

Hd. Qrs. 1st Brig. 2nd Div.  
December 27, 1863

Special Order  
No. 155

~~IV. 1st Lieut. James L. Harding 154th Regt. N.Y. Vols is hereby detached(?)~~  
as Acting A. A. G. 1st Brigade 2nd Division 17th Corps to relieve Lieut. T. H. Lee  
at present acting in that capacity and will report at these Hd. Qrs. for duty.

By Orders Col. G. W. Mindil  
Cmdg. 1st Brigade  
C. C. Brown  
Capt. & AAA Gen'l

Official

W. G. Cameron  
Acting Adjt.

Near Quarters Eleventh Corps  
December 31st 1863

Special Order  
No. 252

Extract

III Lieutenant Jas L. Harding 154th N.Y. Vols is hereby appointed Acting Assistant Inspector General of the 1st Brigade, 2d Division and will report to Col. G. W. Mindil comdg. Brigade for duty.

By order of Major Gen. Howard  
(Signed) F.J. Palmer AAAG

Near Quarters 2d Division 11th Corps  
December 31, 1863

Official

(Signed) Robt. E. Bucher(?)  
AAAG

Near Quarters 1st Brigade 2d Division 11th Corps  
December 31, 1863

Official

C.C. Bivin(?)  
Capt. and AAAG

Hd. Qrs. 2d Brigade 2d Div. 20th  
Corps.  
Lookout Valley Ten. April 20th,  
1864

Capt. Forbes  
A. A. I. G. 2d Div. 20th Corps

Captain:

I have the honor to submit the following letter of advice:

Ohio Brigade composed of the 27th, 73d and 109th Pa., 119th 134th and 154th N.Y. and the 33d N.J. Vols. was formed pursuant to Special Field Orders No. 105 par. 4 Dept. of the Cumberland dated April 14, 1864.

The 27th Pa. Vols are encamped at Lookout Station on the Nashville & Chattanooga R.R. The 154th N.Y. Vols, 73d Pa. and 33d N.J. and 134th N.Y. Vols are encamped across the valley from Lookout Station and along the base of Raccoon (sic) Ridge. The 119th N.Y. Vols are encamped at Shell Mound Tenn. The 109th Pa. Vols. have reenlisted as Veteran Volunteers are absent on furlough.

A detachment from the 73d Pa. Vols consisting of two medical officers an Actg Qr Mr two Lieutenants and 144 men which had reenlisted and were furloughed Jan 12, 1864 returned Mar 30, 1864.

During the month the troops have been chiefly occupied in guard picket and fatigue duty.

During the month the average daily detail for fatigue, guard and picket duty is as follows:

27th Pa. Vols.	Fatigue	none	Guard & Picket	21
73rd Pa. Vols.	"	2½	" "	7
119th N.Y. Vols.	"	25	" "	52
134th N.Y. Vols.	"	3	" "	25
154th N.Y. Vols.	"	6	" "	20
33d N.J. Vols.	"	3	" "	43
Total		<u>39½</u>		<u>168</u>

The following named Officer is reported absent without leave, Richard H. Ogden Adj. 119th N.Y. Vols.

Adjutant Genl's Dept.

~~The business of this office is promptly and correctly transacted.~~

Qr. Mr's. Dept.

The transportation of the regiments is consolidated in this Brigade and is under the immediate controll of the Bridge Qr. Mr. The amount of transportation is as follows:

30 Army wagons, 178 mules of which number 7 are unserviceable and the necessary equipments. A contagious disease, the glanders, has been prevalent among the animals since March 20th when it made its appearance with a new supply of mules. Every precaution has been taken to prevent the spread of the contagion by removing the exposed animals to a distant point. As soon as the disease was fully developed the animal was immediately killed. 20 mules have died since March 20th principally from this disease. The animals are well cared for and are only used in the public service. Of the quality of the mules used in brigade transportation they are small, young and poor in flesh and do not appear to thrive on the forage issued. The Inspector makes frequent visits to the wagon train.

Forage Dept.

Full rations of grain are issued. The average mixture of forage is two thirds corn to one third oats. Scarcely any hay is issued.

Commissary Dept.

