

Orders 3
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Head Quarters Western Division
East Pascagoula. Sept. 10. 1851.

It having come to the knowledge of the Commanding General that an expedition is supposed to be in preparation by citizens of the United States against the northern States of Mexico. the attention of Officers Commanding posts on the Rio Grande. is specially called to the subject. They will exercise the utmost vigilance in regard to such illegal movements, and will employ their forces efficiently to prevent the crossing of any expedition that may be directed against the Territory of Mexico. The Commanding General relies upon the intelligence and activity of those Commanders to sustain our treaty obligations and prevent a violation by lawless people, of the soil of a friendly power.

By Order of Major General Twiggs.
(Signed) W. W. Bliss
asst adjt. Genl.

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Head Quarters 8th Mil Dept.
Indianola. Texas. Sept. 16. 1851.

The undersigned assumes Command of this Department. Bvt Captain Alfred Gibbs. Regt of Mounted Riflemen - now absent on leave - is aide-de-camp. All official Communications will continue to be addressed as heretofore, to the asst. Adjt. General at San Antonio.

(Signed) Persifor F. Smith.
Bvt Major General
Comdg 8th Dept.

Orders 3
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Head Quarters 8th Department
San Antonio. Sept. 20 1851.

A General Court Martial to consist of Five members, [a greater number cannot be assembled without manifest injury to the Service] will convene at Fort Duncan. on the 13th day of October 1851. or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the trial of such prisoners as may be brought before it.

Detail for the Court.

Bvt Lieut Col	J Morris	Major 1st Infantry
Captain	B H Arthur	1st Infantry
2nd Lieut	A G Miller	1st Infantry
2nd Lieut	J A Washington	1st Infantry
Bvt 2nd Lieut	J H Reynolds	1st Infantry

1st Lieut F. J. Denman, Adj. 1st Infantry, is appointed judge Advocate for the Court.

By Order of Brig Major General Smith;
(Signed) Geo Deas
Asst Adj. Genl.

Orders 3
No. 80 3

Head Quarters 8th Department,
San Antonio. September 28. 1851.

At the General Court Martial which convened at Fort Brown.. on the 13th day of June 1851. pursuant to Orders No 49. dated Adj. Gens. 8th Department. May 26. 1851. and of which Captain W E Prince. 1st Infantry, is President, was arraigned and tried 1st Lieut Julius P Gareschi. 4th Artillery, on the following Charges and Specifications.

Charge 1st Disrespect towards his Commanding Officer.

Charge 2nd. Disobedience of Orders

" 3rd Neglect of Duty

Additional Charge 1st Disrespect towards his Commanding Officer.

" 2nd Conduct unbecoming an Officer. And a Gentleman.

Plea Not Guilty of all the Charges And Specifications, except the fact of having written certain letters.

Finding and Sentence.

The Court after mature deliberation find the accused 1st Lieut Julius P. Gareschi 4th Artillery as follows.

Of the 1st Specification. 1st Charge - finds the facts as set forth in the Specification, except the words "with the apparent design of intimidating him, and with a manner indicating such purpose and Contempt," but attaches no criminality thereto. Of the 2nd Specification 1st Charge Not Guilty. Of the 3rd & 4th Specifications 1st Charge. Proves: That he wrote and caused to be delivered the letters stated, but attaches no criminality thereto. And Not Guilty of the 1st Charge. Not Guilty of the 2nd and 3rd Charges and Specifications thereto. Of the 1st & 2nd Specifications 1st Additional Charge. The Court find that Lieut Gareschi wrote and transmitted the letters as stated in the Specifications, but attaches no criminality thereto under this charge. Not Guilty of the 1st Additional Charge. Of the 1st Specification 2nd Additional Charge - Guilty of having written and transmitted the 1st letter contained in the Specification. And find the fact. That Lieut Gareschi wrote and sent to Major Porter the 2nd letter. but attaches no criminality thereto, and Not Guilty of the 2nd Additional Charge. but Guilty of "conduct prejudicial to good Order and Military Discipline" and do therefore sentence him 1st Lieut Julius P Gareschi of the 4th Regiment of Artillery. To be reprimanded in order by the Officer Commanding the 8th Mil. Department.

