

Head Quarters 2nd Div. 20th Corps.  
In the Field, N.C. May 1st 1865

Circular Orders

No.

Hereafter daily before marching the Comd. officer of the leading Brigade, will detail twenty (20) of his best soldiers under a Comdg. officer for safeguard duty. They will march immediately in advance of the Brigade, and one man will be left as safeguard at each house near the road, to be relieved by the succeeding Division and rejoin his command as early as practicable. If any arrangement can be made for hauling the knapsacks of these men it should be done.

By command of

Bvt. Maj. Gen. John W. Geary  
W.T. Forbes  
A.A.G.

Brig. Gen. P.B.C. Jones  
Comdg. 2nd Brig.

Head Quarters 20th Corps.  
Asst. Insp. Gen'l's Office  
Raleigh, April 29, 1865

Circular No. 8

The attention of the officers of the Inspectors' Department is called to the following extract from General Order No. 10 C.S. Head Quarters 20th Corps.

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Extract

"A pack train of twelve (12) animals only will be allowed to the field and line officers of each Regiment. All other animals now in the possession of officers or men of this command, except the private horses of officers entitled to keep them, and a sufficient number to mount the authorized number of Orderlies at Division and Brigade Head Quarters, will be turned over to the Chief Quartermaster of the Corps.

"The Inspectors of the different commands will, immediately on the publication of this order, make the necessary inspections to see that this order is promptly and fully complied with. Any officer neglecting to do so, will be reported to their Head Quarters."

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Reference is hereby had to General Orders Nos. 327, series 1863 and 177 series 1864 War Department. Also, to Section 2, Act of Congress approved July 17, 1862 (Published in Revised Army Regulations 1863 page 536) and to General Order No. 113 par. I, series 1863, Department of the Cumberland.

Division Inspectors are entitled to one orderly: see Section III, General Order No. 31, series 1863, Department of the Cumberland.

By Command of  
Maj. Gen. Mower  
(Signed) C. W. Asmussen(?)  
Lieut. Col. and A.A.G.

Head Quarters 2d Divn 20th Corps  
Office A.A.I. Gen'l  
Raleigh, April 29, 1865

Official:

Capt. J.L. Harding  
A.A.I.G. 27 Brig.  
Thro. C.O.(?)

Wm. H. Lambert  
Capt. 33d N.J.V. and A.A.I.G.  
2 Divn. 20th Corps.

Head Quarters, 20th Army Corps.  
Asst. Inspector Gen'l's Office  
Raleigh, N.C. April 29, 1865

Circular No. 9

The attention of the officers of the Inspector's Department is hereby called to the following extracts from General Order No. 10 C.S., Head Quarters 20th Corps.

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(Extract)

"After starting from here the march will be continued from day to day, until our destination is reached, or until orders are given from these or superior Head Quarters.

"The Divisions will habitually march and encamp from three to five miles apart, and a sufficient interval may be made while on the march between the Brigades and Regiments, to render the march as easy as possible; but both the troops and trains of each Division will be closed up and encamped together each night."

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Reference being had to par. 708 to 715. Rev. Army Regulations, 1863 and to the \_\_\_\_\_ given therein on pages 100 to 103; it is hereby made the duty of the Actg. Asst. Inspector Generals of the Divisions and Artillery Brigade to keep a journal of the route and encampments of the Divisions or Artillery Brigade respectively.

The Assistant Inspector General of the Corps will have to depend upon this journal to enable him to furnish the reports ordered, in the Circular dated April 5, 1865, Officer of Asst. Insp. Gen'l Head Quarters Army of Georgia, and, as he can not accompany each Division or Brigade, the Inspectors above named will be held responsible for a strike performance of their duty.

By Command of  
Maj. Gen. Mower  
(Signed) C.W. Asmussen  
Lieut. Col. and A.I.G.

Official

Head Quarters 2 Divn 20th Corps.  
Office A.A.A.G.  
Raleigh, N.C. April 29, '65

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

Wm. H. Lambert  
Capt. 33d N.J.V. and A.A.I.G.

Head Quarters 20th Corps  
Raleigh, N.C. April 28, 1865

General Orders  
No. 10

It has been announced by the Major General Commanding this Army, that hostilities have entirely ceased, and that this Army is to march at once via Richmond to Washington to be mustered out of service and return to their homes.

We have a long march before us, and through what has been hitherto the enemy's country, but recent events having put an end to the war, the march will be conducted the same as in any loyal State. There will be no foraging upon the country, private property will be respected, and soldiers will not be allowed to enter dwelling houses.

Every effort will be made on the part of all officers to prevent straggling and pillaging. Division Commanders will institute in their commands a system of Roll Call upon the march and all men improperly absent will be summarily punished. A pack train of twelve animals only will be allowed to the Field and line officers of each Regiment.