Full rations are issued to the troops consisting of all the regular articles composing the ration except fresh vegetables which is only a partial ration. A better supply of pickles or a substitute and of fresh vegetables is much needed. The rations issued are sweet and wholesome. A sufficient quantity of beef is issued but of a very inferior quality. Full rations of soft bread of good quality is furnished to the troops.

Ambulance Dept.

The ambulance train of this Brigade consists of 10 ambulances one army and one medicine wagon 2 horses and 7 mules in good condition and 4 mules unfit for hard service.

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Gen. Orders No. 2 C.S. Dept. Cum. are complied with except so much as relates to a fully supply of animals for which frequent requisitions have been made.

Medical Dept.

The regimental hospitals of this Brigade are consolidated into one and are well supplied. The accommodations for the sick are ample. A few cases of smallpox and measles have occurred during the month. Every possible precaution has been taken to prevent the spread of the contagion. Scurvy has also appeared in a few cases. A regular account of hospital fund is kept. The general health of the Brigade is fair. The daily average of sick in the Brigade during the month is 108 divided as follows:

27th Pa. Vols.	19
33d N.J. Vols.	39
73rd Pa. Vols.	3
134th N.Y. Vols.	12
154th N.Y. Vols.	22
119th N.Y. Vols.	13

Gen. Orders No. 8 C.S. Dept. Cum. are complied with except so much as relates to providing each regiment with a pack mule to carry regimental hospital stores. Frequent requisitions have been made but no suitable animals for that purpose can be obtained. The Brigade hospital Dept. is supplied with one medicine wagon.

Provost Mar. Dept.

Good order is maintained in the command and all duties of this Dept. are properly performed.

Ordnance Dept.

All unserviceable ordnance stores have been inspected and either condemned to be dropped or turned in for repairs. Arms and accoutrements are kept clean and free

from rust and are properly cared for. Their appearance at inspection was faultless. The ammunition is in good condition and a good supply is on hand.

Inspectors Dept.

~~Daily visits are made to the regiments. The camps are clean and orderly~~  
well policed and ditched. The quarters are comfortable and neat. The troops are daily exercised in skirmish, company or battallion drill and target practice. All guards are mounted at nine A.M. in accordance with regulations. A portion of the Articles of War are read weekly to the troops also such extracts from the revised Army Regulations as will tend to promote the efficiency and discipline of the command. Recitations in Caseys Tactics for officers are held weekly by the regimental commanders. All the regiments of this Brigade have company cooks in accordance with regulations.

Clothing is in good condition. A supply nearly sufficient to fill all requisitions has just been received (April 20th). Regimental and company books are generally complete. All unserviceable quartermaster stores have been condemned.

Gen. Orders No. 115 War Dept. and Gen. Order No. 55 Dept. of the Cum. are the last orders received at this office. The following orders are needed to complete the files in the respective regiments: 73d Pa. Vols. All orders between No. 373 series of 1863 and No. 48 series of 1864 of War Dept. and orders of the Dept. of the Cum. between No. 239 series of 1863 and No. 43 series of 1864. 134th N.Y. Vols. War Dept. series of 1864 Nos. 10, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 58, 66, 67, 71, 72, 73 and 75. Dept. of the Cum. No. 35.

The following officers were reported present for duty but absent at Inspection. 27th Pa. Vols. Lieut. Heimburg Qr. Mr. and E. B. Heckel Ajt. Surg. on duty Capt. J. Adelsheimer on special duty. Lieut. Alex Keist Off of the Day. 134th N.Y. Vols. Capt. Edwin Forest on Court Martial. 154th N.Y. Vols. Capt. Arthur Hotchkiss Brig. Off of the Day. 33rd N.J. Vols. Capt. Charles Coastis(?) Off of the day. Lieut James Warner Actg. Qr. Mr. Capt. J. M. Fields on Court Martial 73d Pa. Vols. Lieut J. Clark Actg. Qr. Mr.

All orders mentioned in par. A. Gen. Order No. 99 series of 1862 & 3 D.C. are complied except so much of Gen. Order No. 29 as relates to the detailing of an officer as topographical engineer.

~~Officers wear the uniform and insignia prescribed by Army Regulations in~~ compliance with par. 3 Gen. Ord. No. 8 CS D.C. Regimental and company commanders account properly for their respective funds.

A Council of Administration organized in conformity with regulations convened and established the price of sutler's goods for this Brigade. Each regimental Sutler has been furnished with a copy and directed to place it in a conspicuous position in his tent. A list of articles and prices accompany this letter.

The 73rd Pa. Vet. Vols returned from furlough Mar 30th. The commanding officer of the regiment did not then and has not yet returned. It is very difficult to get a report or obtain correct information from the regiment as the regimental books and papers are not with the command. The Brigade Commander has forwarded to Dept. Hd. Qrs. a statement of its condition.

The supplies of this Brigade are transported by railway to Lookout Station.

So far as my observation extends the officers of this Brigade are capable and efficient and perform their duties ably with credit to themselves and to the command.

Hd Qrs 2d Brigade 2d Div  
20th C. Office AAIG June 24 1864

Capt. W. T. Forbes  
Asst. Insp. Genl 2d Div.

Captain:

I have the honor to submit the following letter of advice:

Since the inspection of May 21st this Brigade has been almost uninterruptedly engaged in marching, fighting or erecting fortifications. These protracted labors aggravated (sic) by exposure to heavy and incessant storms have produced their natural results in the physical exhaustion of the troops. But both officers and men though severely tried by the toils and exposure of the campaign are still zealous and determined and will cheerfully make whatever further efforts the exigencies of the service may demand.

Ammunition, arms and accoutrements are in good condition. The clothing is well worn and the men having had no opportunity (sic) for washing and being very poorly supplied with soap it is in a very uncleanly state. A new supply is much needed.

The troops have been supplied with full rations of coffee, sugar, bread and meat. The continued sameness in diet is severely felt, and symptoms of scurvy have appeared in the command owing to the total exclusion of vegetables from the rations.

The sanitary condition of the troops is as good as could be maintained under the continued exposure and fatigue. The lists of sick is made up of those who have failed rather through physical exhaustion than the attack of any prevailing disease.

At the opening of the campaign the mules in the transportation department were in poor condition and hard work with lack of forage has still further weakened them; a number of mules if much needed. There is also a want of horses for officers and mounted orderlies at these Hd Qrds.

I am very respectfully  
Your obt. Servt.  
J.L. Harding  
Lieut. & AAIG

Approved

Colonel Cmdg. 2d Brigade

Head Quarters 2d Division 20th A.C.  
Asst. Inspector General's Office  
July 4, 1864

Circular:

As a standing rule during campaigns, after any change in the main or picket lines, Brigade Inspectors will report to this office promptly describing the new position, especially with reference to the lines on their right and left, and those of the enemy in front - sending with the report a diagram sketch of the position and general character of the grounds in front with roads and distances marked - the number of paces in extent of the main and picket lines - the disposition of the different regiments and the location of Brigade Head Quarters will be particularly designated and all other points of interest or information will be included.

Important information about the enemy or the roads or country in front or on flank, which may be obtained from any reliable source, will always be promptly reported.

Pains will be taken by all Inspectors to obtain as much of such information as possible.

By command of  
Brig. Gen. Jno. W. Geary  
W. T. Forbes, Capt. and AAI Genl

Head Quarters 2d Brigade  
2d Division 20th Corps. Office AAIS  
August 15, 1864

Capt. W. H. Lambert  
Ajt. Insp. Genl. 2d Division

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Captain:

I have the honor to submit the following Letter of Advice:

Since the 22d day of July the Brigade has been in the trenches, about one and one-half miles from Atlanta, Ga., its left resting on a branch of Peach Tree Creek, on the farm of a Mr. Landis.

The troops are encamped on elevated ground. The beds are either raised or placed upon boards. The streets and quarters are fairly policed; sinks have been properly located and every measure has been taken to promote both the health and comfort of the troops. Several springs and a running brooks supply the camps with water.

Means of supplies and communication are furnished by railroad to Vinings Station, and thence by wagon road to the Brigade.

There have been no irregularities or violation<sup>of</sup>/orders; all orders are promptly and cheerfully executed.

Adj. Genl's. Dept.

The business of this department is conducted in an efficient manner.

Inspectors Dept.

