

REGULATIONS
FOR THE
Order and Discipline
OF THE
TROOPS
OF THE
UNITED STATES.

PART I.

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M D C C L X X I X.

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*C*ONGRESS judging it of the greatest importance to prescribe some invariable rules for the order and discipline of the troops, especially for the purpose of introducing an uniformity in their formation and manœuvres, and in the service of the camp:

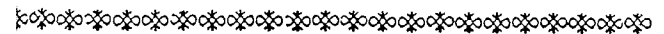
ORDERED, That the following regulations be observed by all the troops of the United States, and that all general and other officers cause the same to be executed with all possible exactness.

By Order,

JOHN JAY, PRESIDENT.

Attest.

CHARLES THOMPSON,
Secretary.



those who are really incapable of marching with their regiments. And the officer commanding the escort will be answerable that no soldiers are permitted to march with the baggage on any pretence whatever, except the quarter-master serjeant of each regiment, as before directed.

No waggons are to be permitted to go between the battalions or brigades, except the ammunition waggons.

The waggons of the park, and others, are to be conducted agreeably to the foregoing directions, and the necessary officers furnished to keep order on the march.

CHAPTER XVI.

The Manner of laying out a Camp, with the Order of Encampment.

WHEN the quarter-masters arrive on the ground where the troops are to encamp, the quarter-master general having fixed his line of encampment, will conduct them along the line, and give each brigade quarter-master the ground necessary for his brigade.

The quarter-masters of regiments will then have

have their ground given them by the brigade quarter-masters, and will mark out the place for each company and tent, and for the kitchens, &c. &c. as described in the following order :

Order of Encampment.

[Plate VII and VIII.]

The infantry will on all occasions encamp by battalions, as they are formed in order of battle.

The front of the camp will occupy the same extent of ground as the troops when formed; and the intervals between the battalions will be twenty paces, with an addition of eight paces for every piece of cannon a battalion may have.

The quarter-master of each regiment shall be answerable that he demands no more ground than is necessary for the number of men he has actually with the regiment, allowing two feet for each file, exclusive of the officers, and adding sixteen feet for the intervals between the platoons. He is also to be answerable that no more tents are pitched than are absolutely necessary, allowing one tent for the non-commissioned officers of each company, and one for every six men, including the drums and fifes.

The tents of the non-commissioned officers and privates are to be pitched in two ranks, with an interval of six paces between the ranks, and two feet between each tent: the tents of the non-commissioned officers to be in the front rank, on the right of their companies, in the right wing, and on the left in the left wing of the battalion. Nine feet front are to be allowed for each tent with its interval, and twenty feet in the center of the battalion for the adjutant; but when a regiment forms two battalions, the adjutant is to encamp with the first battalion, the serjeant major supplying his place in the second.

The captains and subalterns tents are to be in one line, twenty feet from the rear of the mens tents; the captains in the right wing opposite the right of their respective companies, and the subalterns opposite the left; and the contrary in the left wing.

The field officers tents are to be in one line, thirty feet from the line of officers; the colonel's opposite the centre; the lieutenant colonel's on the right; and the major's on the left. But if the regiment forms two battalions, the colonel encamps behind the centre of the first battalion; the lieutenant colonel behind the second battalion;

lion; and the major behind the interval between the two battalions.

The surgeon, pay-master, and quarter-master, encamp in one line, with the front of their tents in a line with the rear of the field officers tents; the surgeon on the right, pay-master on the left, and quarter-master in the centre.

The kitchens are to be dug behind their respective companies, forty feet from the field officers tents. The sutlers tents are to be between the kitchens.

The horses and waggons are to be placed in a line, twenty feet behind the kitchens.

The drums of each battalion are to be piled six paces in front of the adjutant's tent, and the colours planted before them.

The camp guards are to be three hundred paces in front of the first line, and the same distance in the rear of the second line.

The quarter guard is to be forty feet from the waggons, opposite the interval between the two battalions who furnish it.

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The flanks of the first line are to be three hundred feet in front, and those of the second line the same distance in the rear of the camp.

The commanding officers of regiments are to be answerable that no tents are pitched out of the line of encampment on any account whatever, except for the regimental hospital.

The ground being marked out, the quartermasters will leave the pioneers, and go to meet their regiments, conduct them to their ground, and inform the colonel where they are to go for their necessaries.

CHAPTER XVII.

Manner of entering a Camp.

THE head of the column arriving at the entrance of the camp, the commanding officer of the first battalion will command

Carry---Arms!

On which the men carry their arms, and the drums beat a march; and the officers will see that their platoons have their proper distances, close the ranks and files, and each dress the flank on which his platoon is to wheel, with the same flank of the platoon preceding. The other bat-
talion

talions observe the same directions, and keep their proper distances from each other.

The general or officer commanding must take great care to march the troops in a direct line along the front of the camp, and at such a distance as to give sufficient room for the largest platoons to march clear of the line of tents.

As the battalions respectively arrive in front of their ground, they halt, form battalion, (dressing with the right) and order or support their arms.

The adjutants immediately turn out the piquets that may have been ordered, form them in front of their respective battalions, and send them to the rendezvous appointed.

The piquets being sent off, the commanding officers of battalions command their men to pile their arms, and dismiss them to pitch their tents.

As soon as a company have pitched their tents, the captain parades them, and they fetch in their arms.

The tents of the battalion being all pitched,
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the adjutant will form the detachments for necessities, and send them off.

In the mean time the commanding officer of the battalion, having examined the ground, will, if necessary, order out a party to open the communications on the right and left; in front for the troops, and in the rear for the baggage.

C H A P T E R XVIII.

Necessary Regulations for preserving Order and Cleanliness in the Camp.