The foregoing proceedings have been revised by the

Head Quarters 8th Department
San Antonio October 7. 1851

Order 2
No 86 3

1. The Officers of the Department are reminded that a neglect of the 218th Article of the new Regulations for the uniform of the Army will subject them to a trial by Court martial for "Disobedience of Orders" and that there is no provision allowing any delay in relation to it.

2. Commanders of posts are held responsible for obedience to the directions of this Article by all Subject to their Control

No such thing will be recognized, as orders that not to be obeyed.

By Order of Bot Major General Smith
(Signed) W. B. Blair
Capt. A. A. D. Co.

Head Quarters 8th Department
San Antonio, October 8th 1851.

Spec. Orders 3
No 49 3

1. A Subaltern, one Sergeant, two Corporals, and fifteen Privates will be detailed from the mounted Command at Fort Duncan to compose the escort directed by the Adjutant General to be furnished to Bot Major Emory Topographical Engineers.

2. The escort will be without fail, on Wednesday evening the 15th Instant, at Fort Ingo, prepared for a march to El Paso or beyond, and back.

3. The Commander of the escort will report to Major Emory, on his arrival at Fort Ingo, and remain at his disposition until his arrival at some point in the 9th Mil Department north of El Paso, from which point he will return without delay to his post.

4. The transportation and supplies necessary for the duty devolving on the escort, will be furnished by the respective Staff Departments on the requisitions of the Commander of the escort.

(Signed) Persifor F. Smith
Bot Major Genl
Comdg 8th Mil Dept.

Special Order 1
No 67 3

Head Quarters Western Division
New Orleans October 9. 1851

Leave of absence for sixty days is granted
to 2nd Lieut R. W. Johnson, 1st Infantry

By Order of Major Genl Twiggs
(Signed) W. W. S. Bliss

Asst. Adj. Genl

Order 1
No 13 3

Head Quarters Western Division
New Orleans October 11. 1851

1. All Quarter Supplies required at the posts and
Depots in the 7th & 8th Departments. and on the Gulf of Mexico, except
Forage & Straw, will be obtained by requisitions on the Quarter Master
Stationed in New Orleans, and in no other mode.

2. In like manner all such Supplies for posts in the
4th Department will be required from the Quarter Master Stationed in
Saint Louis.

3. The requisitions from posts in the 8th Dept. will pass through
the Depy. Quarter Master General at Department Head Quarters, and will be filled by
him if approved and if he have the Articles on hand.

4. The Quarter Master in New Orleans will submit all
requisitions or estimates that require the expenditure of money, to the
Commanding General of the Division for approval

By Order of Major General Twiggs
(Signed) W. W. S. Bliss

Asst. Adj. Genl

Order 1
No 14 3

Head Quarters Western Division
New Orleans. October 15. 1851.

2nd Lieut Alfred Cunningham, 7th Infantry, is appointed
Aide-de-Camp, to the Major General Commanding the Division. He will repair
to Division Head Quarters and report accordingly

By Order of Major General Twiggs
(Signed) W. W. S. Bliss

Asst. Adj. Genl

Asst. Adj. Genl. Office
San Antonio October 19, 1851

Order 3
No 90 3

1st Lieut P. J. Turnley, 1st Infantry, is detailed as a member of the General Court Martial, Convened at Fort Duncan, Texas, in virtue of "Order" No 78, dated Head Quarters 8th Sept: September 26, 1851, to supply the place of 2nd Lieut J. A. Washington, who is absent from the post.

By order of Brig Major General Smith
/ Signed / W. B. Blair

Capt. A. A. C. & A. A. A. G.

Order 3
No 15 3

Head Quarters Western Division
New Orleans October 20, 1851.

Fuel, as well as Forage and Straw, will be exempted from the operation of Order No 13, Current Series.

By Order of Major General Smith
/ Signed / W. W. S. Bliss.

Asst. Adj. Genl.

Order 3
No 16 3

Head Quarters Western Division
New Orleans, October 22, 1851

1. The Court of Inquiry instituted by Order No 9, Sept: 4th 1851, Head Quarters Western Division, to examine into the nature of the accusations or imputations against 2nd Lieut Richard, J. Dodge, 8th Infantry, contained in Order No 27, dated April 6, 1851, from the Head Quarters 8th Mil Dept: has reported the following facts and opinion, which are published for the information of all Commanders.

