

Transcription of 7th Ky. Civil War ledger book of orders

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Letters, orders, Requisitions and Invoices of Supplies (inscribed on free endpaper)

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Hd Quarters
Department of the Cumberland
Louisville, Ky Oct 14th 1861

Special Order
No 54

Surgeon William Berry of Col Garrands Regt of Ky Volunteers will proceed with out delay to Camp Dick Robinson Ky and report to Brig Genl Geo W Thomas for duty in his Brigade

By Command of
Brig Genl Sherman
Oliver D Grein
Asst Adjt Genl

Surgeon WmBerry
Col Garrands Regt Ky Vol

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Hd Quarters Dept. of the Cumberland
Louisville Ky Oct 14th 1861

Circular

The following regulations respecting the duties of Brigade Surgeons are published for the government of all Concerned:

1 Brigade Surgeons will frequently inspect the cooking and police of the camps. and the cleanings and clothing of the men of their respective Brigades; the position and condition of the Sinks, the drainage of the Camp Grounds, the ventilation of the tents

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& c.; making written reports to the to the (sic) Brigade Commanders when ever in their opinions any errors in these respects require correction, and sending duplicates of these reports to the Medical Director of the Department.

2 They will see that the Medicine, Hospital Stores, Instruments and dressings of the Several Regimental Surgeons are kept constantly sufficient in quantity in good order, and always ready for active service.

3 They will transmit every Saturday morning to the Medical Director a report of the number of sick in each Regiment, and will accompany this with remarks, Showing the Character of the prevalent Diseases, and at the end of each month they will receive the monthly report of the Sick and Wounded from the Regimental Surgeons, Consolidate them, and transmit them to the Medical Director.

4 They will promptly report to the Medical Director all Changes in Station or location of themselves or of any of the Medical Officers in their Brigades.

5 They will inspect Carefully all men receiving Certificates of disability for discharge, and if they approve, will Countersign Such Certificates.

6 They will see that the Hospital attendants to the number of ten to a Regiment and the Regimental band are as enabled (?) and drilled one hour each day except Sundays by the Regimental Medical Officers; on setting up and dismantling the hand stretchers, litters and ambulances, in handling men carefully, placing them upon the litters and ambulance beds, putting them into the ambulances, taking them out &c.; Carrying men upon the hand stretchers, observing that the leading bearers step off with the left foot, and the rear bearers with the right; in short, in everything that can render this service effective, and the most comfortable for the wounded who are to be transported.

7 Brigade Surgeons will se (sic) that the Army Regulations in relation to the uses to which ambulances are to be applied are strictly obeyed, and they will report promptly to the Brigade Commander any infractions of these Regulations.

8 Whenever a skirmish or affair of outposts occurs, or when a general engagement is expected, they will see that the Regimental Medical Officers have the ambulances and stretchers properly manned with the drilled men and in immediate readiness and attendants (sic) to bring off the wounded and that such officers are at their posts with their instruments, dressings, and Hospital Knapsacks in Complete order and ready for immediate use, so that no delay may occur in rendering the necessary surgical aid to the wounded.

9 They will report in writing to the Medical Director, within twenty four hours after any affair with the enemy, or as soon there after as possible, the name, rank, and regiment of each of the wounded, the nature and situation of the wound, and the surgical means adopted in the case.

10 Brigade Surgeons will be held responsible that the Hospital service in their Brigades is kept constantly effective and in readiness for any emergency, no remissness in this respect will be tolerated or overlooked.

11 The Regimental Surgeons are directed to obey promptly the instructions of the Brigade Surgeons, and nothing in this order shall be construed as relieving them from their appropriate duties in providing for the care, comfort, and transportation of the sick and wounded of their respective Regiments.

By Order of
Brigadier Wm. T. Shearman
Commanding

Robt Murray
Surgeon U.S.A. & Medical Director

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Head Quarters 1st Kentucky Brigade
Crab Orchard, Ky. Nov. 1st 1861

Circular

The following Regulation (sic) Respecting Regimental Surgeons are published for government of the Surgeons of the 1st Ky Brigade;

1 Regimental Surgeons will frequently inspect the Cooking and police of camps, and the cleanliness and clothing of their respective Regiments, the position and condition of the sinks, the drainage of the camp grounds, the ventilation of the tents &c.; making written reports to the Brigade Surgeon, whenever in their opinion any errors in these respects requiring correction and using every exertion to remedy them.

2 They will see that the Medicine Hospital stores, instruments and dressing are constantly sufficient in quantity, and in good order, and always ready for active service.

3 They will transmit every Saturday Morning to the Brigade Surgeon a report of the number of sick in their respective Regiments, and accompany this with remarks, showing the character of the prevalent Diseases and at the end of every month they will transmit to the Brigade Surgeon the monthly (sic) of the sick and wounded in their Regiments. The utmost punctuality in these reports will be extracted.

4 They will that the Hospital (sic) attendants to the number of ten to a Regiment, and the Regimental bands are assembled and drilled daily (Sunday excepted, in setting up and dismantling the hand stretchers, litters and ambulances, in handling men carefully, placing them upon the litters and ambulance beds, putting them into the ambulances, taking them out &c.; carrying men upon the hand stretchers, observing that the leading bearer steps off with his left foot, and rear bearer with the right: in short (at this point the end of a page is reached, and the immediately following page is seen to have been cut from the ledger but the sentence continues along naturally on the following intact page, suggesting that the transcriber removed the page during the transcription) anything that can render this service affective (sic), and the most comfortable for the wounded who are to be transported. This exercise to be observed one hour each day.

5 They will see that the army Regulations in relation to the uses to which ambulances are to be applied are strictly enforced, and they will report promptly to the Brigade Surgeon any infraction of these Regulations.

6 They will report in writing within twenty four hours after an affair with the enemy or as soon thereafter as possible the name rank and Regiment of the dead & wounded. the nature and situation of the wounds and the surgical means adopted in the case

7 They will be held responsible that the hospital service in their Regiments is kept constantly effective and in Readiness for any emergency no remissness in this respect will be tolerated

8 Regimental Surgeons are directed to obey promptly the instructions of Brigade Surgeons and nothing in this order shall be construed as relieving them from their appropriate duties in providing for the case comfort and transportation of the sick and wounded of their Respective Regiments

By Order of
Brig Genl G H Thomas
G W Gross
Surgeon 1st Ky Brigade

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Hd Qrs 1st Ky Brigade
Crab Orchard Ky
Nov 1st 1861

Dear Doctor

You will please see if the surgeon who had charge of your regiment before you joined it kept any register of the sick. If so I must have a report (up to 31st October) immediately. You will find the form in the Army on Medical regulation under head of Quarterly reports of sick and wounded &c the monthly report has exactly the same form. The Genl summary and discharges on Surgeons Certificates & Deaths must also be included Keep a Copy of it and every monthly report so as to enable you to make out your quarterly reports to the Surgeon Genl, let me know every friday the number of your sick and the nature of the diseases write to me about the report.