The troops presented a neat and soldierly appearance at the monthly inspection; and considering the continued hardships and exposures of the campaign their condition reflects great credit upon the zeal and attention of their commanding officers. Camps are daily visited by the Brigade Inspector; all sanitary measures are enforced; unserviceable property promptly inspected and disposed of.

The Command is well supplied with clothing and equipments; there is no greater demand than for the usual monthly supplies. Rubber poncho blankets have frequently

been applied for but without success; a number are needed in the command.

The following named commissioned officers reported present for duty but were absent at inspection.

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Surgeon James Riley 33rd N.J. V.	Abs. at Div. Hosp.
Qr. Mr. Jno. A. Miller " " "	Abs. in his Dept.
Lieut James Deegan Co. H. 33rd N.J.V.	On picket
Lieut James T. Clark 73rd Pa. V.	Abs. with leave
Capt. W.I. Murphy, Co. H. 109th Pa. V.	On picket
Lieut. B. S. Smith Co. I 134th NYV	On picket
Lieut H. Ramsay Co. A " "	Abs. with leave

Ordnance Dept.

Arms accoutrements and ammunition are in good condition with sixty rounds of the latter per man.

Qr. Mr. Dept.

The transportation of the Brigade consists of thirty-nine army wagons and two hundred and thirty-six mules whose average condition is good. The ten riding horses are in poor condition. Several good saddle horses are much needed at Brigade Headquarters.

All estimates for clothing, camp and garrison equipage have been filled except those for rubber blankets, regulation hats, drums and a few knapsacks.

Forage Dept.

Full rations of oats and corn chiefly of the former and of good quality have been issued.

Commissary Dept.

The following rations have been issued to the troops during the month:

Full rations of fresh and salt meat, hard bread, prepared mixed vegetables, coffee, sugar, salt, pepper, soap and candles; one ratio of whiskey and two of vinegar the latter of poor quality, have also been issued.

Medical Dept.

The Brigade Hospital is consolidated in the Division Hospital which is located a mile in rear of the camp.

~~The general health of the troops is fair with a slight increase of sickness~~ since last report, of a malarious character. The sanitary and physical condition of the troops is good; a few symptoms of a scirbutic (?) nature are seen, but no diseases of a contagious character are prevalent. An increased supply of vegetable food is earnestly recommended by surgeons.

Each regiment of the Bridage is supplied with one pack mule and paniers (?) for medical purposes with the exception of the 119th N.Y.V. The surgeon of this regiment states that soon after starting on the campaign his mule broke down, and it being impossible to obtain another the paniers (?) were placed in the wagons and left at Ringgold. Measures will be immediately taken to provide the regiment with a mule and paniers(?). Medical supplies are sufficient; hospital accommodations are good.

Ambulance Dept.

The ambulance train consists of ten ambulances and one medical wagon with the necessary equipments. Two ambulances and four horses are required.

Genl. Orders No. 2 (series 1863) D.C. are complied with except so much as relates to a fully spply of ambulances and horses.

Latest Orders Received

Gen'l. Orders No. 339 War Dept. Circular No. 60 War Dept. and Genl. Order No. 88 Dept. Cum. The regimental papers not being at hand a list of orders necessary to complete files cannot be given.

The average daily detail for guard picket and fatigue since date of last inspection and the average daily number of sick for the same time is as follows:

	Guard	Picket	Fatigue	Sick
73rd Pa. Vols.	10	8	5	11
109th Pa. Vols.	3	7	10	12
119th N.Y. Vols.	4	8	10	6
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134th N.Y. Vols.	6	8	8	11
154th N.Y. Vols.	6	10	8	10
33 N.J. Vols.	14	14	10	6
Total in Brigade	43	55	51	56

Company and regimental commanders account properly for company and regimental funds.

Ratios are prepared by company books in accordance with Genl. Orders No. 76 s. 1863 D.C.

No sutlers have been present (sic) with the command Co. T 27th Pa. V. having reenlisted as veterans and the regiment which was formerly attached to this Brigade have been mustered out at the expiration of its term of service it was assigned for temporary duty to the 73rd Pa. V. by order of the Maj. Genl. Comdg. Dept.

This company during its previous three years service was detached as guard at the Arsenal, Washington, D. C. I would respectfully suggest that this company be permanently incorporated with the regiment with which it is now serving.

Guards are well instructed in their duties and perform them satisfactorily. Pickets are ever watchful and vigilant, and we have yet to experience the first surprise of our picket line by the enemy. The pickets and posts are established on the most commanding positions covering every ravine, open field and approach to our lines.

Too high praise cannot be awarded the officers and men of this command for their cheerful performance of duty at all times and under the most trying circumstances, and for the bravery with which they have ever engaged the foe.

The ability and zeal of commanding officers in the Brigade is all that could be desired, and the different staff and administrative officers are fully competent to discharge satisfactorily the duties of their respective positions.

I am very respectfully

Your obt. servt.

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Lieut. & A.A.I. Genl.

Approved

Col. Comdg. 2d Brigade

Head Quarters 2d Brigade  
2d Division 20th Corps  
Office AAIG Oct 15, 1864

Capt. W. H. Lambert  
AAI Genl 2d Division

Captain:

I have the honor to submit the following letter of advice:

There has been no change in the position of the Brigade since last report.

It is encamped on the south side of the City in the Enemy's entrenchments connecting on the left with the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division and on the right with the 1st Brigade, 2d Division.

From the 15th of September until the 5th inst. the troops were chiefly engaged in drilling and in picket duty: since the latter date heavy details have been made from the command for work upon the fortifications of the city. On the 11th inst. two hundred and fifty (250) men and on the 16th five hundred (500) men left the Brigade on foraging expeditions being absent four days on each excursion.

The regiments are well and with the exception of the 33rd N.J. Vols., <sup>fully</sup> supplied with clothing, camp and garrison equipage.

In respect of condition of equipments proficiency in drill general health and morale and ability and zeal of commanding officers the Brigade is in an effective and satisfactory condition.

The different departments in the Brigade are properly conducted and with the exception of the transportation in the Quartermasters Dept. in an effective condition.

The transportation of the Brigade consists of thirty-six (36) mules of which number twenty five are unserviceable. The wagons and equipment are in good condition, but the condition of the mules is poor. Owing to the interruption in our communications, very little forage has been issued. The glanders which prevails in other commands has not made its appearance among the animals in this Brigade.

With the exception of salt meat full rations of the usual articles of good quality have been issued.

The average daily detail for guard picket and fatigue and the average daily number of sick in the brigade during the month is as follows:

	Guard	Picket	Fatigue	Sick
73rd Pa. V. Vols.	2	11	14	2
109th Pa. V. Vols.		17	25	5
119th N.Y. Vols.	10	18	34	4
134th N.Y. Vols.	6	15	35	8
154th N.Y. Vols.	4	15	27	8
33rd N.J. Vols.	1	30	46	19
Total	23	106	181	46

Genl. Orders No. 252 War Dept. No 141 Dept. Cum. and No 14 20th Corps are the last orders received at this office.

The hospitals of the Brigade are consolidated in the Division Hospital. Genl. Orders No. 15 C.S. Dept. Cum. are complied with except in the case of the 119th NY Vols. which has no pack mules or panniers. Action has been taken to supply this want.

Par. III Genl Order's No. 8 c.s. Dept. Cum. is complied with and generally dues observance is paid to regulations and existing orders.

Regimental and company commanders account properly for their respective funds.

The officers of this command are generally distinguished by ability attention to duty and zeal for the welfare of the service.

I am captain  
Very respectfully  
Your obt. servt.  
Jno. W. Farland  
Lieut and AAIG

Approved

P.H. Jones  
Col. 154th N.Y. Vols  
Cmdg. Brigade  
PHJ

War Department  
Adjutant Generals Office  
Washington Oct. 17, 1864

Circular  
No. 80

I. Commanding Generals of Departments and armies will immediately upon receipt of this Circular direct an inspection to be made at Army, Department, Corps, Division, Brigade and other Head Quarters within their respective commands with a view of ascertaining if any regimental officers of the volunteer forces have been retained in service in violation of the order of the War Department after the muster out of their regiments or companies (see Section 3 General remarks Circular 36 current series from this office) as rapidly as an inspection at any head quarters is completed the Commanding General of the Army or Department will make immediate report to this office as follows:-

1st Name, Rank and Regiment of the officer, if any retained.

