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ORDERLY BOOK OF EIGHTH PENNSYLVANIA
REGIMENT

[Official orderly book.¹ 2NN1-106. Transcript.]

LANCASTER, June 17th 1778.

A Regimental Court Martial to sit tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock for y^e trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before them. All witnesses & parties concerned, to attend. The Court to consist of one Captain & two subalterns—Capt. Prather Presid^t

The Forage-Master will take care that no horses are admitted into the pasture, or allowed forage except such as are entitled thereto—sick officers' horses are to be entitled

The Quarter Master will see that the vaults made for the Reg^t be duly covered, & fresh earth thrown into them every morning. The Rolls are to be called three times a day, & all absentees reported & confined.

A return of all the women of the Reg^t to be made immediately, with their names & usefulness in the reg^t—none but such as appear to be cleanly and industrious in washing for the officers and men, will be allowed rations in future, nor permitted to remain with the Regiment.

The officers will pay the strictest attention to the cleanliness of the men and camp in general. Nothing reflects greater discredit on a Regim^t than the want of cleanliness, decency & good order.

¹ When Dr. Draper was living in Philadelphia in the year 1849, he secured from Dr. William A. Irvine of Warren County, Pa., a grandson of Gen. William Irvine, a number of the latter's manuscript papers, from which to make extracts and transcripts. Among them Dr. Draper found the Orderly Book of the Eighth Pennsylvania Regiment, covering the time from June 17, 1778 to Sept. 30, 1783. This Dr. Draper set himself the task of transcribing, which he completed in April, 1851. At the head of the document he wrote as follows:

"Gen^l McIntosh and Col. Brodhead's Orderly Book. (among the Irvine Papers: On the cover Within is once written 'Cap^t Lieut. John Hardin'—and repeatedly 'John Guthrie, Ensign.')

Probably Dr. Draper intended to indicate that Capt.-Lieut. John Hardin and Ensign John Guthrie had acted as adjutants or scribes in producing the orderly book. So far as known the original is not now extant. The transcript appears to have been made with scrupulous care. We publish here the portion covering the period of the present volume. The remainder of the document will appear in later volumes of this series.

In future no woman of the Regim^t is to demand more than sixpence for washing a soldier's shirt, nor more than one shilling for washing an officer's shirt, on pain of being drummed out.

DAN^l BRODHEAD, Col. 8th Pen. Reg^t

LANCASTER, June 19th 1778.

At a Regimental Court Martial whereof Capt. Basil Prather was President held yesterday, William M^cCalley, a private in the 8th P^a Reg^t, tried for drunkenness, assaulting of W^m Cruse, & disobedience of orders, was found guilty of drunkenness & disobedience of orders, & sentenced to receive 25 lashes for each crime. The Colonel approves of the sentence of the Court, but in consideration of this being the first time of his troubling a Court Martial, his submission & promises of better conduct, remits the punishment & orders his release.

At the same Court Alex^r Graham & Tho^s Ross were tried on suspicion of theft & acquitted; they are to be immediately released from confinement.

At the same Court Thomas Mathews was tried for neglect of duty, & on his own confession found guilty of the charge, and sentenced to receive twenty-five lashes. The Colonel approves the sentence, but as it appears to be his first crime, remits the punishment & orders him to be released accordingly.

As several complaints have been made by the inhabitants, that several depredations have been committed, and insults offered them by soldiers, not knowing how to distinguish to what regiment they belong, & consequently censure the soldiery in general, the Colonel finds himself concerned for the reputation of his own reg^t, and in order that troops may be distinguished & no reflections cast on his reg^t, which he has the pleasure to know have hitherto supported its credit, he directs that no soldier be permitted to leave camp without leave from an officer.

The Colonel thanks the officers of the Reg^t for their steady attention to the duties of the Reg^t, and has the pleasure to inform them that he is now possessed of ample authority to have the Reg^t decently clothed.

The Court Martial which sat yesterday, is to sit immediately for the trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before them.

DAN^l BRODHEAD, Col. 8th P^a Reg^t

CAMP, LANCASTER, June 23^d 1778.

Any soldier or soldiers destroying private property may depend on meeting with the most exemplary punishment. A Court of Inquiry is to sit immediately to inquire into the conduct of Capt. Tho^s Cook respecting his absence from the reg^t, & report their opinion thereon—Maj. Vernon, Presd^t

D^t BRODHEAD, Col.

LANCASTER July 5th 1778.

At one o'clock this afternoon the drums are to beat the "General"; at half past one the "Troop." As soon as the Reg^t is paraded, the drums are to beat a march. A serg^t & 12 men are to be warned to guard the waggons at one o'clock to march on the road leading to Wright's Ferry. No women are to be permitted to ride in the waggons without leave in writing from y^e Colonel. None will be permitted to tie up packs or other articles in y^e tents; and the officers & non-commissioned officers will take notice that the tents are to be rolled up in the neatest and most compact manner. The Reg^t must have its small guards as directed in General Orders, front & rear.

No soldier will be permitted to leave the ranks without leave from the officer commanding the platoon to which he belongs.

DAN^l BRODHEAD.

CARLISLE, July 8th 1778.

The men under Capt. Finley are to be clothed to-morrow morning, & join their respective companies. All the arms belonging to the Reg^t are to be cleaned in ye. best manner possible. The whole Reg^t will appear clean as it is in y^e power of each man to do it. The officers are requested to be particularly careful that no disorders happen in camp; and any soldier who shall be found guilty of destroying property must expect to meet exemplary punishment: No excuse will be admitted for neglect of duty on the head of violation of these or former orders. Vaults are directly to be made & covered with green boughs, which are to be covered every morning early; as *the Reg^t is to march in a day or two*, no applications for furloughs will be received.

CARLISLE, July 10th 1778.

The Colonel is very unfortunate in being under the disagreeable necessity of multiplying orders to his Reg^t, which for discipline & regularity he has so much endeavored to raise in the estimation

of the world; but disagreeable as it may be, his great desire of preserving its reputation demands that the following orders be most punctually complied with.

No officer henceforth shall presume to leave the camp to the distance of half a mile, without leave from the commanding officer, & if any shall be daring enough to attempt a disobedience, such offenders may depend on being tried for their offences agreeably to the Rules of War.

No soldier is to be absent from camp after retreat-beating, on pain of being immediately punished with 25 lashes.

The Colonel hopes he has given y^e Reg^t the clearest proofs of his attachment to officers & men, & is determined to convince them of the most earnest resolution to be obeyed; the Colonel, therefore, expects that the commissioned & non-commissioned officers will not suffer discipline to relax; but, on the contrary, will exert themselves to bring it to the greatest perfection, will command respect even to the centinel.

These orders are to be publicly read to the Regiment at Troop beating, by the Major or Adjutant of the Reg^t, and considered as standing orders.

A careful serj^t & 10 men are to be detached every evening at retreat beating to examine the streets of Carlisle, & if any soldier not having a written permission from a Commiss^d officer shall be found in the town, such soldier shall be made a prisoner & punished as above mentioned.

D. B.

HEAD QUARTERS, SUNBURY, July 18th 1778.

Lt. Graham is appointed Brigade Major, and is to be obeyed and respected as such until further orders.

D. B. Col. Com^s Detachm^t

HEAD QUARTERS, MUNSEY, July 20th 1778.

A captain, 3 serj^{ts} & 33 rank & file are to be paraded to-[morrow] morning at Sunrise, & scout to Serrat's Mill, & two miles beyond it, to make discoveries of the enemy, & protect the inhabitants: Each man is to draw one gill of spirits & one day's provision. Another party consisting of one subaltern, 2 serj^{ts} & 20 rank & file, to parade at the same time to go with the Q. M^r to fetch in two waggon loads of straw. M^r Wallace will furnish a guide to each party.

D. B. Col. com^{dg} Detachm^t