The Court having maturely weighed and considered the evidence report the following —

Facts

That Lieut Dodge did, on the 30th March 1851, fall upon a trail of foot Indians, and that he followed it as long as he could do so, with the aid of one of the best Guides on the frontier: and that when it could no longer be followed, he abandoned it, and proceeded direct to his post, (Fort Lincoln) which was the nearest one to him and which he reached in a day and a half. That immediately on his arrival he reported the above facts to his Commanding Officer.

It further appears from the evidence, that when Lieut Dodge fell upon the trail referred to, that he had but one and half days Rations, that he was returning to his post from a long pursuit (on another trail) which

had been rapid, over a rough and rocky country, without forage, and that in consequence his Animals were much exhausted and broken down, and many of them lame and unserviceable from loss of shoes. That when the trail was discovered it was three days old. And that the Indians were travelling at the rate of 24 miles per day. And that from the exhausted state of the Animals, he could not have continued the pursuit more than a day or two, without being entirely broken down."

Opinion

"That any imputations or accusations against Lieut Dodge, for his conduct on the occasion referred to, in Department Order No. 27, of April 6th 1851. are unfounded and unjust."

The Court of Enquiry of which Post Lieut Colonel W. J. Hardee, 2nd Dragoons, is President is hereby dissolved.

By Order of Major General Twiggs

(Signed) W. M. S. Bliss,
Asst Adj. General.

Orders 3
No. 17 3

Head Quarters Western Division
New Orleans November 3rd 1851

Colonel T. F. Hunt, Asst Quarter Master General is assigned to duty as Chief of the Quarter Masters Dept. in the Western Division, in which capacity he will be recognized until further orders.

By Order of Major General Twiggs.

(Signed) W. M. S. Bliss,
Asst. Adj. Genl.

Orders 3
No. 91 3

Head Quarters 8th Department
Camp Belknap Red Fork of Brazos River
Texas. November 3rd 1851.

Post Brig. General Belknap, Lieut Col 5th Infy. having selected the present site on the Red Fork of the Brazos, and at the intimation of myself, another on the Clear Fork of the same river; at or in the immediate vicinity of a point known as Phantom hill - they are hereby established as military posts.

The buildings will be erected according to the plans furnished - every attention being paid to economy.

Each of these posts will be garrisoned by a wing of the 5th Infantry, and the left wing of that Regiment, will immediately

be put in motion, under the direction of Brigadier General Abercrombie, to occupy the site selected on the Clear Fork.

The Head Quarters will be established with the right wing.

(Signed) Persifer F. Smith
 Brigadier Major General
 Comdg 8th Department.

Head Quarters Western Division
 New Orleans, November 8, 1857.

Orders 3
 No 18 3

All future issues of Veterinary medicines and instruments for public horses and mules in this Division, will be regulated by the following supply table, which exhibits the quantity of each allowed for 100 Animals for one year, the same proportion being allowed for a quarter or less number, or period of time.

Albes	15 pounds	Mercurial Ointment	4 pounds
Ammonia	6 bottles	Nitre	10 pounds
British Oil	12 Quarts	Opodeldoo	4 doz. bottles
Calomel	10 pounds	Phlegm	2
Castile Soap	50 pounds	Salts Glauber	25 pounds
Horse Syringes	2	Sulphur	15 "
Lard	50 pounds	Turpentine Spirits	12 "
Laudanum	2 Quarts	Vitriol Blue	4 "

No article will be required or issued for Veterinary purposes other than those above indicated, nor will the quantities or proportions be exceeded in any case.

All requisitions for supplies of this character will be accompanied by a certificate setting forth the number of horses and mules for which the supply is required, including the horses of forage officers.

By order of Major General Swigg
 (Signed) W. R. S. Bliss.
 Asst Adjt Genl

Head Quarters 8th Department
 Austin on Red River, Texas.
 November 12, 1857

Orders 3
 No 93 3

The General Announces with pain to the troops of the Department, the death of Brigadier General William G. Belknap, Lieut Col of the 5th Infantry. He died on the 10th Inst. about 9 o'clock a.m. four miles beyond this place on the road to Fort Washita.