D Berry

Truly S W Gross
HdQrs 1st Ky Brigade
Danville Nov 24th 1861

Genl Orders 3

Regimental Surgeons will on the last day of each month make out and transmit to their respective Brigade Surgeons the monthly report of the sick and wounded according to form 15 Army regulations. No delay beyond the 5th day of the succeeding month will be tolerated and the utmost punctuality will be exacted.

By or of Genl Geo H Thomas
G W Gross
Brigade Surgeon

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Head Quarter 13th Army Corps
Medical Directors office
July 6th 1863

Sirs

You will leave at Division Hosp. of Genl Osterhaus Division all your sick not able to march

(unsigned & incomplete--see completed version of same date below)

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Medical Directors Office
Department of the Tennessee
January 26th 1863.

Medical Orders,
No. 1.

1st In order to obtain the necessary information required in this office, it is hereby directed that the Medical Directors or Senior Medical officer of the Several Army Corps Constituting the department of the Tennessee, Commanded by Major General U S Grant. Will forward to this office without delay, the number of and name of each Medical Officer on duty in his Corps, designating their rank, Corps and duty to which they are at present assigned, giving also the number of and name of those now absent, on what duty and by what authority.

2nd They will also report the number of ambulances, medical dispensing wagons and Hospital tents, now in their Corps, designating how distributed, and in whose charge, as also for what period the several regiments are provided with the necessary Medical and Hospital Supplies.

3rd The attention of Medical officers in Charge of General Hospitals is called to circular (No 13) from the Surgeon Generals Office dated Washington City December 5th 1862. and they will in future comply strictly with its requirements, and will in addition report forthwith the number of and name of each Medical officer on duty in their respective Hospitals, designating their rank and Corps. and including those also under Contract., with a report of the number of beds and weekly there-after the number of vacant beds in each Hospital.

4th In order to correct an erroneous supposition which seems to be very generally entertained, Medical officers are informed that the Medical dispensing wagons are not intended to Supercede the usual means of transportation of Regimental Medical Supplies, but neither as depots of Supply, accompanying the army in the field, to be used

during a battle, from which to draw the Materiel for supplying the temporary field Hospitals and the regiments with such articles, of which regimental supplies may have, by any cause, become exhausted.

5th This view being entertained will be carried out in this department during the Coming Campaign, and when the necessary information is obtained, to ascertain the number on hand they will be apportioned to the several Corps, according to their numerical strength, and in all cases these wagons will be exclusively under the control of the Medical directors of the several Corps.

6th In anticipation of a battle, the Medical Directors of each Corps will establish temporary field Hospitals, Where all operations are to be performed, and for this purpose they will detail two Surgeons and two assistant Surgeons from those of their Command, of known Skill and experience, as operators, and operation involving the loss of a limb, as any other of importance, will be performed by by (sic) any Medical officer before the case has been submitted to the inspection and decision of these gentlemen (it seems likely that the writer intended this sentence to read "will not" rather than "will").

7th The Corps directors will also detail from the assistant Surgeons of their Command a sufficient number who shall have charge and direction of the Ambulance Corps, Employed in Conveying the Wounded from the field, to the temporary Hospitals, and they will, in all cases, be provided with the necessary appliances for controlling hemorrhages, the temporary adjustment of fractures, as also with the proper supply of stimulants.

8th It having been brought to the notice of the Medical director of this department that transfers of Medical officers have been attempted, by officers having no authority to do so, it is hereby directed that, in future, no changes of the present status of Medical officers will be recognized, except through the proper Channel of this Office.

By Order of Major General U S Grant,
C H Lamb, Surg, U.S.A.
Medical Director Dept Tenn

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Head Qrs 13th Army Corps,

Rear of Vicksburg, June 25th, 1863

The following Medical Order published for the information of all concerned, and will be strictly obeyed,

By order of Major Gen E.O.C.Ord

Walter B. Seats Lt. Col. & A.A.G.

Medical Order
No 1

Medical Directors Office 13th A. C.
June 24th 1863.

1st All applicants for leaves of absence or resignation on Surgeons Certificate must be personally examined by Surgeon in Chief of the Division to which the applicant belongs.

2nd The Surgeon in chief will endorse his approval or disapproval on the back of the certificate.

3rd All certificates given to officers upon which to grant an application for leave of absence or to make a tender of resignation must state that an immediate change of climate is necessary to save life or is necessary to prevent permanent disability one or the other of the above statements must be made, not both.

4th All enlisted men seeking discharges on Surgeons Certificate of disability must be personally examined by the Senior Surgeon of the Brigade to which he belongs, who will endorse on the back of the certificate his approval or dis approval (sic).

5th No Soldiers Certificate of disability will be approved unless it distinctly states that the man is permanently disabled from military duty or will in all in all (sic) probability be disabled during the remainder of his term of enlistment.

6th No official papers will be considered or acted upon in this office unless signed officially that is with the name Rank Regiment or Corps and any other title conferred by the duty which the officer signing the papers say he performing as Senior Surgeon of Brigade or Surgeon in Chief of Division stating the no of Brigade Division and Corps.

7th Surgeons in Chief of Divisions are charged with promulgating this order through the Senior Surgeon of Brigade.

Geo Hammond
Surgeon U.S.A.
Med. Direct 13th Army Corp.

Surgeon J Pomerene
42nd Ohio Vol. Infantry
Surgeon in Chief 9th Division 13th Army Corps

George Hammond
Union surgeon
drowned in Miss. River
14 Aug 1863. See his
picture item AD 5c
w/ pencil note re death:
medicantiquary.com/
civilwar/Armand-images
/Civil-war-Surgeon-images

To Official
Wm Berry
7th Ky Vol Infant
Senior Surgeon 1st Brigade
9th Division 13th Army Corps

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Head Qurs 13th Army Corps
Medical Directors office
July 4th 1863

Extract

Morning Reports will be expected promptly from the Surgeons of
Regiments in the field. To this end they will take with them the necessary facilities for
keeping up their reports.

By Order of Maj Gen Ord.
George Hammond U.S.A.
Medical Director 13th A.C.

Official

J. Pomerene Surg 42nd Ohio Vol
Surgeon in Chief 9th Division 13th A.C.

To Wm Berry
7th Ky Vol Infnt
Senior Surgeon 1st Brigade 9th Div 13th A.C.

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(the following is likely the completed form of the unsigned, incomplete order of the same date seen earlier)

Head Quarters 13th Army Corps
Medical Directors office
July 6th 1863

Sirs

You will leave at Division Hospt of Genl Osterhaus Division all your Sick not able to March, Direct your Surgeons So to do. Leave no rations. The will be drawn from Genl Osterhaus Commissary. Leave sufficient Medicals attendance (sic) to insure your Sick being taken care of, Leave Sick Shelter as you can, On the March one Medical officer must bring up the rear of each regiment and will have his Hospital Knapsack with him. Divisions Surgeons will promulgate this order immediately, Those regiments having no Medical Wagon will be allowed one Wagon for Medical and Hospital Stores

By Order of Maj. Genl. Ord.

Geo Hammond

Surgeon U.S.A.

Med Director 13th A.C.

To J. Pomerene
42nd Ohio V. I.
Surgeon in Chief 9th
Division 13th Army Corps.

Official

To Wm Berry 7th Ky V.I.
Senior Surgeon 1st Brigade
9th Division 13th A.C.

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Head Quars 13th Army Corps
Expeditionary Army
July 19th, 1863

Sir

The Commanding General of the Expeditionary Army directs no sick or wounded be left behind in case the army moves toward Vicksburg. Each Surgeon in Chief of Division will report without delay the number of sick and wounded in his division who will be unable to march with their regiments. This report will designate how many can be carried in common wagons, how many can be carried in ambulances, and how many must be carried in litters by hand. A large number of empty wagons will be turned over to the corps Medical Director for use in transporting sick, So soon as the ambulance train returns it will be dispatched with these wagons carrying the sick to Black River Bridge.

Surgeons in Chief of Division will have their list ready to accompany their sick at that time.

By Order of Maj. Genl E.O.C. Ord,
Walter B. Seats
Lt. Col. & A.A.G.

Surgeon J Pomerene 42nd O.V.I.
Surgeon in Chief
9th Division 13th Army Corps

Head Quarters 9th Division 13th A.C.
Surgeon in Chief after July 19th 1863

Surgeons in command of regiments Batteries and detachments of the 9th Division 13th A.C. will report in accordance with the above to the Surgeon in Chief of 9th Division 13th A.C. Immediately.

J Pomerene 42nd O.V.I.
Surgeon in Chief 9th Division
13th Army Corps

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Head Quarters 9th Division
In the Field near Jackson Miss.
July 20th 1863.

Genl Orders
No 69.

Surgeon Wm Berry 7th Ky.

Infantry being the Senior Surgeon in the 1st Brigade and Surgeon B B Brashear the Senior in the 2nd Brigade they will assume the duties as such and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Regimental Surgeons will hand into the Senior Surgeons of their respective brigades daily morning reports which will be consolidated by them and one copy transmitted directly to Surgeon in Chief of Division and one copy through brigade head quarters to the A A Genl of Division

By Order of P. F. Osterhaus
Brigadier Genl.
J W Thompson
A.A.A.G.

Official
Peckinpaugh
AAAG.

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Head Quarters 9th Division
In the Field near Jackson Miss.
July 20th 1863

General Order
No. _____.

Surgeon Wm Berry 7th Ky Vol Infantry being the Senior Surgeon in the 1st Brigade and Surgeon B B Berry the Senior Surgeon in the 2nd they will at once assume the duties as such and will be obeyed and respected as such.

Regimental Surgeons will hand in to the Sen. Surgeons of their respective brigades daily morning reports which will be consolidated by them and one copy transmitted directly to Surgeon in Chief of Division and one copy through brigade head quarters to the Asst. Adjt. Genl. of the Division.

By Order of Brig Genl P J Osterhaus

J Pomerene 42nd Ohio V. I.
Surgeon in Chief 9th Division
13th Army Corps

Official
J.W. Thompson
Capt & AAAG 9th Divis

To William Berry 7th Ky
Senior Surgeon 1st Brigade
9th Division 13th A.C.

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Head Quarters 9th Division 13th A.C.
Surgeons in Chief Office

Sir

You will cause to be issued to each well man in your
Brigade 5 gr of Quinine and 2 oz of Whiskey every morning before breakfast.
Your Surgeons can now get Hospital tents if they want
them by applying to Capt W B Armstrong Q M of 13th Army Corps his office will be
found near the office of the Medical Purveyor on Washington St. Vicksburg Miss
Very respectfully your obdt. servt.
G W Varnum Surgeon U. S. V.
Surgeon in Chief 9th Division 13th A.C.

To William Berry
Senior Surgeon 1st Brigade
9th Division 13th A.C.

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Circular No 8.

Surgeon Generals Office
Washington City D.C., June 22nd 1863

1st It is provided, by act of Congress, that Soldiers discharged from the Army of the United States within two years from the date of their enlistment by reason of wounds received in battle, shall be entitled to receive the Same bounty as is granted to those discharged after two years' Service.

Medical officers are accordingly Directed, in making out the papers of Soldiers discharge under such circumstances, to endorse upon both the final statements and the discharge the the (sic) fact that the disability is by reason of wounds received in battle, and to Sign such endorsement with their official Signature.

2nd Here after in giving discharges to officers and Soldiers on account of disability, their papers must always state whether at the time of discharge, the officer or Soldier was or was not physically suitable to enter or reenlist in the invalid Corps.

3rd From and after the 30th instant, the envelopes of all official communications addressed to the heads of bureau of the War Department having the franking privilege, must be marked official," (sic) with the signature thereto of the officer writing the communication. postage (sic) stamps are not required on such communications.

W.A. Hammond
Surgeon General

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Head Quarters 9th Division 13th A.C.
Surgeon in Chiefs Office
Vicksburg July 26th 1863

Special Order
No 1

1 You will prepare to receive your portion of the sick, which arrived from Black River this afternoon.

They will be sent to their different regiments for treatment to morrow morning by order of Surgeon Hammond.

2nd The Surgeons of the different Regiments in your Brigade will be required to make their morning reports to you by 9 A.M. so that your consolidated reports can be sent to this office by 10 A.M.

By Order of Brig. Genl P. J. Osterhaus
G W Varnum Surg U.S.A.
Surgon in Chief 9th Division
13th Army Corps

To

William Berry
Senior Surgeon 1st Brigade
9th Division 13th A.C.

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Head Quarters 9th Division 13th A.C.
Surgeon in Chiefs office
Vicksburg July 26th 1863.

Dr Wm Berry
Sen Surgeon 1st Brigade

Sir

The following is a list of Monthly reports of sick and wounded of regiments belonging to your Brigade, which have either never been received or have been lost in transportation.

You will please notify the Surgeons of these regiments that they may hand them in immediately.

By order of the Corps Medical Director.
For the Month of May
69th Ind
7th Ky
For the Month of June
120th Ohio
118th Ills
49th Ind

G.W. Varnum Surgeon U.S.A.
Surgeon in Chief 9th Division
13th Army Corps.

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Head Quarters 9th Division 13th A.C.
Surgeon in Chiefs office
July 26th 1863

Dr. Berry
Sen Surgeon 1st Brig.

Sir

Your morning report of to day has
not been received please forward it immediately, as our report is due

Very respectfully your
Most Obd. Servt.
G W Varnum Surgeon U.S.A.
Surgeon in Chief 9th Division
13th A.C.

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Head Quarters 9th Division 13th A.C.
July 26th 1863

Sir

You will please direct Assistant Surgeon C C Stoufer to attend to the sick now at the Depot until they are removed to their regiments.

Most respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
G W Varnum Surgeon U.S.A.
Surgeon in Chief 9th Division
13th Army Corps

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Head Quarters 13th Army Corps
Medical Directors Office
July 26th 1863

Sir

The reports have been found in Vicksburg of the following Regiments 7th & 22nd Ky and 44th Ohio for the Month of May. 54th Ind and 14th & 120th Ohio for the Month of June. Still missing are the 16th & 42nd Ohio and 69th Ind for Month of May. And 16th & 42nd Ohio 22nd Ky 49th Ind and 118th Ills for the Month of June.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
George Hammond
Surgeon U.S.A.
Medical Director 13th A.C.