WHEN a regiment enters a camp, the field officers must take care that the encampment is pitched regularly; that the sinks and kitchens are immediately dug in their proper places; and that no tents are pitched in any part of the camp contrary to the order prescribed.

At least one officer of a company must remain on the parade to see that the tents are pitched regularly on the ground marked out.

The tents should be marked with the name of each regiment and company, to prevent their being lost or exchanged, and the tents of each company numbered; and each non-commissioned officer

officer should have a list of the tents, with the mens names belonging to each.

The utensils belonging to the tents are to be carried alternately by the men; and the non-commissioned officers of the squads are to be answerable that they are not lost or spoiled.

Whenever a regiment is to remain more than one night on the same ground, the soldiers must be obliged to cut a small trench round their tents, to carry off the rain; but great care must be taken they do not throw the dirt up against the tents.

One officer of a company must every day visit the tents; see that they are kept clean; that every utensil belonging to them is in proper order; and that no bones or other filth be in or near them: and when the weather is fine, should order them to be struck about two hours at noon, and the straw and bedding well aired.

The soldiers should not be permitted to eat in their tents, except in bad weather; and an officer of a company must often visit the messes; see that the provision is good and well cooked; that the

the men of one tent mess together ; and that the provision is not sold or disposed of for liquor.

A subaltern, four non-commissioned officers and a drummer must every day be appointed for the police of each battalion, who are on no account to be absent during the time they are on duty.

The officer of the police is to make a general inspection into the cleanliness of the camp, not suffer fire to be made any where but in the kitchens, and cause all dirt to be immediately removed, and either burnt or buried. He is to be present at all distributions in the regiment, and to form and send off all detachments for necessaries.

In case the adjutant is obliged to be absent, the officer of the police is to do his duty till his return ; and for that purpose he must attend at the adjutant's tent, to be ready to receive and distribute any orders that may come for the regiment.

The drummer of the police must attend constantly at the adjutant's tent, to be ready at all times to communicate the necessary signals ; nor
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must he absent himself on any account during the twenty-four hours, without leaving another drummer to supply his place till his return, nor then, without leave from the adjutant.

When any of the men want water, they must apply to the officer of the police, who will order the drum to beat the necessary signal ; on which all who want water must immediately parade with their canteens before the colours, where the officer of the police will form and send them off under the care of two non-commissioned officers of the police, who are to be answerable that they bring back the whole detachment, and that no excesses are committed whilst they are out. Wood and all other necessaries must be fetched in the same manner. Except in case of necessity, not more than one detachment is to be out at a time.

The quarter-master must be answerable that the parade and environs of the encampment of a regiment are kept clean ; that the sinks are filled up, and new ones dug every four days, and oftner in warm weather ; and if any horse or other animal dies near the regiment, he must cause it to be carried at least half a mile from camp, and buried.

The place where the cattle are killed must be at least fifty paces in the rear of the waggons; and the entrails and other filth immediately buried; for which the commissaries are to be answerable.

The quarter-master general must take care that all dead animals, and every other nuisance in the environs of the camp, be removed.

No non-commissioned officer or soldier shall be permitted to pass the chain of sentinels round the camp, without permission in writing from the commanding officer of his regiment or battalion; which permission shall be dated the same day, and shall, on the return of the person to whom it was granted, be delivered to the adjutant, who is to return it to the colonel or commanding officer, with his report.

Every detachment not conducted by a commissioned officer, shall have a written permission from a field officer, or officer commanding a regiment, or the officer of the police if it be a detachment going for necessaries; without which they are not to be permitted to pass the chain.

All officers whatever are to make it a point of duty

duty to stop every non-commissioned officer or soldier they meet without the chain, and examine his pass; and if he has not a sufficient pass, or having one is committing any excess, the officer must conduct him to the nearest guard, from whence he must be sent, with his crime, to his regiment.

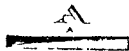
The sentinel before the colours must have orders, in case he hears any alarm in camp, or at the advanced posts, to acquaint the adjutant with it; who will inform the commanding officer of the battalion, or order an alarm beat, if the case requires it.

C H A P T E R XIX.

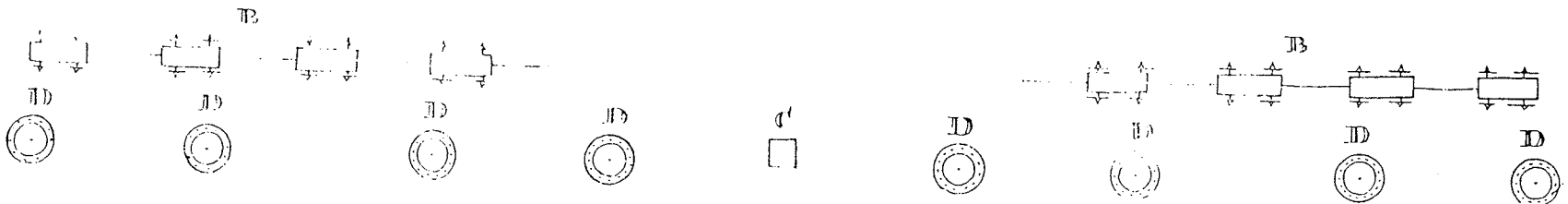
Of Roll-Calls.

THE rolls shall be called in each battalion at troop and retreat beating, at which times the men are to parade with their arms; and at the beating of the *reveille*, and at noon, the commanding officers of companies shall cause the rolls of their respective companies to be called, the men parading for that purpose without arms, and to be detained no longer than is necessary to call the roll.

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- A Quarter G^{de}
- B Waggon
- C Suttler
- D Kitchens
- E Cap^t
- F Subalterns
- G Adju^t
- H S^t Major
- I NC. officers



Surgeon Col: Q^{rs} Master Major Q^{rs} Master Lt Col:

