are satisfied with the conduct of Lieut Buchanan Maury & Bassett of Navy. Second dispatch is as follows Mobile Aug 8. It is painfully humiliating to announced the shameful surrender of Ft Gaines at 9. 30 this morning by Col. Charles Anderson of the 21st Alabama. This powerful work was [???] for six months and with a garrison of (600) six hundred he communicated with the enemy with flag of truce with sanction of Genl Page. Genl Page inquired by signal what his purpose was but received no answer. His attention was attracted by signal guns. Page repeatedly telegraphed [???] to your fort. The Da[??] visited Ft Gaines and found Anderson on board the Yankee [???] arranging for the time of capitulations he left [???] order for Anderson on [???] not to surrender the fort and relieved him of his command. Ft. Morgan signaled this morning but no answer was recd excepting the hoisting of the Yankee flag on the ramparts of Ft. Gaines. Andersons conduct in it is officially pronounced inexplicable and shameful.

(Sg)
E. M. Stanton
Official
T. T. Cowen
A. A. A. G.

Official

Sgd. J. C. Douglass
A A G.

[No. 263]

Hd Qrs 78th O. V. V. I. Before Atlanta Ga., Aug. 12, 1864

Lt. A. McDonald A A [?] Mar. 2d Brig.

Sir: - I have the honor to forward a prisoner Wm. Ball who [?] from ranks on the afternoon of the 3rd while we were going into line. He came to us unofficially without muster Roll or descriptive list and he confessed cowardice and acknowledge his guilt. We desire no constitutional coward sin our Regt. But [?] to remain with us, we earnestly solicit that he may be found something to do in the rear as we are too close to the front to punish him summarily and to furnish him a gun is evidence that we will have to [??] it.

Respectfully John T. Rainey Maj. 78 O. V. V. I. Comdg Regt.

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[No. 264]

Hd Qrs 17. A. C. Office of Pro. Mar. Before Atlanta Ga Aug 12, 64.

Respectfully returned. If the within named soldier is a Coward he should be punished as such. His military history should be enquired into, if he is a Citizen, then discharge him – if a Soldier he must perform his duty or suffer the consequences. From his own statement there appears no doubt of his enlistment which is binding.

E. T. Miller Capt & Asst. P. M. 17 A. C.

Hd Qrs 2 Bd. 3 div 17 A. C. Aug 12, 64. Resp. ret. P. M. 3d Div 17 A. C. H A McDonald Lt., A P. M. 2 B. Hd Qrs 3 Div, 17 AC, Aug 12, 64, Resp. ret. To P. M. 17 A. C., J. R. Conklin Lt. & P. M. 3 D. 17 A. C. Hd Qr 3 Div. Resp. ret. With attention called to remarks of the A. P. M. 17 A C. J R Conklin

Do. Do. H. A. McDonald Lt. & A P M, 2 Br 3 D.

[No. 265]

Prov. Mar. Off. B. Atlanta Ga Aug. 23, 1864.

Major: I send you Priv. John Newman “D” Co. 78th Ohio Infy. Who has been accused of assaulting a guard on duty over some Whiskey. I have investigated the case and find that he did use abusive language to the Guard, who was doing his duty, and therefore would suggest that a Regimental court Martial be called to further investigate the case and

inflict the punishment. The punishing of such an offense is beyond my jurisdiction. In the mean time I would recommend that he be kept on fatigue duty every day until his case can be disposed of.

The witnesses are James Wilkins, John Gardner, John A Kinsdom 31st Ills Inf., John Budder 20 Ills Inf.

I am resptf. & J R Conklin Lt. & P. M. 3 Div.
Maj. Rainey Comdg 78 Ohio Infy.

[No. 266]

Head Quarters Dept & Army of the Tenn.
East Point Ga. Sept 11th 1864.

Field Circular.

The following rules regulations relative to applications for leave of Absence and tenders of resignations will be observed in this command.

Leave of Absence.

- 1st The grounds upon which the application is based will be given.
- 2nd If not on surgeon certificate the date of leave last received will be stated.
- 3rd Certificate that one or more comd officer will be left with the company in case of field officers with regiment.
- 3th Certificate that applicant has not been absent without proper authority
- 5th Applications must be approved or disapproved by all intermediate Commanders through whom forwarded.
- 6th The name of applicant in full with Rank, Co., & Regt.
- 7th Corps Commanders will act on applications based on surgeon certificates all others will be forwarded to these Hd Qrs for action.