G W. Varnum
Surgeon in Chief
9th Division 13th A.C.

To

Wm Berry
Sen Surgeon
1st Brigade
9th Division 13th A.C.

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Head Quarters 13th Army Corps
Medical Directors office
Vicksburg Miss July 28th 1863

Sir

I am informed that the Medical Purveyor has just received five hundred ounces of Quinine, which is now ready for issue on requisitions properly approved.

There are now twenty five Soldiers at Convalescent (sic) hospital at Youngs point Who belong to this Corps, if any of them belong to any of your regiments. Your Surgeons will prepare to receive and take care of them.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Surgeon U.S.A.

(signature of G. Hammond absent)

Medical Director 13th A.C.

To

Surgeon G. W. Varnum U.S.A.
Surgeon in Chief 9th Division 13th A.C.

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Head Quarters 9th Division 13th Army Corps
Surgeon in Chiefs office
Vicksburg July 30th 1863

Sir

You will make personal examination of the patients in your Brigade and send a list to this office, as soon as practicable, of all who ought to go North, giving the name, company, regiment & Disease of each patient.

Such cases as are likely to recover in a few days will be retained and cared for in their regiments.

Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
G W Varnum Surgeon U.S.A.
Surgeon in Chief 9th Division
13th Army Corps.

Head Qurs., Dept of the Tenn.
Vicksburg Miss
July 26th 1863

Genl Orders
No 48.

Art. VII After each regular muster, invalid rolls will be made out as before prescribed, and Corps Commanders will send the officers and men to Col Alexander, without further orders from this Headquarters.

" IX Hereafter all Certificates of disability to procure discharges, must state whether the Soldier is fit for duty in the invalid Corps -- if fit he will not be discharged.

By Order of Major Genl Grant
T S Bowers
A.A.A. General

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Head Quarters Dept. of the Gulf
New Orleans
Aug 17th 1863

General Orders
No 61..

1st Corps Commanders have authority to accept resignations of officers and to discharge enlisted men.

2nd The Commanders of Corps and Separate Divisions may give leave of absence for seven days, in case of necessity, not to go beyond the limits of this Department.

3rd Corps Commands may grant leave of absence for twenty days on Surgeons Certificates, to go beyond the limits of this Department to the officers of their Commands within the following limits.

At least one Col. must be present with each Brigade.

At least one field officer must be present with each Regiment.

At least one Company officer must be present with each Company.

Leaves of absence to go beyond the Dept will not be granted by the Corps Commander Except on Surgeons Certificates, approved by the Medical Director of the Corps, as required by General Order No. 61. of 1863 (looks like 1868). from the War Department Adjutant Genls. affic (sic).

Applications for leave of absence, if forwarded to Department Head Quarters must invariably State the number of Officers of Each grade present for duty with the regiment, and if the applicant be a field officer, the number of field officers present for duty with the Brigade.

4th Corps Commanders are authorized to approve furloughs for not exceeding sixty days to the Enlisted Men of their Commands, provided that not more than four men shall be absent from the same Company at any one time. during the Season of active operations, no furloughs Shall be granted except on Surgeons Certificates approved by the Medical Director of the Corps.

5th Corps will transmit to their head quarters, on the day succeeding their publication, Copies of all General and Special Orders issued from their head quarters.

By Command of Maj. Genl Banks
Richard B Irwin
Assistant Adjutant General

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Head Quarters 13th A. C.
Med Directors Office
August 20th 1863

General Order
No 25

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The Convalescent sick will be organized into Companies--one Company from Each regiment and in command of a Convalescent Commission (sic) officer.. The companies of Convalescent Sick will be organized into a Battalion under the Command of a Convalescent Field officer and the whole will be placed in Charge of an efficient Field officer and will aid in the (defense?) of the City of New Orleans x x x x

The attention of Surgeons in Chief of Divisions is Called to the above Order after Selecting the Convalescent in Conformity to said order. You will report to this office as soon as practicable the number of sick men requiring Hospital accommodations. Men permanently unfit for field service or the Invalid Corps Should be immediately discharged after personal examination of Senior Surgeon of Brigade.

J R Ludlow U.S.A.
Act Med Director
C B White
Assistant Surgeon U.S.A.

Surgeon Ria (or Rit) (poss. stands for Ritter--see following order)
Chief 1st Divis

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Head Quarters 1st Division
August 29 1863

Surgeons of regiments battalions and detachments are requested to
make requisitions immediately upon the Division Quarter Master for Lime for
disinfecting purposes.

B. B. Brashear 16th O. V. I.
Surgeon in Chief 1st Division

Officer
J A Ritter 49th Ind
Sr Surgeon 3rd Brigade

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Head Quarters 13th Army Corps
Carrollton, L.A. September 17th, 63

Surgeons in Chief of Divisions will direct the regimental Surgeons of their
respective Divisions, to furnish themselves with a full supply of wine & liquors as
soon as possible.

By Order of Maj. Genl Ord.
Surgeon J. R. Ludlow, U. S. A.
Acting Medical Director 13th A.C.

Signed,

B B Brashear, Surgeon 16th O.V.I.
Surgeon in Chief 1st Division 13th A.C.

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Head Quarters 1st Division 13th A.C.
Brashear City Louisiana
Sept 18th 1863

Circular
No ---

In pursuance of the Army Regulations and General Orders No 247 Current semis, Medical Officers are required to make frequent Inspection of the Kitchens and messes noting the quantity and quality, and their method of cooking the ____ of the ration, the supply of utensils and their cleanliness (sic) and submit their Suggestions for improving the cooking in writing to the Commanding officer. Therefore Surgeons of regiments Battalions or Separate Detachments in this Division, will proceed immediately to the thorough discharge of the duties above alluded to. Submitting written reports of their observations to the officer Commanding, copies of which they shall at the same time forward to these Head quarters reports shall embrace the following topics Viz.

- I. do the Company officers look after Supplies of their Companies to see that they are not used too rapidly, or wasted and that they are properly seasoned (sic) and cooked.
- II. Dose (sic) any Company officer attend to the messing and economy of their respective Companies, inspect the kitchens and cooking utensils and examine and taste the food of the men before it is served at any meal.
- III. Is the Greatest care observed in Washing and (Serving?) the Cooking Utensils
- IV. Is the Cooking mostly done by men having experience or skill as cooks or by men alternately detailed from the messes without reference to skill or experience.
- V. Is (sic) any of the Messes Employ civilians or contrabands as cooks.
- VI. How is the meat ration most commonly Cooked at the several meals.
- VII. Is the time for each meal designated and do the messes observe the appointed mealtimes.
- VIII. Are the ration found sufficient in quantity.
- IX. Are they generally considered good in quality each of its kind.
- XII. (out of numerical order) What is the effect upon the health of the men of the eatables (sic) usually sold by the sutlers.
- X. What of the Whiskey ration, Is there much or any intoxication from its issue.
- XI. How many men usually to a mess.

