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A

Regimental Book for the 1 s Reg t

3 rd detachment of Ohio Militia

containing Orders received and

Issued by Colonel James Mills

of Butler County and

State of Ohio.

February 6 to August 4, 1812.

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This is a typewritten copy of the Regimental Book or Journal kept by Colonel James Mills, War of 1812. It was the property of Mrs. E. C. Downing who lived near Mollansburg Darke County, Ohio. She died this Fall while the Journal was being copied. Her maiden name was Mills, probably a granddaughter or a great granddaughter of Colonel Mills. At all events the Journal has been in the possession of the Mills family since the time it was written. It was never copied until this copy was made.

Colonel Mills' men saw six months service, from February 6 to August 4, 1812. They marched from Hamilton, Ohio by way of Lebanon and Dayton to St. Mary's and then to Ft. Meigs, which is situated at Perryville, Ohio, on the Maumee River then or twelve miles south of the present Toledo and there they were mustered out - mustered out too at a critical time in the campaign.

In a Journal of this kind it must be remembered that it is not a diary of personal experiences. Indeed, it is wholly impersonal. It is a formal record of the movement of troops and more particularly a record of military orders. But, it is not difficult to read between the lines. For example there is the entry of April 4, 1813, when General Harrison and "his suit" arrived at St. Mary's. The General at that time was straining every nerve to get men and supplies forward to Ft. Meigs to meet the anticipated attack of the British. His job was to stir things up and he gave verbal orders to rush forward the boats, etc. He also told the Colonel to stop firing a cannon each morning. Perhaps he objected to the waste of powder in such a way and apparently he saw a good deal of waste and carelessness about the Fort for he directed that the guns be collected and put in the military stores. No such order would have been given had it not been necessary. These Militia Soldiers did things pretty much as they pleased. They did not have the first idea about sanitation for there are many references to cleaning up refuse, burying dead animals and the like. *↳ This is wholly erroneous as they may have been ordered to clean up.*

Colonel Mills and his men went on to Ft. Meigs and saw active service at the front. General Harrison wished to improve the marksmanship of his men although most of them must have been sure shots, accustomed as they were to hunting from their youth up. With this in view he ordered that when the guard was relieved he was to unload his gun by shooting at a mark, the prize for the best shot to be a quart of whisky and for the second best a pint. Were these prizes offered today pretty much all America would take up shooting. The winner of the prize unless he shared it wish his comrades, must have been unfit for duty the next day. There was hard drilling at Ft. Meigs to whip the men into shape, two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. But, in spite of this there must have been considerable liberty of action for orders were issued that the men must not go fishing

until after seven o'clock in the morning, nor were they to go fishing without their arms and they were not to go in either direction more than half a mile from the Fort, yet, in spite of all precautions every now and then is an entry of a party outside the Fort by the Indians.

Colonel Mills' Company had not been a month at Ft. Meigs until the British under Procter appeared. General Harrison issued General Orders in the form of a patriotic address. In effect he told his men to look upon the opposite shore, the Battlefield of Fallen Timbers, and to remember Wayne.

On the fifth day of the siege the General issued General Orders congratulating the troops upon their behavior under fire and explaining the causes of Colonel Dudley's defeat. General Harrison must have been consumed with anger over the flagrant disobedience of his orders and torn with grief over the fatal consequences. At all events to his men he spoke his mind in true soldier fashion. Had Colonel Dudley obeyed his orders to the letter he and his men would have been covered with glory. Instead they were destroyed - sacrificed their lives to no purpose. There is in the history of our Wars few more terrible stories than this of these brave Kentuckians marching through the wilderness and on reaching Ft. Meigs they were given the opportunity of rendering distinguished service. They were to land on the west bank of the Maumee, opposite Ft. Meigs, take the battery which was but poorly armed, spike the guns and then immediately before the main body of the British could be rallied they were to return to their boats and cross the river to what might be called the American side. With impetuous gallantry they captured the Battery and then full of unrestrained and unrestrainable courage they pursued the enemy. They broke ranks and went helter-skelter each man for himself and so came on large numbers of Indians English. Those that were not killed were captured and to add a more horrible chapter to the story many of the captured were massacred by the Indians. No wonder the General said "such is the dreadful effect of disobedience" and on May 9 when the siege was lifted and General Proctor, discomfited and discouraged, retired sullenly to Canada, General Harrison expressed his thanks to his officers and men. Colonel Mills was mentioned as having rendered "most important service." But Colonel Dudley's defeat still rankled and the General returned to it with sharper words and more bitterness than before. "It rarely occurs", he said, "that a General has to complain of the excessive ardor of his men, yet such appears always to be the case whenever the Kentucky Militia are engaged. It is indeed the source of all their misfortunes. They appear to think that valor can accomplish everything. x x - such timidity, although not graceful is scarcely less fatal than cowardice."