All other animals now in the possession of Officers or men of this command except the private horses of officers entitled to keep them and a sufficient number of horses to mount the authorized number of orderlies at Division and Brigade Head Quarters, will at once be turned in to the Chief Quarter Master of the Corps.

The Inspectors of the different commands will immediately upon the publication of this order, make the necessary inspections, to see that this order is promptly and fully complied with. Any officer neglecting to do so, will be reported to these Head Quarters. After starting from here, the march will be continued from day to day until our destination is reached, or until orders are given from these or superior Head Quarters, to halt.

The Divisions will habitually march and encamp from three to five miles apart, and a sufficient interval may be made while on the march between the Brigades and Regiments to render the march as easy as possible, but both the troops and train of each Division will be closed up and encamped together each night.

The trains of each Division will march with it and each Division Commander will make his own disposition of his troops to cover and assist his trains.

The pontoon train will march habitually in advance of the trains of the leading Division.

The Artillery will march with the leading Division preceding (sic) all the trains. The Comdg. Officer of the leading Division will establish all necessary guards over buildings and property along the route of march. These guards will be relieved by the succeeding Division as they pass.

By Command of  
Major General Joseph A. Mower  
(Signed) H.W. Perkins  
A.A.G.

Official

Head Quarters 2d Division 20 A.C.  
Raleigh N.C. April 28, 1865

(Signed) John J. Cantine (?)  
Capt. and A.D.C. and A.A.A.G.

Head Quarters 2d Division 20th A.C.  
Office A.A.I.G.  
Raleigh N.C. April 28, 1865

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

Capt. James L. Harding

A.A.I.G. 27 Brig.

Hd Qrs 2d Brigade  
2d Division 30th Corps Office AAIG  
Near Raleigh N.C. April 17, 1865

Capt. W. H. Lambert  
Actg. Aft. Insp. Genl. 2 Division

Captain:

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

Since the date of my last report the Command continued its march through North Carolina reaching Goldsboro March 25th where it remained encamped until Monday morning April 10th when it took up the line of march toward Raleigh. It arrived at its (sic) present position about one half mile southwest of Raleigh on the afternoon of the 14th inst. and encamped in the following order: 134th N.Y. Vols on the right connecting with the 3rd Brigade, 33rd N.J. Vols, 119th N.Y. Vols, 154th N.Y. Vols and 73rd Penna V Vols on the left connecting with the 1st Brigade.

The 109th Pa. Vet Vols having been consolidated with the 111th Pa. Vet Vols has been transferred to that regiment in the 3rd Brigade of this Division.

The command is in the most effective condition. The health of the troops is good; they are well supplied with clothing and camp equipage and give prompt and willing obedience to all orders. The camps are located on elevated and dry ground and are well policed: all sanitary measures are enforced.

During the encampment at Goldsboro all guards were mounted at 9 a.m. The troops were daily exercised (sic) in the various drills according to Casey and instructed in guard and picket duty.

Adj't Genl's Dept.

The business of this dept is promptly and efficiently conducted.

Inspector's Dept.

Daily visits have been made to the camp which have been kept in as good condition as the frequent movements of the troops would permit. Rations are prepared by company cooks in accordance with existing orders.

The Articles of War have been read to the troops as frequently as the nature of the service would permit. All unserviceable property has been inspected and recommended to be disposed of for the best interests of the service.

Clothing is in good condition, nearly new. The troops while at Goldsboro received full supplies with the exception of a few pairs of drawers, bootees, haversacks, canteens and knapsacks. These articles were mostly required to refit recruits and convalescents who arrived but two days before the command moved; no great inconvenience however has been felt.

Owing to the absence of company books which were sent to the rear at Atlanta in accordance with orders received from Hd Qrs 20th Corps the company books and records are not complete; but in the absence of these books memorandum records and accounts have been kept by company officers of all clothing issued to their commands and now that the prospects are favorable for the mustering out of the troops at an early day the officers ask that these books may be forwarded as soon as possible.

Qr. Mr. Dept.

The transportation of the Brigade consists of twenty two (22) army wagons and one hundred and forty (140) mules with the necessary equipments. Full rations of oats have been issued during the month.

Commissary Dept.

The commissary reports that he has issued the following rations during the month: Full rations of salt meat, fresh meat, coffee, sugar, hard bread and salt. Five days rations of vinegar, candles, mixed vegetables (sic) one of flour, one half ration of whiskey and ten of soap. There is a great want of soap in the command. Company officers report a great scarcity of the article and state that with the amount received it is impossible for the men to keep clean and from the appearance of some of the troops at the last inspection I concur in the statement. There is a great deficiency in the quantity reported as issued by the commissary and the quantity which the regimental commanders state they have received. The 119th N.Y. Vols report

that they have received only three full rations this month up to the 17th and the other regiments of the command give about the same quantity.

Medical Dept.

Medical supplies are sufficient. Each regiment is supplied with a good pack animal to carry medical stores.

The following officers reported present for duty were absent from inspection

1st Lieut John Goebel 73rd Pa V. Vols on picket

Capt. Saml D Miller " " " " off. of the day.

1st Lieut J. C. Smith 33rd N. J. Vols on picket

The following is the average daily detail for guard ~~and~~ picket and fatigue and the average daily number of sick.

	Guard	Picket	Fatigue	Sick
73rd Pa. V. V.	3	6	3	1
119th N.Y. Vo.	5	4	6	2
134th N.Y. Vol.	5	4	10	3
154th N.Y. V	11	1	8	3
33rd N.J. V.	12	28	6	14
Total	36	43	33	23

The following are the last orders received at this office. War Dept. No. 25.

Mil Div. Miss \_\_\_\_\_ No. 16 20th Corps Circular April 6th os.

No orders are required to complete files.

The officers and men of the command still deserve the commendation which has uniformly been bestowed upon them.

I am Captain  
Very Respectfully  
Your Obt Servt.  
J.L. Harding

Hd Qrs 2d Brigade  
2d Division 20th Corps  
Office A.A.I G March 20 1865

Capt. Michael Nolan  
Actg. Ajt. Insp. Genl. 2d Division

Captain:

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

Since the 20th ult. the Brigade has been continually on the march through the States of South and North Carolina. This continued activity without a renewal of supplies begins to affect materially the comfort and appearance of the troops. Clothing of nearly every kind is much needed especially shoes, stockings and trousers.

Notwithstanding the length of the campaign and the poverty of much of the country through which the army passed the command has not suffered materially from want of subsistence. All means have been taken to secure whatever provisions the country afforded. Mounted foraging parties have been organized and the utmost advantage taken of all mills on the route; large quantities of meat and corn meal have been thus secured. In addition to supplies thus obtained the following Govt. rations have been issued:

9400 lbs. hard brea, 1075 lbs coffee, 130 lbs. sugar.

Fodder has been abundant during the whole campaign and notwithstanding the severe labor which the animals have performed their condition is satisfactory.

The health, physical condition and morale of the troops is good and they only need supplies of clothing to prepare them for a renewal of the campaign.

I am very respectfully  
Your obt. Servt.  
J.L. Harding  
Capt. 154th NY V.V. A.A.I.G.

Headquarters 2d Division 20 A.C.  
Office A.A.I. Genl.  
April 24, 1865

Captain:

Inclosed find copy of General Order No. 54 U.S. War Department which should have been transmitted with Circular No. 80 series 1864 sent to your office yesterday to which said General Order refers, which the General Commanding directs be promulgated to the Regiments of your Brigade at once.

The inspection mentioned in par. II of said General Order 54 will be made when ordered by the Army or Department Commander.

Very respectfully  
Your Obedt. Servt.

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

Capt. J. L. Harding

A.A.I.G. 2d Brig.

Head Quarters Left Wing Army of Georgia  
Owensboro N.C. March 7, 1865

General Orders  
No. 8

All officers and soldiers of this command are reminded that the state of North Carolina was one of the last states to pass the ordinance of secession and that from the commencement of the war there has been in this state a strong Union party. Her action on the question of secession was undoubtedly brought about by the traitorous acts of other states and by intrigue and dishonesty on the part of a few of her own citizens. The act even never met the approval of the great mass of her people.

It should not be assumed that the inhabitants are enemies to our Government and it is to be hoped that every effort will be made to prevent any wanton destruction of her property or any unkind treatment of citizens.

By command of  
Maj. Gen. H. W. Slocum  
Signed, Robt. P. Dechent  
A.A.A.G.

Head Quarters 20th Corps  
Near McFarland's Bridge N.C., Mch 9th 1865

Official:

Signed Chas Mayer  
A.A.A.G.  
Head Quarters 20th Div. 20th A.C.  
March 9th 1865

Official:

W. T. Forbes  
A. A. G.

Col. Geo W. Mindil  
Cmdg. 20th Brigade

War Department  
Adjutant General's Office  
Washington April 6, 1865

General Orders  
No. 54

Penalty for retaining officers in service after muster out of their commands

I. It is observed that some commanding Generals have violated the Regulations and orders of the Department by recognizing and retaining regimental officers of volunteers in service, after the musters out of service of their proper commands, thus giving rise to many irregular claims for pay.

It is therefore ordered, that, hereafter, in all cases where said claims are presented, or the irregular and unauthorized retention of officers is otherwise brought to notice, the pay of the Commanding officer responsible for the retention be stopped for the full amount of the claim or time subsequent to the date at which the officer or officers should have been discharged the service.