8th Tenders of Resignation

- 1st Will clearly state the grounds on which based.
- 2nd If on surgeon certificate the date of muster into present grade will be given.
- 3rd Certificate of the Officer that he has no government property in his possession which he is not ready to turn over to proper authority upon acceptance of Resignation.

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- 4th that he is not indebted to the Government.
- 5th That he has not been absent without leave since last paid (if absent with leave will so state).
- 6th Certificate when last paid & by whom.
- 7th full Name rank Co & Regt of the officer making the tender will be given.

8th All tenders of Resignations must be approved or disapproved by intermediate Commanders before being forwarded to these Hd Qrs.

By order of
Maj Genl O O Howard
(Sgd) Saml L. Taggart A A G.

Official
(Sgd) Rowland Cox
A. A. G.
Off. T. T. Cowen
AAA G.

Off. (Sgd) J. C. Douglass
A. A. G.

- C. O.
78th Ohio.

[No. 267]

Hd Qrs. 3 Div. 17 A. C. Court Room Sept 13, 1864.

Commanding Officer 78th Ohio V. V. I.

Sir, you will please cause Private John Newman "D" Co. 78 Ohio Inf. To appear before this court tomorrow morning at 8 ½ o'clock AM to answer to the charges preferred against him by capt C. B. Wells C. S. 3 Div. 17 A. C.

By order of Lt. Col. Geo. E. Welles President.
Jno. M. Price Capt. Judge Advocate

[No. 268]

Hd Qrs 2 Br. 3 Div. 17 A. C. near Atlanta Ga Sept 15 1864.

Circular.

The following prescribed Drills will commence at the following hours Each day.

viz: Company Drill at 9 o'clock AM, Battalion Drill at 3 o'clock PM.

By order of Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles, Comdg 2d Brig.
Thos. T. Cowen AAA. G.
C. O. 78 O. I.

[No. 269]

Hd Qrs 2d Brig. 3 Div. 17 A. C. Near Atlanta Sep 15, 1864.

Comd'g Officer 78 Ohio

In compliance with instructions from superior Hd Qrs you will send to these Hd Qrs the name of one Officer from your Regt to be sent to Ohio for recruit s& drafted men. The name to be forwarded at once. You will also forward the hours of your company & Battalion drill.

By order of Lt Col G. F. Wiles Comdg 2d Brig.
T. T. Cowen A A A G.

[No. 270]

Hd Qrs 2d Brig 3d Div. 17 A. C. Near Atlanta Ga. Sept. 17, 1864

Capt A. Scott Comdg 78 Ohio. - captain – In compliance with instructions from superior Hd Qrs the Lt Col Comdg directs that the Camp of your command be thoroughly policed to day all the dirt and debris being removed by wagon if necessary.

I am sir very resp. & &
Thos T. Cowen
A A A Genl.

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[No. 271]

U. S. Military Telegraph
Sept. 20, 1864.

By Telegraph from Washington 20 1864
To Major Genl Sherman

Yesterday morning 19 Major Genl Sheridan attacked the rebel forces under Genl Breckenridge and Early near Bunker Hill in the Shenandoah valley fought a hard battle all day and a brilliant victory was won by our forces.

The enemy were driven 12 miles 2500 prisoners were captured 9 stands of colors, 5 pieces of artillery were taken and the Rebels killed and wounded left in our hands.

The Rebel Generals Rhodes and Gordon were killed and four other Rebel Generals wounded.

(Sgd) E. M. Stanton, Secy of War.

[No. 272]

Hd Qrs 3 Div. 17 A. C. Ordnance Office Sept 20 1864
Comdg Officer 78 Ohio Infy Vols.

Sir – Please report all Officers who are or have been responsible for Ord and Ord Stores during the quarter ending 30th Sept. 1864.

Also Officers (other than an Comp. Comdrs) who are or have been responsible for Ord or Ord stores during the month ending 30 Sept. 1864, stating date when such responsibility commenced or ceased.

Respectfully L. T. Linnell
Lt. & Q M 2 Div 17 A. C.

[No. 273]

Hd Qrs 2d Brig 3 Div. 17 A. C.
Near Atlanta Ga Sept 20, 1864.

Capt A Scott Comdg 78 Ohio -

Captain – In compliance with instructions from superior Hd Qrs, In order to secure the requisite number of drafted men for this Army requisitions will be made out and forwarded to these Hd Qrs at once in following form:

1. Designation of Regt & whether Veteran or not
2. Date of its muster into service
3. No of drafted men required to fill it up.
4. The particular Circumstances entitling the Reg to its full quota.