It is a wonder after such plain speaking that Kentucky could ever forgive General Harrison, but, Kentucky took the rebuke in good part and the State was always strong for the General. This

slaughter of Colonel Dudley's men which followed so fast upon the heels of the massacre on the River Raisin filled Kentucky with grief. There was mourning in hundreds of desolated homes.

During the seige it is evident that the Fort got in pretty bad shape for immediately after the retirement of the British clean-up orders were issued. Probably everyone was tired out after the seige for a week later the field officers of the Ohio Militia petitioned that fatigue duty might be omitted on Sunday. The temporary commandant, General Harrison having gone "to the Settlement", declined the request. In the first place he disapproved of it and in the second place he did not feel competent to rescind any order General Harrison might have made.

There are some odd items as for example an offer of a gill of whisky to every man who found a cannon ball or bomb. The Army was short of these and so the shot fired by the enemy was recovered and used against him. Then there was permission for four men of each company to go into the woods to gather "sallad" - greens of some kind, poke and dandelion perhaps.

On July 21, 1813, the enemy returned to the seige of Ft. Meigs but accomplished nothing. There is a much livelier and better account of this second seige in the Journal than of the first seige.

The by-products of these two unsuccessful attempts to reduce Ft. Meigs was the wearing away of the British forces, beating themselves vainly against rocky walls, or in this case log pickets, and particularly the dissatisfaction of the Indians. They had regarded their British allies as far superior to the Americans, but the repulses at Ft. Meigs and at Ft. Stephenson opened their eyes. They began to see that they had chosen the wrong side and in spite of the influence of Tecumseh they deserted in large numbers. So it was three months later at the Battle of the Thames General Harrison met a force that had already been beaten, that was discouraged and disaffected and that had lost the moral force that leads men to victory.

But Colonel Mills did not participate in the Battle of the Thames. He and his men had enlisted for six months. In August they received their honorable discharge and marched back to their homes in Butler County. Probably they had heard of Commodore Perry's preparations and it is equally probable that all their lives they regretted that their "tour of duty" had been so short and that it had not been their happy fortune to participate in the culmination of the campaign in whose earlier stages they had served with distinction.

December 5, 1928.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

James A. Green

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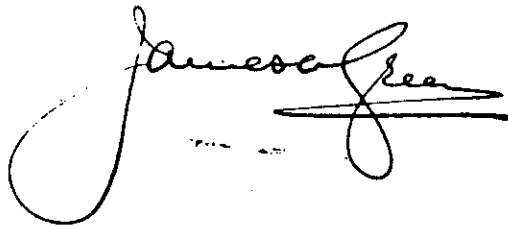
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The writers of history call such a Journal as this, source material and this particular Journal, which heretofore has never seen the light of day, is particularly valuable in its contemporaneous day to day detail. For example, it would be difficult to find anything more suggestive than the Orders in regard to cleaning up the camps. Such Orders would not have been issued had they not been needed. There must have been fearful laxity in this matter and the constant sicknesses which affected the soldiers came undoubtedly very largely from this very cause.

Then the diet was not what we would call in these days a well balanced ration. It was pretty nearly altogether flour and pork.

Another thing that strikes the modern reader of the Journal is the slowness with which men moved. Of course, there were no roads and the wonder is that they did as well as they did.

It has been a matter of great amazement to me and a Journal of this kind makes it more amazing, that it was possible to keep an Army in the forests in the northern part of Ohio in the year, 1813; swamps and forests marked the landscape - the great black swamp that made up northwestern Ohio was not open bog but an immense wet region, knee-deep in muck and mire during the Spring and early Summer and only passable late in the Fall or when it was frozen. So General Harrison had the double task of conquering Nature and conquering the British and he succeeded in both, greatly adding to his credit.



December 5, 1928.

Cincinnati, O.

Hamilton February 6th 1813

This being the time and place appointed by General Orders to rendezvous one company.