Nothing herein will be construed as modifying in any way, the provisions of Paragraph 3, General Orders No. 110 of 1863, or rewriting (sic) the penalties thereby imposed as follows

"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 capacity of a supernumerary will under any circumstance be permitted to receive pay and allowances from the Government; and paymasters making payments to such supernumeraries will be held individually accountable for accounts so paid."

II The attention of Commanding Generals of Armies and Departments is invited to the requirements of Circular No. 30 series of 1864 from this office requiring inspections and reports.

Hereafter any inspection as contemplated by that Circular will be made monthly, on the last day of each month, and report of the same forwarded to the Adjutant

General of the Army.

By order of the Secty of War  
E. D. Townsend  
Asst. Adj. Genl.

Head Quarters 20th Corps  
Asst. Insp. Genls Office  
C. W. Asmussen  
A.I. Genl, 20th Corps

Head Quarters 2d Division 20th A.C.  
Office A.A.I. Genl.

Official Wm. H. Lambert  
Capt. 33d N.J. V & A.A.I.G.

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

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 had 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 fully 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.

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. Asmusen  
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

Head Quarters 2 Divn 20th Corps  
Office A A I Genl  
February 3, 1865

Circular  
No. 1

I. Brigade Inspectors are reminded of the necessity of enforcing in their commands, immediate compliance with the provisions of orders from Head Quarters 20th A. Corps dated November 19, 1864. The number of pack animals allowed by the order is sufficient.

A careful inspection will be made at the western side of the pontoon bridge when the command crosses, and all surplus animals will be turned over to the Quartermasters Department and the officer retaining them will be reported to the Division Commander for disobedience of orders. To facilitate this inspection, Brigade Inspectors will see that the pack mules will be marched after the Regiments to which they belong, respectively.

II. The attention of Inspectors is called to another and most dangerous instance of disobedience of orders, to wit:

Officers and non-commissioned officers, in charge of picket posts neglect, as a rule, placing videttes on duty during the day when not near the enemy, considering it in their judgement a useless trouble to their men. This must be at once corrected. The same vigilance and thoroughness should be observed fifty miles from the enemy as would be observed were the pickets within musket range. It is only thus that vigilance becomes a habit - a necessity <sup>to a</sup> good soldier.

III. Brigade Inspectors will forward to this office before ten o'clock a.m. tomorrow, a report showing whether G. O. No. 4, Head Quarters 20th Corps. dated January 31, 1865, Circular from Head Quarters 20th Corps, dated February 1, 1865 and Circular Orders No. 11 Head Quarters 2 Div. 20th Corps. dated February 2, 1865 have been distributed to the different Regiments and Staff Departments of their command and whether the same have been read to the command. They are requested to interest themselves in their promulgation and are reminded of the necessity of enforcing their provisions.

IV. All offal within the camp limits should be promptly buried.

By command of  
Bvt. Maj. Gen. Geary  
Michael Nolan  
Capt. \_\_\_ N.Y. V. and AAIG

Capt. J.L. Harding  
AAIG 27th Brig

Head Quarters 2d Div. 20th C.  
December 1st, 1864

Circular Order  
No. 138

The subjoined(?) communication from the Chief Commissary of the Division is respectfully referred to Brigade Commanders, who will take such action as is required.

Brigade Commissaries must not be allowed to load the wagons that have been emptied of provisions, with knapsacks and unnecessary articles. The supply wagons should be kept loaded with potatoes and bread stuffs. Neglectin (sic) this matter, now, may prove fatal to our success in the future. At the same time it may be necessary to load a few wagons with the sick and their arms, equipments, etc.

Brigade Commanders will give the subject their immediate special attention.

By command of

Brig. Genl. Jno. W. Geary  
W. T. Forbes AAAG

Head Quarters 2d Div. 20th C.  
Subsistence Department  
December 1st, 1864

Captain:

I have the honor to request the attention of the General Commanding to the fact that Par. IV Special Field Order No. 120 Head Qrs. Mil. Div. Miss. is not obeyed in this command.

Upon leaving Atlanta sufficient transportation was furnished brigades "to keep in wagon trains at least ten days provisions." The country has furnished opportunity to carry out this order by loading potatoes and other stores to replace Hard Bread of which our wagons are now nearly empty.

At portion of the transportation at first assigned the commissary department is kept filled with sick men and knapsacks and in one way or another kept from its legitimate uses. In some Brigades empty wagons, or wagons only partly filled, are

permitted to be in the trains constantly, and no effort made to fill them, though our road lies through abundance.

Believing that the best interests of the Command require that the trains be kept filled whenever practicable, thereby preparing ourselves for all emergencies, I respectfully request that this subject be brought to special notice by an order to all concerned.

I am, Captain,  
Very truly  
Your Obedt Servt.  
(Sgd) James Gillette  
Capt. & CSV

Cold. P.H. Jones  
Cmdg. 2d Brig.