2d Name of the General, or other officer responsible for the retention and the orders if any authorizing the same.

3d If the officer retained endeavored in due time to ascertain if the terms of service of their commands were near their expiration, or had expired.

4th If the officers retained rendered to their regimental commander the reports required by Par. 468 Army Regulations also if said officers were informed at any time officially, or otherwise that their command had been mustered out.

II Commandants of rendezvous for drafted men and volunteers, superintendents of Volunteer Recruiting service and all other officers acting directly under the orders of the War Department will direct similar inspections and make reports embracing the points enumerated in the foregoing of officers detached under their orders.

III Any officer ascertained to have been irregularly retained will forthwith be relieved from duty and ordered to report by letter to the Adjutant General of the Army with a view to his muster out as of the date his command was so mustered.

IV. Hereafter Paymasters will make no payments to regimental officers absent on detached service from their regiments and companies until they have first fully satisfied themselves that the command of the officer so absent is in the service of the United States. In all cases where they find supernumerary officers in the service they will immediately report the fact to the Adjutant General of the Army for the action of the War Department.

V. The following extracts from orders and Regulations are republished for the information and guidance.

Paragraph 468 Army Regulations  
(Extract)

Officers on detached duty will report monthly to the commander of their post, of their Regiments or Corps and to the Adjutant General their station, the nature of their duties and the authority placing them thereon - likewise each change of address.

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Paragraph 3 Genl. Orders No. 110 A.G.O. of 1863  
(Extract)

"No commissioned officer of any grade in excess of the legal organization will be recognized. Any commander who may acknowledge, or receive as in service any such officer will be brought to trial for neglect of duty and disobedience of orders. No person acting in the capacity of a supernumerary will under any circumstances be permitted to receive pay and allowances from the Government and Paymasters making payment to such supernumeraries will be held individually accountable for amounts so paid."

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Section 3 and 4 General Remarks Circular No. 36 A.G.O.  
May 2d 1864  
(Extract)

"3rd When troops are mustered out of service all officers and men present and absent who are entitled to be discharged will be considered as mustered out at

at one time and place except Prisoners of War who will be considered as in service until their arrival in a loyal state with an allowance of time necessary for them to be returned to their respective places of enrollment. With officers and men of this class Commanding Officers of regiments and companies will exercise great care in stating in the remarks on the muster out rolls the date and place of capture thus:-

Prisoner of war \_\_\_\_\_ Captured at \_\_\_\_\_ Dec. 186 \_\_\_\_\_

4th Officers and men absent from their commands on detached service, sick in hospital, or paroled (after the officer under whose command they may be has satisfied himself that their terms of service have expired) will be furnished with transportation by the Quarter Masters Department to the place when the regiment is to be mustered out in time to be present at said muster. The transportation will be furnished upon requisition of the Commanding Officer under whom the officer or soldier may be service, or of the surgeon in charge of the hospital where he may be sick."

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Sec. 5 Circular 75 A.G.O. Spet. 22d 1864  
(Extract)

"When the regiment, company, or other command of a regimental officer is mustered out it must be distinctly understood that the officer is mustered out there with and regimental officer is mustered out it must be distinctly understood that the officer is mustered out there with and at the same time and place.

An officer will be held to service for the full term of his muster only when the regulation commanders retained in service for him.

Occasion is here taken to remind officers absent from their commands on detached service, sick or otherwise that it is their duty to keep themselves dully advised as to the dates at which their commands go out of service so that they may be mustered out and discharged therewith (see Circular No. 36 C.S. from this office)

officers neglecting this precaution will be held to a strict and rigid accountability.  
In case of doubt timely application should be made to the Adjutant General of the Army  
for information.

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By order of the Secty of War

E. D. Townsend  
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Head Quarters 20th A. Corps.  
Asst. Insp. Genls Office  
April 21st, 1865

Official (sgd)  
C. W. Asmussen  
Asst. Insp. Genl.

Capt. James L. Harding  
A.A.I.G. 27 Brig.

Head Quarters 2d Division 20th A.C.  
Office A. A. I Genl.  
April 23rd, 1865

Official  
Wm. H. Lambert  
Capt. 33d N.J.V. and A.A.I.G.  
2d Div. 20 c