Captain John Hamilton appeared and organized his company & commenced drawing Rations &c.

Feb'y.. 8th This day appointed James Heaton a private in Capt Hamilton's Company Clerk to the Regt agreeably to the laws of the state of Ohio, who took the Oath to support the constitution of the United States and of the State of Ohio and also the oath of Office.

February This day appointed Samuel Bayles a private in Capt Hamilton's company Adjutant to the Regt agreeably to the laws of Ohio, who took the Oath to support the constitution of the United States and also of the State of Ohio, and also the Oath of Office

February 16th This day appointed John M^r Closky a private in Capt Hamilton's company Sergeant Major to said Regt who took the Oath to support the constitution of the United States and of the State of Ohio and also the Oath of office.

February 16th the same day last aforesaid appointed John Wells a private in Captain Hamilton's, as Quarter Masters Sergeant to the Regt aforesaid who took the Oath to support the constitution of the United States and of the State of Ohio, and also the oath of Office.

February 17th This day Captain Hamilton Marched from Hamilton to the Crosskeys in Butler county.

February 18th This day Capt Hamilton Marched to Nutts's tavern in Montgomery county.

February 19th This day Capt Hamilton Marched to Dayton crossed Madriver & encamped at Camp Kain, where he was Joined by four companies to wit by Captains Hosbrook, M^r Henry, Seton, and Shaw, where also Major Kain appeared and took command

as Major &c

February 21st This day received Orders from the Governor of Ohio through Brigadier General Wingate to March for St. Mary's and there wait for further orders from the commander in chief.

February 23d This day Marched said five companies to Blacks, or fallen timber.

February 24th This day Marched to Piqua, and from here sent Surgeon Littell to Cincinnati to procure a supply of Medical Stores &c.

Lorimies Feby 26th 1813

February 25th This day Marched to what is called Perry's Block-house.

February 26th This day Marched, to Fort Lorimies, at which place the Detachment was met by Lieut Col. John B. Campbell of the 19th Regt U. S. Infantry from the Commander in chief, who being authorised wrote and delivered General Orders, of which orders the following is a correct copy.

Lorimies 26th February 1813

Sir, By Order of the commander in chief I am directed to instruct you as to the disposition of the forces under your command. You will therefore please to proceed with all practicable dispatch with the troops under your command to St. Mary's where you will yourself remain, and take command of that post, and all the others on the left line of operations. The five companies at present under your command you will dispose of as speedily as possible in the following manner One will remain at St. Mary's, and One at each of the Forts Amanda, and Woghpochenata and Winchester And One for Forts

Jennings and Brown's (the latter to have a subaltern and twenty men) If another company does not shortly arrive, it may be necessary to send the Rangers to Fort Wayne, which is an important post, and is now weakened by the withdrawal of the Kentucky troops. whose time of service has expired. It is important that the troops intended for the advanced posts should proceed to their places of destination as possible, as the troops now in Garrison are anxious to go home, and ought to be relieved when their period of service expires which is on Sunday next.

You cannot be too impressive in your instructions to the Commandants of the different Forts to be vigilant and prepared for any attack the enemy may make.

Troops and indeed officers too often become insensible of danger, by being habituated to it and frequently expose themselves to annoyance from an Indian Enemy. You will also instruct the officers commanding all the posts particularly those of Amanda and Woghpochenata and the same you will observe yourself at St. Mary's to give every possible assistance to the Quarter Master in preparing Boats & Perogues for the transportation of provision to Rapids. The forces you have are

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scarcely sufficient for the defence for the defence of the posts under your command, You will therefore have to dispose of them in the best manner until you are reinforced, which you ought immediately to solicit.

You will receive great assistance from Col. Barbee Commandant at St. Mary's and who you will relieve, whose experience and good Judgment will enable him to give you information that

Col. James Mills

of 1st Regt 3d Detacht Ohio.