Near forty years of arduous military service, the dangers of

many battles, and the various changes of climate incident to his profession in the United States & Mexico, had still left him with vigorous health, when a few weeks since he was attacked with the disease which has terminated so fatally. He continued nevertheless in the active exercise of his duties until forced by the progress of his complaint to seek the shelter of a house & the society and comforts of his home. Death arrested him on his journey, and he has found his long home in the grave.

(Signed)

Persefor. F. Smith
 Rot Major Genl
 Commandg. Dept.

Head Quarters Western Division
 New Orleans. November 29. 1851.

Memorandum of Promotion 3

1st Infantry.

1st Lieut. Stephen D. Carpenter, to be Captain, October 17. 1851. Vice Plummer deceased. [assigned to Company "H", to report by letter to his Colonel]

2nd Lieut. Charles N. Underwood, to be First Lieut. Oct 17. 1851. Vice Carpenter promoted [to join Company H, and report by letter to his Colonel]

Rot 2nd Lieut. Samuel H. Reynolds, to be Second Lieut. Oct 17. 1851. Vice Underwood promoted to proceed without delay to join his Company (H) at Fort Merrill

Announced by Order of Major General Twiggs
 (Signed) W. W. S. Bless

Asst. Adj. Genl.

Head Quarters 8th Department
 San Antonio December 4. 1851.

Orders 3
 No 94 3

The attention of Officers in this Department is called to Sept Orders No 69. Current Series - and in future all requisitions, therein referred to, will be made by the Asst. or Acting Asst Qr Masters at the several posts, the property required to be by them received, and issued to the Troops. This plan will prevent Confusion caused by requisitions being made independently by the Commanders of Companies and the Officers of the Quarter Masters Dept. for the same Articles. In the case of Special requisitions, the reasons for the issue must be distinctly set forth in full, and care will be taken to avoid making estimates upon the same requisition for Articles not classed alike - as, for instance, Camp & Garrison Equipage, and horse Medicines &c. All requisitions will be examined and signed by the respective Commanding Officers.

Order 3
No 96 3

Head Quarters 8th Department
San Antonio, Decr 23rd 1861.

In all the reports from the frontier posts, the Commanding General is astonished to observe, that, not only has the Commanding Officer of a post, with scarcely an exception, never taken part in any scout for men observation, but, even where the neighborhood of hostile or predatory bands of Indians has been ascertained, a subordinate officer is invariably detached, as the only object in the establishment of many of these posts is the punishment of such bands, thereby securing protection to our own citizens, and the fulfillment of our obligations to the Republic of Mexico. And the design of others is, in addition, to enforce the observance of our "Neutrality laws". Both these ends are to be attained by the same means. The Commanding General expects to see the officers upon whom the responsibility and honor of these duties devolves, exhibit an activity commensurate with their importance, and he is desirous to know to what extent, beyond what appears on record at department Head Quarters, such zeal has been exercised.

The Commanding Officers of each post in the Department, will report what commands have moved from his post since the receipt of Department Order No 46, dated the 15th of May last, whether under the immediate orders of, accompanied by the Commanding Officer, together with a detailed report of the march day by day. The information thus required is intended to be the foundation of future instructions and remarks, and is therefore expected to be full and exact.

By Order of Major General Smith.

(Signed) Geo Deas

Asst. Adj. Genl.

Special Order 3
No 5 3

Head Quarters 8th Department
San Antonio, January 15th 1862.

The four Companies of the 1st Infantry ^{after 4 companies of full enlisted men} now in camp in this vicinity, will commence the march Regimental Head Quarters, for their destination on the 19th instant. The supplies for this battalion will be such that on leaving Fort Martin Scott, it shall have fifteen days subsistence for the route, and a full three months supply in the train. The portion to be drawn from the stores on hand at that post.

The Chiefs of Quarter Masters and Subsistence Departments will take the necessary steps for carrying into effect these instructions.

By Order of Major General Smith

(Signed) Geo Deas

Asst. Adj. Genl.

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No 1 3

Head Quarters. 8th Department
San Antonio. February 5. 1852.