XIII. Senior Surgeons of Brigades are requested to cooperate in securing promptness thoroughness Accuracy on the part of regimental Surgeons in executing the provisions of this Circular.

By order of B B Brashear 16th O.V.I.
Surgeon in Chief 1st Division 13th A.C.

To

Dr. A.B. Conant
in Charge of 7th Ky.

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Medical Directors Office 13th Army Corps
April 27th 1863

Circular

Medical Directors of Divisions will see that Surgeons of regiments carry their instruments and esthetics--Hospital Knapsacks and as much Medical food, tourniquets, bandages as they can possibly transport. Much of this may be carried about the person of the Medical Men and their attendants who should all carry an extra tourniquet.

John G F Holsten (should be Holston) U.S.A.
Medical Director 13th A.C.

Official

Joel Pomerene 42nd O.V.I.
Acting Medical Director
9th Division 13th Army Corps

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Head Quarters 9th Division
April 27th 1863

From the order contained in the above circular and with the understanding that waggons (sic) are to be abandoned . Surgeons will reduce their transportation to that which is absolutely necessary for an engagement.

Joel Pomerene
Medical Director,
9th Division.

To
William Berry
Surgeon 3rd (sic) Ky Vol Infantry.

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Head Quarters Depart. of Gulf
New Orleans Dec. 8th 1863

Special order
No 306

(this unusual order appears to be an addendum, as it begins w/4th)

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4th All Medical officers in the Dept. of the Gulf, when visiting the City of New Orleans either on duty or on leave will register their names and address in the office of Surgeon K.H. Alexander (should be R.H. Alexander) U.S.A. Medical Director Department of the Gulf.

By Command of Maj. Genl. Banks.
(Signed) G. Norman Lube
A.A.A. General.

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Head Quarters Baton Rouge La.
January 13th 1864

Special Order
No 103

The quarters on Stewards plantation will be occupied for a Small (field?) Hospital under Charge Asst Surgeon McClintock (or McClintuck--however, neither name spelling is found on nps.gov roster for a Union Surg, Asst. Surg, Hosp Steward, or acting capacity of any of those).

The Medical Director will Cause the necessary formation & to be immediately supplied.

The Provost Marshall will furnish a guard of Seven (7) Men to be (positioned?) there to (2 unreadable words) intervene under the orders of the Asst Surgeon.

Cases among the troops will be immediately sent to this Hospital. Cases in the town reported to the Provost Marshall, he will take measures to forward them also.

By Command of
Brig. Gen. P. St. Geo. Cooke
Signed, Geo W Dargin Jr
Capt & A.A.A. General

(Then written under at an odd angle:)

Head Quarters 2nd Brigade
1st Division Baton Rouge, La.
Official
C.T. Barnett (?)
Lt. & A.A.A.General

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Medical Directors Office
Baton Rouge Feb 5th 1864

Sir

In future All Medical officers in your Regiment both present and absent will be included in your Morning Report.

By Order of
Surg. E McDonnell (?)
Med Director

To

Asst Surg Conant

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Medical Directors Office
Baton Rouge L.a., Feb 17th 1864

Asst Surg A B Conant
7th Ky Vols.

You will immediately send to this office a full list of Men assigned to the Invalid Corps in your regiment. in accordance with the letter from Col Cahill enclosed herewith, also stating the shortest time in which they can (?) be ready to start.

By order of
E McDonnell (?)
Surg U.S. Vols & Med Director

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Head Quarters US Invalid Corps Dept of Gulf
New Orleans La 1864

Surgeon E McDonnell

Med Director
Baton Rouge

Dear Sir

Accept my apologies for not answering your first dispatch, the truth is I had no rolls to send you, and was expecting some on every steamer. If you send the men with their descriptive list and a full list containing 1st the name 2nd the Rank 3rd the Company 4th the Rgt. 5th the disability 6 How long disabled, there would be no need of Invalid Rolls.

Please telegraph me the number of men you propose to send, and the day on which they will arrive, in order that I may prepare for their reception.

I have the honor to be Sir
Very respectfully your obedient servant,
Frank P. Cahill
Col and asst. to Provost Marshall G ___ (illegible)
U S Vols

Medical Directors Office
Baton Rouge Louisiana

Official

E McDonnell
Surgeon U.S.V.
Medical Director

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Circular No. 2.

Surgeon Generals Office

Washington D.C. Jan 19th/64

The attention of Medical Officers in Charge of U S Hospitals is called to the important necessity of man strict compliance with Paragraph 1286, Revised Army Regulations, 1863, regarding descriptive lists of Soldiers leaving Hospitals. Whether a soldier be transferred from our Hospital to another, to his Regt, or to any other post, his complete and certified descriptive list must be at once transmitted to the (illegible) officer.

Hereafter failure to comply with this regulation considered disobedience of orders, an as such reported to the Secretary of War for his action.

Jos. K. Barns
Act. Surgeon General

Medical Directors Office
Baton Rouge Feb 18th 1864

Official

E. McDonnell
Surg U.S. Vols
Med Director

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Medical Directors Office
Baton Rouge La

Feb 24th, 1864

Respectfully returned to Asst. Surgeon Conant 7th Ky. Vols. It is necessary the Discharge should be made out prior to approval.

E McDonnell
Surgeon U.S.V.
Act. Med Director

This last note came back with Sergt H.H. Gray's papers because I had not filled out the discharge blank. I had not been accustomed to fill out the blank in cases heretofore.

A.B. Conant
Asst Surg 7th Ky
in charge of Regt.

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Medical Director, Office Hrs. Ins Dept Gulf
New Orleans Feby 13th 1864

Circular
Sir

Hereafter you are directed to transmit to this office through the Medical of your Command regularly copies of your Consolidated Weekly reports, which will contain the number taken sick returned to duty, transferred &c. during the week.

Signed,
R.H. Alexander
Surgeon U.S.A.
Medical Director Dept of Gulf

Medical Director Baton Rouge
February 27th 1864

In obedience to the above Circular, Surgeons in Charge of Regiments & Batteries at this post will send to this office to day their weekly reports for the week commencing Feb 19th and ending Feb 7; 25th (sic) 1864, and in future have them sent to this office with the Thursday Morning Report in each week.

E. McDonnell
Surgeon U.S.V.
Act. Med Director

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New Orleans Louisiana March 2nd 1864
Surgeon E McDonnell

Sir

You will inform Surgeons in Charge of Hospitals and Camps, When Discharged Men are awaiting transportation that the Medical Hospital Boat will leave the last of this week for Cairo Ills, So that all preparations will be made.

Respectfully
Geo. W. Stipp
Med. Inspector U.S.A.

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Med. Directors Office
Baton Rouge La March 3rd, 64

Surgeons in Charge of Hospitals and Camps at this Post will have all discharged Men prepared for the above Boat, Supplied with Six days rations.

E McDonnell
Surgeon, U.S.V
Med Director

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Baton Rouge La.
March 4th 1864

Doctor I have the honor to request that you will forward to me at your earliest convenience a statement of the number of ambulances and hand litters now in your possession in the 7th Ky. Regt. Direct to me at Hd. Qurs.13th A.C. No. 49 Union St. New Orleans La.