February 27th this day about 3 Oclo
arrived to St. Mary's with Capt Manary's Company of U. S. Ranger
and encamped on the North side of the creek or river,
St. Mary's February 28th 1813

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This day moved the troops into the Garrison or Fort of St. Mary's
and on the same day sent Adjutant S. Bayles, Express to the Gov
-ernor of the State of Ohio, and to General John Wingate;

The following is a correct copy of the letter express sent
to the Governor of the State of Ohio. (to wit)
To his Excellency Return J. Meigs, Governor of Ohio
Last evening we arrived at this place, and this evening all the
Kentucky troops will move off. I have only five companies with
me, except the company of U. S. Rangers whose time will be out
in a very few days, On the 26th Col. John B. Campbell, called on
me with instructions from the commander in chief, and my duty is
pointed out in writing to attend to, fortify and keep safe this
place, Amanda, Woghpoohkenata, Winchester, Forts Jennings &
Browns and Fort Wayne, In three days there will not a man be left
at any of the above posts, except a few at Fort Wayne as I am told.
There is several Brigades of Packhorses that must go on to Fort
Wayne but dare not without Escorts, and at Amanda there is a very
considerable store of provisions which must be attended to instant
-ly, I am this Moment detaching One whole company to that place,
and several of the others which will leave this place very weak
& Therefore Sir I ask for one Battalion of Men, or least three
Companies, And that it is very important for them to be here
speedily is my real Judgment. For other information I refer your
Excellency to Mr S. Bayles my adjutant and express who will be

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you will find useful, it therefore will be proper to enquire of him on every subject that may occur to you relative to the service in which you are engaged. It will be essential that you should have two or three more companys, one of which you will send to Fort Wayne, keep one at St. Mary's and send the other to Amanda. and if you had another to dispose of between Forts Jennings and Browns, it would not be amiss. Having had a little experience in Indian Warfare permit me to advise you to be extremely attentive to the duties of the Gard, and compel them to be Vigilant, to ensure which they ought to cry out every Quarter of an hour the time of night and that all is well if they have not discovered an enemy. cleanliness in a Garrison is all important to the preservation of health, it will therefore be proper to detail two or three persons for the express purpose of cleaning the inside of the forts and removing every nuisance. You will also give such instructions & assistance in preserving the public propeity as it may require. You will make Monthly reports to the Com-mander in chief, and direct the Commandants of Garrisons under your command to make the same to you oftener if you think proper of the State of the Forts, and the amount of publick property in each, if this should not be done by the Quartermasters, be always careful and give similar instructions to avoid puting uppon paper anything which if intercepted by the enemy would give them information that might endanger you.

I am Respectfully your obt Servt

(Signed)

John B. Campbell

Lieut Col. 19th Regt U. S. Infantry.

able to give your excellency further information which I may have perhaps omitted

I am &c.

James Mills Col.

at Regt 3d D. O. M.

The letter by the same Express to General Wingate was of the tenor of the above, to wit, Representing the situation of the posts and requesting additional forces &c

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St. Mary's March St 1813

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This day Ordered Major D. Kain to Fort Amanda with three companies (to wit) Captains Hosbrook, McHenry and Seton, The Major and one company to be stationed at Amanda, One Company at Fort Winchester and one for Forts Jennings and Browns, a subaltern & 20 men to be placed at Browns &c.

Same day Ordered Captain Hamilton and part of his company to Woghpoockennata.

Same day detached from Hamilton's Company Lieut. Shafer and 20 privates to escort 2 Brigades of Packhorses to Fort Wayne, together with a Sergt & 10 men from Capt Shaws Company.

Same day issued an order to Captain Anderson Spencer to March this place with his company of Riflemen,

Same day Ordered that Captain James Manary of the U. S. Rangers, take upon himself the direction of the Spies and the responsibility of giving timely notice of the approach of any Enemy that may be near to or in the neighborhood of this place, and to make daily reports of whatsoever discovered &c

March 2nd 1813

This day ordered that each and every individual belonging to this Garrison of whatever Rank or station be instructed by the Srgt Major, to have and keep in good order and well charged one stand of Arms and twelve Cartridges ready for use at a moments warning. And the Quarter Master will issue anything necessary for carrying this Order into effect on application of the Srgt Major.

(Signed)

James Mills Col.

St Regt 3d Detacht O. M.

March 3d 1813

Ordered that the following be the form of provision Returns for Captains of Companies, and that each Captain be furnished with a copy of said form as soon as may be &c

St. Mary's March 3d 1813

Form of Provision Return &c

Provision Return for Captain

3d Detachment of Ohio Militia under the comand of Col. James Mills.

Company of the st Regt

Place &
Date

St. Mary's

March 2d 1813

Time of commencing

Mar. 2d

Time of ending

Mar. 4th

No. & Rank of
Officers

1 Capt.
1 Lieut.
1 En

Rations per day

3
2
2

Number of Men

40

Number of Women

2

Number of days

2

Rations per day

1

Total Rations

98

Rations Returned

0

The Commissary will Issue on the above Return ninety eight complete Rations.

Col.
st Regt 3d Dt O. M.

Form of a Company Report

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Report of the Company of the st Regt 3d Detacht of Ohio Militia
commanded by Capt now stationed at March 1813

	Captain	Lieutenant	Ensign	Sergants	Corporals	Musician	Civils	Total	Remarks
Present for duty	1	1	1	4	4	2	40	53	
Sick present	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	2	
Sick absent	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	at Detroit
On Detacht	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	4	to Fort Wayne as escorts
On command	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	6	repairing Bridges
On extra duty	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	2	procuring firewood
On Furlough	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	3	to Lebanon & Dayton
In Captivity	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Missing	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Deserted	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	John Denn
Dead	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	John Dover of wounds
Aggregate	1	1	1	4	4	2	60	73	

(a copy of the above forms, were made out & issued to the several Captains &c)

(Signature & title)

St. Mary's March 4th 1813

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This day Issued the following Order &c.

To the Quartermaster at St. Mary's March 4th 1813

You will at any and all times permit the Surgeon and Surgeons Mates of this Regt to have full and free access to all Medical and Hospital stores, at this place for the use of the Regt and regard this as a standing order

(Signed)

James Mills Col.

st Regt 3d Det O. M.

St. Marys March 7th 1813

Ordered that no person be permitted to shoot in the Vicinity of the Garrison without special permission from the commanding officer.

Ordered also that immediately before Reveille each morning, One Cannon be fired as a signal for Reveille, under the direction of Capt Ball.

And Ordered also that Reveille be beat at daybreak, and that Tattoo shall be beat at 8 O'clock in the evening when every Soldier shall repair to his Cabin or Tent, and remain till Reveille morning.

(Signed)

James Mills

Col.

1st Regt 3d Dt O. Militia

St. Mary's March 8th 1813

Died this day at 12 O'clock William Marshal a private of the pleurisy who belonged to Capt Mc Henry's company of this Regt. Whereupon Capt Shaw, Lieut Vance by order examined and took an Inventory of his effects, which consisted of One dollar and twelve and a half cents cash, one pair of Nippers, one whetstone, three awls, one Razor, One Pocket Knife, One lb of tobacco, One spoon, One lined bag, One pair of Woollen socks, One shirt, two waistcoats, One Lindsey coat, One hunting shirt, One white Roram hat, and One pair of Overalls, which effects aforesaid were put in a bag, to be sent to the family of the deceased.

The same day Ordered that the body of the said William Marshal be interred tomorrow at 12 O'clock in a plain decent manner under the direction of Capt Manary with the honors of War.

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St. Mary's March 9th 1813

This day at 12 O'clock the body of William Marshal was interred in the usual form with the honors of War.

The same day the Colonel visited the troops and post at Woghpoohkenatta, and until his return Ordered that Captain Manary have and exercise the command of this Garrison

St. Mary's March 13th 1813

This day Ordered that the piquets of this Garrison be taken up & moved in and set up so as to reduce the Garrison plat at least one half its present size, and that a proper block house be erected at the North West and South West corners of the same calculated to Rake an enemy from the North, South and West sides of the garrison or Fort, and that the Sergeant Major be charged with the execution of this order &c.

St. Mary's March 16th 1813

The time of the st company of U. S. Rangers having^d expired the Captain thereof having paraded them in the Garrison the Col. reviewed and discharged said company in form, Whereupon the Col. Ordered One Cannon fired as a signal of his respect for the Soldierly conduct of said Company while under his command.

St. Mary's March 21st 1813

This day at 4 Oclook arrived Brigadier General John Wingate, commander of the left line of opporations, and his Brigade Quarter Master, who were saluted by the firing of cannon.