On the several post returns forwarded to the head Quarters of this Department. under the head of "Absent" on Detached Service, a note will hereafter be made of the number of Officers and men actually absent from the Dept. - in contradistinction to those only absent from the post.

By Order of Bot Major General Smith
(Signed) Geo. Deas.

Asst. Adj. Genl.

Head Quarters 8th Department
San Antonio. Feby. 9. 1852.

Circular.

All Communications addressed to the Asst. Adj. General at Department Head Quarters. when forwarded by Express will be put up separately and not be mixed with other letters; and the Couriers will be directed to report in person to the Asst. Adj. General (or the Officer acting as such) immediately on their arrival at San Antonio.

By Order of Bot Major General Smith
(Signed) Geo. Deas

Asst. Adj. Genl.

Head Quarters 8th Department.
San Antonio. February 12. 1852.

Special Orders 3
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Extract.

Asst Surgeon Wm Anderson. will proceed.

to the medicines and Hospital property in his charge. to the post on the (Head Quarters 1st Infantry) to which Station he is assigned.

By Order of Bot Major General Smith
(Signed) Geo. Deas

Asst. Adj. Genl.

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Order 34

Head Quarters 8th Department,
San Antonio, November 17, 1852

Surgeon Geo. F. Turner, on duty at Fort Croghan, will repair without delay to San Antonio, and receipt to Surgeon Jarvis for the medicines and hospital stores belonging to the purveying department and hospitals at this place. These stores and property will then be transported to Fort Croghan, and Surgeon Turner will at that post assume the duties of Medical purveyor for the posts on the Llano, San Saba, Oak Creek, the Brazos and Trinity Rivers. The purveying point for the posts on the Nueces, Leona, Las Moras and the Rio Grande will be at Corpus Christi.

By Order of Brig. Major General Smith
(Signed) Geo. Deas
Asst. Adj. Genl.

Order 40

Head Quarters 6th Mil Department,
Jefferson Barracks, Nov. 18, 1852.

(Extract.)

By a General Court Martial convened at Jeff. Barracks, Mo., on the 18th inst. pursuant to Department Order No. 39, Current Series, and of which Brig. Lieut Colonel B. Bragg, Captain 3rd Artillery, is President were tried.

3. Private Patrick Taffer, Company "K" 1st Infantry,
Charge - "Desertion"
Plea Guilty

The Court confirms the plea of the accused, and does sentence him "to forfeit all pay and allowances that are or may become due him, except necessary fatigue clothing, to be marked with the letter 'D' two times on the left hip in India Ink, to receive fifty lashes on his bare back after proper a raw hide, well laid on, to be confined at hard labor, with a 15 lb. iron chain for two years, at the expiration of which to have his head shaved and be drummed out of service."

II. the sentences are approved and confirmed and will be duly carried into effect by the commanding officers.

III. The General Court Martial of which Brig. Lieut Colonel B. Bragg, is president, is hereby dissolved.

By Order of Brig. Genl. Clarke
(Signed) W. S. Hancock
Brig. Lieut 6th Infy
A. A. Genl.

Head Quarters 8th Department.
San Antonio, November 22. 1852.

Orders 3
No 36

Bot. Lieut Colonel J. E. Johnston, Chief of Topographical Engineers in this Department. and Bot Captain Geo. B. McClellan, of the Corps of Engineers, are relieved from duty in the Department agreeably to Special Orders from the Adjutant General's Office. Nos 154. and 156. Current Series.

By Order of Bot Major General Smith
/ Signed / Geo Deas
Asst. Adj. Genl.

Head Quarters 8th Department.
San Antonio, November 25. 1852

Orders 3
No 37

I At the General Court Martial which convened at the military post at the head of the Llano, on the 19th day of October 1852, pursuant to Order No 29. dated Head Quarters 8th Department, September 25. 1852, and of which Major Pitcairn Morrison, 8th Infantry is President, were arraigned and tried the following prisoners. Viz -

6. Private Rory McDonough, of Company K 1st Infantry.
Charge - Desertion
Plea - Guilty.

Finding and Sentence.

The court confirm the plea of the prisoner and do therefore sentence him Private Rory McDonough, of Company K 1st Infantry "to forfeit all pay and allowances which Orders may become due, to have his head shaved, to be branded on the right hip with the No 94 3" one inch in length, to receive fifty lashes well laid his bare back with a No 1, and to be drummed out of Service."

Orders No 6 7 Private Timothy Porter, of Company H. 1st Infantry.
Charge - Desertion
Plea - Guilty.

Finding and Sentence

The Court confirm the plea of the prisoner and do therefore sentence him Private Timothy Porter of Company H 1st Infantry. "to forfeit all pay and allowances for which are, or may become due, to have his head shaved, to be branded on the right hip with the letter D" one inch in length, to receive fifty lashes on his bare back with a No 1 laid on with a raw hide, and to be drummed out of Service."

8th Private John McCarty of Company A 1st Infantry
Charge "Drunkenness on Guard."

General Regulations, by stating at the end of the proceedings in each case, their determination and the manner in which the case is disposed of. They will also furnish with the proceedings of each Court, a copy of the Order promulgating the same to their Commands.

By Order of Major General Twiggs
(Signed) W. W. L. Bliss.
Asst. Adj. Genl.

Orders
No 10

Head Quarters Western Division
New Orleans. December 1. 1852.

All Invoices of Quarter Masters and Subsistence Stores forwarded from the principal Depots at New Orleans and St. Louis, to minor Depots and Military within this Division. will be accompanied by Statements of the Cost prices of such Stores. The Officers to whom they are Consigned, will ascertain the expense of transportation upon each Article, which will be added to the Cost price and the total Cost thus resulting will be reported by such Officers, from time to time to the proper Staff Officers at Division Head Quarters. — the Cost of Quarter Masters Stores to the Asst. Quarter Master General, the Cost of Subsistence Stores to the Commissary Stationed in New Orleans.

By Order of Major General Twiggs
(Signed) W. W. L. Bliss
Asst. Adj. Genl.

Orders
No 12

Head Quarters Western Division
New Orleans. December. 22. 1852.

A General Court Martial Constituted as hereinafter specified will assemble at Fort Gibson, C. R. at 12 O'clock M. on Thursday the 20th of Jan^y 1853. or as soon thereafter as practicable for the trial of such prisoners (enlisted men) as may be brought before it.

Detail for the Court.

Bot. Major	D. P. Whiting.	Captain	7 th Infantry
Captain	C. H. Kumber	"	"
Captain	L. McLaws	"	"
Bot. Captain	F. Gardner	1 st Lieut	"
2 nd Lieut	W. L. Cabell	"	"
2 nd Lieut	T. J. C. Armory	"	"
Bot. 2 nd Lieut	L. A. Williams	"	"

Bot. Major Francis M. Page. Asst. Adj. Genl. Judge advocate.

Should any of the Officers ^{named} fail to attend, or be prevented from setting on the Court, the remainder if not less than five, are nevertheless empowered to act. No greater number can be detailed without manifest injury to the Service.

(Signed) By Order of Bot. Major Genl. Twiggs.
A. Cumming

Lieut 7th Infantry.

A.D.C. & a a adjt. Genl.

Orders
No 41

Temporary Head Quarters 8th Dept.
San Antonio, Decr 26. 1852.

1. Bot. Captain Thos G. Rhett, Regiment Mounted Riflemen, is relieved from duty as Acting Aide-de-Camp to the General of Department, and will immediately receipt to Major Wm. Chapman A.G.M. at the Depot at Corpus Christi, for the public property in his possession.

2. 1st Lieut Thos J. Woods, 2nd Dragoons is announced as Aide de Camp to the Commanding General.

(Signed)

Wm S. Harney

Bot Brig Genl & c. A.G.A.
Comd'g Dept.

Orders
No 1

Head Quarters Western Division
New Orleans, January 4. 1853.

A General Court Martial will assemble at Fort Brooke, Fla., at 10 O'clock A.M. on the 24th inst. for the trial of Captain William F. Barry, 2nd Arty., 1st Lieut. & Bot. Captain Samuel K. Dawson, 1st Artillery, and 1st C. R. P. Butler, 2nd Artillery and such Officers or enlisted men as may be brought before it.

Detail for the Court.

Bot. Brig. Genl. Thomas Childs,

Major, 1st Artillery.

Bot. Colonel J. L. Gardner.

Lieut Col 1st Artillery.

Bot Lieut Col Geo Nauman

Capt 1st Artillery

Bot Lieut Col J. H. Minder,

Capt. 1st Artillery

Bot. Major Allen Lowd

Captain 2nd Artillery

Bot. Major F. Woodbridge

Captain 2nd Artillery.

Bot. Major J. A. Haskin.

Captain 1st Artillery

1st Lieut A J Cook

2nd Artillery.

Bot. Major J. F. Reynolds, 1st Lieut 3rd Artillery, is appointed Judge advocate of the Court.

Should any of the Officers named in the detail be

prevented from attending at the time and place specified, the Court will nevertheless proceed to and continue the business before it, provided the number of members present be not less than seven; the above being the greatest number that can be assembled without manifest injury to the service.

By Order of Major General Twiggs.
(Signed) W. W. S. Bliss.

Asst. Adj. Genl.

Head Quarters 8th Department.

Corpus Christi, January 13. 1853.

Circular.

Immediately after a desertion is known to have taken place from any post in this Department, the Commanding officer thereof will forward a full and complete description of the deserter to the Sheriff of Galveston County.

It is believed that many deserters will be arrested through this agency, and if this expectation should be realized, such an example will be exhibited as will contribute very much to repress subsequent desertions.

By Order of Bvt. Brig. General Harney.
(Signed) Th. J. Wood

Lieut. 3rd Dragoon & A.D.C.

Head Quarters 8th Department.

Corpus Christi, January 14. 1853.

Orders
N^o 4

A General Court Martial to consist of seven members, a greater number cannot be assembled without manifest injury to the service, will convene at Fort Terrell, Texas, on Tuesday, February 1. 1853. ^{at 12. O'clock P.M.} or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the trial of such prisoners as may be properly brought before it.

Detail for the Court

Lieut. Col. Henry Bainbridge

1st Infantry.

Captain R. J. Granger.

" "

Captain Jas. N. Caldwell

" "

Captain Stephen D. Carpenter

" "

1st Lieut. Charles. N. Underwood

" "

2nd Lieut. R. W. Johnson

" "

2nd Lieut. Charles. W. Field

2nd Dragoons

1st Lieut. F. J. Denman. 1st Infantry, is appointed Judge Advocate.

Should any of the members named be prevented from attending at the time and place specified, the Court will nevertheless proceed & attend to the business before it, provided the number present be not less than five.

Official

R. W. Johnson
Lt. & Asst.

By Order of Bvt. Brig. Genl. Harney.

/ Signed / Th. J. Woods.

Lieut. 2nd Drag. & A. S. C.

Orders

No. 5

Head Quarters, 8th Department.

Corpus Christi, Texas. January 14. 1853.

I . . . Officers engaged in tours requiring them to visit different posts in this Department, will apply to the Commanding Officer of each successive post for an escort to relieve the one which may have accompanied them from the last post visited. So soon as a new escort is furnished, the old one will be directed to return to its proper post or Station.

II . . . Should officers engaged as described in paragraph. 1. receive transportation from an exterior post, the same rule will be applied to it as to the escort.

By Order of Bvt. Brig. Genl. Harney.

/ Signed / Th. J. Woods.

Lieut. 2nd Drag. & A. S. C.

Official

R. W. Johnson
Lt. & Asst.

Orders

No. 7

Head Quarters 8th Dept.

Corpus Christi, Texas. January 16. 1853.

I . . . Captain J. H. King, 1st Infantry, is assigned to the Command of Fort Clark. And will march with his Company direct to it from Fort Terrell. The baggage of the Company will be taken with it in public transportation. No expense must be incurred in this movement.

II . . . One of the Companies - to be designated by Lieut Colonel Bainbridge, commanding the 1st Infantry. - at Fort Clark, will proceed to Fort Terrell immediately after Capt. King's arrival at the former. The transportation employed in removing Capt. King's Company to Fort Clark, will transport the baggage of the other Company to Fort Terrell.

By Order of Bvt. Brig. Genl. Harney

/ Signed / Th. J. Woods.

Lieut. 2nd Drag. & A. S. C.

Official

R. W. Johnson
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