Remain
Very respectfully
Yr obd sevnt
P. S. Conner
Asst Surgeon U.S.A.
Med Inspt 13th A.C.

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Head Quarters Baton Rouge La.
April 12th 1864

Genl Orders
No. 25

Surgeon E McDonnell Acting Medical Director--being relieved in
Orders from War Department.

Surgeon S.K. Towle is appointed
Acting Medical Director of this District and will relieve Surgeon McDonnell without
delay.

By Command of

Brig. Genl P. St. Geo. Cook (should be Cooke)

M.V. Sutton

Lieut and A.D.C.

Signed,

Official

J.S. Ross

A.A.A. General

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Head Quarters Dept of Gulf
Medical Directors Office
New Orleans La-----1864

Circular

Printed forms are ready for issue in the application of
Medical officers by the Medical Purveyor in this City for Weekly reports.

The necessity for promptitud (sic) and regularity in the
transmissal of these reports to this office is enjoined upon all Medical Officers Serving in
the Department.

R.H. Alexander
Surgeon U.S. Army
Medical Director
Department of the Gulf

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Medical Inspector Generals Office
Washington D.C. Febr 17th 1864

Circular

The exercise of a little energy and foresight on the part of offices in establishing gardens for early vegetables near their posts, Hospital, and even camps Would enable them to obtain a supply of rapid growing esculants and at the same time afford a healthful pastime for the men. Many of the choicest vegetables come to perfection in six weeks after planting so that even tramps in the field could after have it in their power to supply themselves with corrective articles of diet which they could not obtain by purchase. It is earnestly recommended that officers in localities suitable for the enterprise be requested to prepare for planting in due season a quantity of lettuce, radishes, carrots, &c., &c., and some of the leguminous plants especially bunch beans. Also squashes, cabbages, onions, Corn and Potatoes. a (sic) few of the condimentary and corrective herbs, such as parsley, peppergrass, spinach, and mustard, which grow with great rapidity. Would valuable (sic) additions to the Soldiers garden. I cannot to (sic) earnestly direct your attention to this subject. With the hope that you will be able to induce all officers concerned to exert themselves in establishing vegetable gardens whenever it is possible to be done.

Very respectfully
Your obd srvnt
JWM Cugles
Acting Med. Inspt Gen U.S.A.

Medical Inspectors office Dept. of Gulf
New Orleans La March 29th, 64

The attention of Surgeons in Charge of Genl Hospitals U.S. Barracks, Forts, and permanent Camps are especially called to the foregoing circular from the Medical Inspt. Genl office, and they are respectfully urged to comply with its suggestions.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant
Geroge W Stipp U.S.A.
Medical Inspector Dept. of Gulf

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Circular No. 1

Medical Inspectors Office Dept. of the Gulf
New Orleans Feb 1st, 1864

Sir

I wish from each regiment, battalion and battery in this Dept. information upon the following topics

1st Commanding Officer,

2nd Names of Medical Officers present and absent,

3rd Plan of recruiting, date at final Mustering and aggregate number of force at that time.

4th Movements of Command date of leaving rendezvous, each successive camping and (unintelligible) with with (sic) dates, Showing length of Marches and length of time encamped. Character of the Camping grounds, and any Special Circumstances Connected with the Marches, date of arrival at present past and accounts of all expeditions in which the Command participated.

5th Casualties, resignation of Officers, number killed in action died from wounds and disease Wounded or missing designating whether officers or enlisted men; loss by discretion, discharged from service, from Genl Hospital, stating the General Character of the disabilities, Whether from Wounds received, sickness, or from disabilities existing before entering the service, this point to be as accurate as possible stating what number were left behind on the marches and what praportion (sic) have returned.

6th The epidemics that have been prevalent, their nature, extent and results, With the account of the diseases most prevalent, especially. to What extent Pulmonic and Zymotic diseases have existed with results.

7th The frequency of the issue of vegetables and fresh meats to the men and in what praportion (sic) to the Pork or Bacon.

8th Such remarks as may occur on the foregoing and other subjects which the Medical Officers may Choose to submit.

9th The Consolidated "Morning Reports" from the Adjutants office for the day. I desire to learn the exact strength of each regiment.

10th Surgeon in Charge of General Hospitals, Camps and regiments will state whether or not they keep on hand a supply of reliable vaccinia virus, and if they have ascertained by careful personal inspection that every person under their charge

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Medical Inspector's Office
Department of The Gulf
New Orleans La April 26th 1864

Circular

- I The attention of Medical Officers in charge of Hospitals is called to the fact that the process of discharged for disability is frequently delayed to the detriment of the Service and to the unnecessary inconvenience anxiety and suffering of disabled soldiers by various irregularities and defects in the papers necessary to discharge.
- II The statement preliminary to the Surgeons Certificate is frequently imperfect. All blank spaces of this Statement should invariably be filled not omitting Station and date
- III The Surgeons Certificate is often imperfect by reason of.
- a. Inaccuracy and incompleteness in the description of the character and extent of the disability
 - b. Omission to state whether the disability existed before or originated since the muster in to service of the soldier in question
 - c. Omission to state all of several concurring causes of disability
 - d. Omission to state that the soldier in question is "physically unfit for the Veteran Reserve Corps (sic)
 - e. Omission to state the degree of disability
 - f. Manifest inaccuracy in stating the Degree of Disability. The ability of the soldier to earn his subsistence by manual labor is the only consideration in determining the Degree of Disability in the loss of an entire disabling (sic) of any one of the four limbs should be recorded a total disability.
 - g. The filling of the certificate in other hand writing than that of the officer signing it.
- IV Soldiers of the Veteran Reserve Corps are to be discharged from their respective Companies in that Corps and not from the Companies to which they previously belonged and from which they have been transferred, but future reference to their papers will be facilitated if the Company and Regiment from which they were transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps are mentioned in the statement preliminary to the Certificates of disability in the final discharge and final statements.
- V The final statements of a soldier discharged from the service in a General Hospital must invariably be signed by the Surgeon in Charge and not as sometimes occurs by the officer commanding his Company. The expression in final statements "Surgeons Certificate of Disability" should be followed by "incurred since enlistment" or "existing before enlistment" as the case may be whenever that fact can be ascertained. When a soldier is discharged for various causes of disability one of which arises "from wounds received in battle" it should be clearly and unmistakably set forth in the endorsement upon the final statements and final discharge whether such disability from wounds is or is not sufficient to necessitate the discharge of the soldier. The final statements should invariably include a statement of any Bounty received by the soldier in question. If no Bounty has been received that fact will also be stated.

VI Special attention is directed to the provisions of Art 1371. Revised U S Army Regulations respecting final statements.

VII Medical Officers in charge of Hospitals will be held strictly accountable that the errors and omissions herein indicated do not occur in future in order that justice be done to the Government and to the soldier.