By order of
Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles
Comdg Brig
T. T. Cowen
AAA G.

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[No. 274]

War Dept. Adj. Genl. Office
Washington Sept. 22d, 1864.

Circular No. 75

Circulars nos 61 & 73 current series from this office are hereby revoked and the following regulations substituted.

1st. Hereafter when a commissioned officer of a three years volunteer organization receives a new commission or an enlisted man is appointed to a commission he may at his option be mustered into the United States service for three years or the unexpired term of the organization o which he may at the time be a member. Provided that no Officer or enlisted man, so receiving a commission shall be mustered in for a less period than three years, if at the date he presents himself for muster under it, he has less than six months to serve.

2nd. All regimental Officers of Volunteers now in the service of the United States, who have been in the said service three years, and all who shall hereafter have served three years may if they so desire be mustered out and honorably discharged the service on satisfactory proof being furnished the Commissary of Mustering of their command that they have so served; Provided, that said officer shave not meanwhile voluntary been remustered for three years or if belonging to veteran organizations, signified in writing their willingness to serve for the new term of the organization to which they belong.

3rd. Regulations similar to the foregoing will apply to organizations mustered into service for a less period than three years.

4th. If Officers of veteran organizations do not desire to secure the advantages their former commission and rank and contemplated by section 2 of Paragraph 1, Circular No. 36 current series of this office, they can declare to be remustered as therein directed and take advantage of the Provisions of Paragraph 1 & 2 of this Circular in so far as they may be applicable.

5th. When the regiment company or other command of a regimental officer is mustered out it must be distinctly understood that the officer will be considered as mustered out and therewith and at the same time and place as the command.

A n Officer will be held to service for the full term of his muster only when the regulation command is retained in service for him. Occasion is here taken to remind officers absent form their command on detached service, sick or otherwise, that it is their duty to keep themselves justly advised as to the duties at which their commands go out of service, so that they may be mustered out and discharged therewith. (see Circular no. 36, current series from this office) Officer neglecting this precaution will be held to a strict and rigid responsibility in cases of doubt timely applications should be made to the Adjutant General of the Army for information.

By order of the secretary of War
(Sgd) E. D. Townsend
A. A. Genl.

Official L. G. Randall
A. A. A. G.

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[No. 275]

U. S. Military Telegraph
By Telegraph from Hd Qrs Dept & Army Tenn.
East Point Ga Sept 24, 1864.

To Brig Genl random
Comdg 17 A. C.

The following just Recd resp & &
Judge O[??]

War Dept. Washington Sept. 23, 8 PM

Sheridan has again beaten Early. He fought him yesterday from 4 P.M. Till dark driving him from Fishers Hill near Strasburg, a position thought to be almost impregnable. Nothing saved Early's Army but the cover of darkness from total destruction. They fled up the Valley in the greatest confusion. We took many prisoners 2000 of whom have arrived at Winchester. No details yet received.

Gold fell to 209.

Sgd. E. M. Stanton Secy of War.

[No. 276]

Hd. Qrs. 2d Brig. 3 Div. 17 A. C. Near Atlanta Sept. 28 / 64

Circular.

Regimental Commanders will hold their commands in readiness to be reviewed by the Maj. Gen. Comd'g the Dept. at an early day. The men will be expected to be fully armed & equipped, arms should be drawn at once to supply all deficiencies.

By order of Lt. Col. G. F. Wiles
Comdg Br.
T. T. Cowen A. A. A. G.

[No. 277]

Pr. M. Gen. Off. Dep. & Army of Tenn.
Near East Point Ga Sept 29, 1864.

Comdg Officer 78 Ohio. -

You are hereby notified that the following named Officer of your Command were exchanged Sept 28th 1864, and have been ordered to their command for duty.

“Capt. J. W. Gillespie.”

Very Resp. & &
D. W. Whittle Capt. &
A. P. M. G. Dpt Tenn.

[No. 278]

Hd. Qrs. Dep. A of the T. East Point Sept 29, 64.

Brig Genl T. E. G. Ransom Comdg 17 A. C.

Sir,

The following telegram just received.

To Maj. N. Vedder Louisville Ky Sep 28

Mr. Spinner promises all funds I need during the coming week.

Please inform subordinate commands.

Sg. Wm. Allen Chief Paymaster

By Order of Maj. Genl. O O Howard
Sgd A. P. Gilbert A. A. G.

Official (Sgd) Rowland Cox, AA. Genl.

“ “ J. C. Douglass A. A. G.

“ “ T. T. Cowen A. A. A. G.

C. O. 78 Ohio