G W Stipp
Med Inspector U S Army
Dept of the Gulf

Art 1371 Revised Regulations USA

Every enlisted man discharged as a minor or for other cause involving fraud on his part in the enlistment or discharged by civil authority shall forfeit all pay and allowances due at the time of the discharge and shall not receive any final statements.

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Head Qur's 1st Div 13th A.C.
Morganzia, La. June 7th / 64

General Orders
No---49.

Surgeon Otis E. French 114th O.V.I. being the senior surgeon is hereby announced as "Surgeon in Chief of this Division, and will be obeyed & respected accordingly.

By order of Brig Genl
M.K. Lawleer

(signed)

B. Wilson
Capt & A.A.G.

Official
J.S. ~~Refo~~ **ROSS**
Capt. & A.A.A.G.

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Head Qrs. 1st Brig. 1st Div. 13th A.C.
Morganzia La. June 7 1864

General Orders
No (left blank)

Surgeon Jonphle (internet says Joseph) Kalb 42 O.V.I. being the Senior Surg 1st Brig. is hereby announced as Sr. Surgeon 1st Brig & will be obeyed & respected accordingly.

By order of L. A. Sheldon
Col, 42nd O.V.I.
Commanding 1st Brigade
J.S. Ross
Capt. & A.A.A.G.

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Hd. Qrs. 1st Brig. 1st Div 13th A.C.
May 26 1864

Genl. Orders
No 2

Maj O Peabody Surg 23rd Iowa (internet shows Oren Peabody surgeon in the 22nd Iowa), being the Sen. Surg. present will act as Brigade Surgeon during the existence of the present temporary temporary (sic) organization of the Brigade.

By order of Colonel
S.A. Sheldon
J.S. Ross A.A.A.G.

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Head Qrs. 1st Div. 13th A.C.
Morganzia La. June 7th 1864

General Orders
No 49

Surgeon Otis E. French 114th Ohio Vols. being the Senior Surgeon is hereby announced as Surgeon in Chief of this division, and will be obeyed & respected accordingly.

(signed) By order of Brig. Genl
M K Lawler
B Wilson
Capt and A.A.G.

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Hd. Qrs Med Dept
1st Div & Dept 13th A.C.
Morganzia La June 8th 1864

General Orders
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Regimental Surgeons will keep their Regiments provided at all times with a full and sufficient supply of Medl and Hospl Stores, which they will obtain by special requisition if necessary. They will always have on hand a complete & ample supply of chloroform bandages and surgical instruments, and all articles required for use in the practice of surgery, sufficient for any and all occasions, and demands of their respective regiments.

They will see that these instruments are always in good order for immediate use, and never allow their stock of anaesthetics (chloroform) and bandages to be reduced below one half of the quantity allowed by the medical supply table, without out (sic) immediately replenishing the same.

A weekly personal inspection of the Camps will be made on the 1st day of each week by the Surgeon in Charge of each regiment and an impartial and independent written report of the same will be transmitted to these Hd Qrs including every point of Camp Police, and the sanitary condition of the men; a similar Brigade report will be expected from the Senior Surg of the Brigade.

Brigade as well as Regl Surgeons will communicate in these reports, the condition of their medical & Hospl Supplies, and will also make known the wants of their Regiments or Brigades, of any nature whatever consistent with the Army regulations, and

any and all suggestions they will please advance for the benefit of their Command and the public service.

(signed) By order of
Brig Genl M K Lawler
Otis E French Surg 114th O.V.I.
and Surg in Chief 1st Div., Direct 13th A.C.

Joseph C Kalb
Surg 42nd Ohio Vols Infy
and Senr Surg 1st Brig, 1st Div, 13th A.C.

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Head Qrs 42nd O.V.I. June 10th 1864
Surgeons in Charge of regiments will please transmit their reports through me to enable me to make the brigade report. by so doing they will not be called

J.C. Kalb
Surg 42nd O.V.I.
Senior Surg 1st Brig.

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Hd Qrs Med. Dept. 1st Div 13th A.C.
Morganzia La June 8th 1864

Genl Order
No. 2

Regimental Surgeons having patients hard sick, or dangerously ill, demanding transfer to Hospl-boat or Genl Hospl will request the Senior Surgeon of Brigade to personally examine the same and approve their transfer if in their opinion they are suitable cases, accompanied at all times with their diagnosis of the cases and their reasons for such approval which will be transmitted to these Hd. Qrs for examination and endorsement.

Senior Surgeons of Brigades will not approve of the transfer or leave of absence of any sick person that has not been subject to a proper and reasonable term of treatment in Camp It is hoped that Senior Surgeons will act impartially and independently in these examinations and maintain the integrity and dignity of the profession

signed

By order of Brig Genl. M K Lawler
Otis E French Surg 114th O.V.I.
Surg in Charge 1st Div 13th AC District (last word unclear)

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Hd. Qrs Med Dept 1st Div. 13th A.C.
June 9th 1864

Genl Order
No -2

Regimental Surgeons having patients bed sick or dangerously ill, demanding transfer to Hospl Boat or Genl Hospl will request their Senior Surgs to personally examine the same and approve of their transfer, if in their opinion they are suitable cases, accompanied at all times with their diagnosis of their cases, and their reasons for such approval, which will be transmitted to these Hd. Qrs for examination and endorsement

Senior Surgeons will not approve of the transfer or leave of absence of any sick person that has not been subjected to a proper and reasonable term of treatment in Camp.

It is hoped that Senior Surgeons will act impartially and independently in their examinations and theirby (sic) maintain the integrity and dignity of their profession

(Signed) By order of Brig Genl Lawler
Otis E French
Surg in Chief 1st Div

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Genl Order
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Hd Qrs 19th Ala and U S Forces
Morganzia La June 14 1864

Surg O E French

The Chief Surgeons of Divisions and Separate organizations of this command will institute weekly inspections of their Camps and Hospls with with (sic) special reference to an improved hygienic condition of the troops The reports will be forwarded in duplicates every wednesday on to the Commanding offices of the division and one to my office

You will report upon the following subjects. and all suggestions of a scientific character calculated to improve the sanitary condition of the troops will be cheerfully received

Location of Camps, and facilities therefor
Police of Camps, in and about tents, kitchens drains & stables.
Tents arrangement ditching, ventillation, and grading of streets.
Links construction and management whether properly covered in daily
Rations Quantity and method of cooking, whether there is a daily medical
inspection of kitchens and instructions in cooking
Vegetables how often (unreadable word) and quantity
Cleanliness of mess, frequency of bathing & time.
Hospl Tents No. and use comfort and condition of sick, use and abuse of Hospl
Stores and improper application of Hospl Stores and Cooking Utensils by Medical
officers or Messing (last word uncertain) with attendants
Medical Supplies Quantity and quality
Condition of Hospl Knapsack Medicine Chest
Mess (word uncertain) chest &c
Surgical instruments condition of
Hospital Records if properly kept, morning reports recorded daily, Register &
Prescriptions accurately kept, Accounts, Invoices, Returns Orders &c preseerved.
Prevailing diseases, nature origin & prevention

Signed E F Sanger
Med Dir. 19th A C
U S Forces Morganzia La
Official O E French
Surg. in Chief 1st Div 13th A.C.

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Hd. Qrs 1st Brig 1st Div 13 A.C.
Morganzia La June 20 1864

Regimental Surg will make their their (sic) weekly inspection reports according to the purpose and intention of this Circular Tuesday morning of each week

Otis E French Surg 114 OVI
Surg in Chief 1st Div 13th AC
Dirctr.

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Head Qur's Military Div. West Mississippi
Office of the Medical Inspector & Chief Medical Officer
New Orleans La July 27 1864.

Circular
No. 1.

I. It is hereby announced for the information of Medical Officers in this Military Division of West Mississippi that the Chief Medical Officers of Departments, Armies & Army Corps alone can be styled "Medical Directors". Officers having the control of the Medical Affairs of any Command less than an Army Corps, of a Division, of an Army, or a Military District will be styled "Surgeon in Charge"

The senior Surgeon of a Military Post will be styled "Post Surgeon". The Military Designations should always be inscribed above these titles

II. The Medical Directors of the Departments of the Gulf & Arkansas, will transmit their papers through this office, except - those that may be required to go direct-to the Surgeon General Office

III. The Medical Directors of all of the Departments in the Military Division of West Mississippi, and the Surgeons in charge of the Military Districts of West Tennessee, Vicksburg & Natchez will furnish for the use of this office copies of the Monthly Return of Medical Officers accompanied with a statement of the Regiments in which vacancies exist with a list of Hospital Stewards & when serving.

IV. Surgeons in charge of Hospitals in the Military Division of West Mississippi will furnish this office with a copy of their Weekly Report with brief remarks upon the prevailing diseases and the treatment adopted; Epidemic & contagious diseases; and vaccinations. The number of Laundry laborers and contrabands should be given. Medical Directors of Departments, Surgeons in Charge of Military Districts & Post Surgeons in the Military Division of West Mississippi will furnish a semi monthly consolidation of their Weekly Report, the designation and the details for the various headings of the Report to be mentioned, for each Regiment & Battery. When the Commands are large enough this consolidation will be made by Divisions.

V. Hospital Registers very often show merely the diseases with which patients enter the Hospital, and omit-altogether the subsequent-diseases they may have had while there. Such omissions render the Report of Sick & Wounded false, as likewise all calculation & statistics band upon them. Hereafter the diagnosis upon the bed cards, and the Register will be changed to as to account for (sic) every disease each patient suffers while in Hospital. If a patient has Intermittent fever, Gonorrhoea and Diarrhoea during any one month they should all be set down against his name & entered on the Register, as so many cases of Disease.

VI. In order to ensure the thorough application of an obedience to the various orders, regulations and instructions that have been promulgated to enforce the proper

administration and working of the Medical Department; and as a means of keeping Medical Directors frequently informed as to the efficiency and sufficiency of Medical Officers; the condition of supplies; the sick and death rates; and the sanitary condition of the troops; the prevailing diseases, their cause and the means to be adopted for their prevention, and relief; and all other matters, the knowledge of which may tend to elevate the standard of health and increase the power of the troops Medical Director will cause careful inspections to be made of the troops, post camps and Hospitals under their control. This duty will be performed by all Medical Officers, who will be detailed in turn for this, in addition to their other duties, in the same way that line officers are detailed as officers of the day. Medical Officers belonging to a Division, or smaller command, should rotate with each other in their inspections; and those in charge of Hospitals, when they are situated in groups, should do likewise. Reports of these inspections will be made semi-monthly; and will only cover as much ground as can be conveniently & easily inspected within the above period. Hasti -i (probably Hastening) this duty should be avoided. After the Medical Directors of Departments have received these reports through the usual channels and endorsed their action upon them, the most critical & instructive of these will be forwarded to this office.

It is not intended by this arrangement to impose more labor upon Medical Officers than they can conveniently perform; and it is confidently believed that by thus varying their duties, enlarging their sphere of observation, and affording opportunities for a free interchange of experiences, they will become mutually instructed; and by necessity, become more familiar with orders, circulars and the usages of service. This order will be sufficient authority for the performance of the above duties.

VII. Medical Directors will endeavor, as much as possible, to economise (sic) Medical Officers, by breaking up all unnecessary so called Medical Directorship and Superintendance of Hospitals, which quite often are of no service and simply duplicate the labor of the next office above them, and occasion a waste of time, clerical labor & stationery.

By order of Maj General
E.R.S. Canby

Edw. P. Vollum
Lieut. Colonel and Medical Inspector U.S. Army
Chief Medical Officer

Official
B Wilson
A. A Genl

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Head Quarters 3rd Div-19th A.C.
Morganzia La Aug 26th 1864

Able B. Conant
Surgeon 7th Ky. Vols.

You are hereby detailed "Medical Inspector" of 3rd Division 19th A.C. for the purpose of inspecting said Division, and making the Semi-Monthly Medical and Sanitary Report (extending from Aug 15th to Sept 1st) and forward the same to these Head Qu'rs in accordance with "Circular no. 1" enclosed.

You will also return the circular with your report.

Otis E. French
Surg 114th O.V.I.
and Surg in Chief 3rd Division

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Head Quarters 3rd Div. 19th A.C.
Morganzia La
August 30th 1864.

Circular

Regimental Surgeons are hereby notified that by order of Brig. Genl McGinnety, Abel B. Conant Surgeon 7th Ky Vol Infantry has been ordered to act as Senior Surgeon of 1st Brigade and will be respected & obeyed as such

Otis E. French
Surg 114th O.V.I.
and Surg in Chief 1st Div.

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Head Quarters 3rd Division
19th Army Corps Sept 1st 1864

Special Orders
No--36

III Surgeon A B Conant 7th Kentucky Vols. will act as
Senior Surgeon of the 1st Brigade 3rd Division 19th Army Corps.

By order of
Brig Genl McGinnis
(Signed) J. H. Livsey
Asst Adjt Genl.

Official
J.S. Ross
A.A.A.G.

C.O.
7th Kentucky

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Head Qurs. 19th Army Corps
Mouth of White River Arkansas
Sept. 15th 1864

Special Orders
No. 198.

(Extract)

In accordance with Special Order No 198 Hd Qurs. 19th Army Corps
dated Sept 15th 1864, the following named officers 7th Ky. Vols. will report in person to
the Maj Genl Commanding Division West Mississippi for Orders.

Viz.

Lt.-Col. Tho. J. Daniel	7 Ky Vols
Major E.B. Treadway	" "
Surgeon <u>A B Conant</u>	" "
Captain Dan G Williams	Co. B.
" Henry J. Clark	" D
" Beverly P. White	" E
" James M. Beatty	" A

R.Q.M. Will H. Jackson	----	-----
Lt. Simon J. Brommell		Co. F
" John T. Bates		" E
" Henderson Eversole		" B
" Jesse H. Cole		" A
" Stephen T. S. Cook		" H

By Order

R. May (name uncertain), Col
7th Ky Vol. Infy.

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Here ends the entries of orders in this ledger; the same ledger book contains many requisitions and invoices for supplies for the 7th Kentucky Infantry