The General produced his authority and instructions from Wm H. Harrison Commander in chief of the North Western Army, which read in the following words. (Viz)

"Head Quarters, Franklinton 14th March 1813

"Sir, The General Order of this day appoints you to the command

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St. Mary's March 21st 1813

"of the forts upon the left line of operations including Fort
 "Wayne. You will be pleased immediately to proceed thither, &
 "take up you Quarters at St. Mary's a situation the most con-
 "venient for superintending the whole line. The great object
 "which will employ your attention is the preservation of the
 "immense supplies of provisions & other stores which are de-
 "posited in the posts under your command and giving to the
 "Quarter Masters and contractors departments every aid in your
 "power towards forwarding them to the Rapids of Miami. A con-
 "siderable number of boats & perogues have been built, but the
 "quantity is by no means sufficient for the purpose You are
 "therefore to use every exertion in your power to forward the
 "construction of them. As soon as the Auglaize & St. Mary's Rivers
 "are Navigable all the Boats & perogues, that are ready must be
 "loaded & sent off to the Rapids with as strong a Guard as the
 "force you have will possibly Justify. It is presumed however
 "that the danger will not be as great when the river first breaks,
 "as it will be when the season is near advanced. It will be proper
 "however to send Scouts by land a head of the boats to see that
 "there are no body's of Indians waiting their approach.
 "The Detachment at this place is ordered to proceed immediately
 "to St Mary's when they may be disposed of as you may think proper.
 "either in decending the River to the Rapids, or relieving other
 "Troops whom you may think it best to send on that duty.

I am Resptfully Your

(Signed)

Hl Sert

Willm Henry Harrison"

"Brigdr Genl Wingate

"Ohio Militia

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Whereupon General Wingate received command of the posts St. Mary
 Amanda, Woghpoohkenatta Winchester, Jennings Fort Wayne &c

St. Mary's March 22 1813

This day received of Major D. Kain a report of which the following
 is a copy--

Report of a Detachment from the st Regt. 3d D. O. M. commanded
 by Major Daniel Kain now stationed at Forts Amanda, Jennings,
 Browns, Brown and Winchester, March 19th 1813.

Commissioned Officers for Duty	Present							Sick Present						
	Captains	Lieuts.	Ensigns	Sergants	Corporals	Musicians	Privates	Captains	Lieuts.	Ensigns	Sergants	Corporals	Musicians	Privates
Capt. Hosbrook	1	1	1	3	3	2	56	Capt. Hosbrook	"	"	"	"	"	1
" McHenry	1	"	1	2	2	"	29	" McHenry	"	"	"	"	"	"
" Seton	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" Seton	"	"	"	"	"	"

	Absent							Remarks &c	
	Total Including Officers	Commiss'd Officers	Non-Comm'd Officers	Sergants	Corporals	Musicians	Privates	Total Including Officers	Aggregate
Capt. Hosbrook	68	"	"	"	1	1	"	5	75
" McHenry	35	"	1	"	2	2	"	25	30
" Seton	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	65

Sir agreeable to your order, I have endeavored to make a Report,
 But not receiving any Report from captain Seton at Winchester, I
 Not yet received

am not able to give a full report, of those reported absent in captain McHenry's company 2 are reported sick, one on duty with the General's Baggage 3 at Fort Amanda with the company's Baggage and two deserted, you will find inclosed a letter from captain McHenry concerning the situation of Fort Jennings I certify the above to be a correct report as far as has come under my notice.

Daniel Kain Major Comt
Fort Amanda March 20th, 1813.

To Colonel James Mills
St. Mary's

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St. Mary's March 25 1813

This day received from Captain John Hamilton his Report & of which the following is a copy.

Report of the first company of the first Regt. 3d D. O. Militia commanded by Captain John Hamilton now stationed at Fort Logan. March 25 1813

	Captain	Lieut.	Ensign	Arguents	Corporals	Musicians	Privates	Total	Remarks
Present for duty	1	1	1	3	3	1	41	51	
Sick present	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	3	
Sick Absent	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
On Detacht	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	to Franklinton
On command	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	6	On extra duty
On extra duty	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
On furlough	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
In Arrest &c	"	"	"	"	"	"	16	16	
Missing	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Deserted	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Dead	1	1	1	3	3	1	67	77	
Aggregate									

John Hamilton Capt.

St. Mary's March 26 recd Capt. Seton's Report of which the following is a copy --- --- ---

Fort Winchester March 18 1813

Present for duty	Deserted	On commd.
1 Captain	"	"
1 Lieut.	"	"
1 Ensign	"	"
3 Sergeants	"	"
4 Corporals	"	"
2 Musicians	"	"
38 Privates	3	1
<i>Total</i>	62	56

St. Mary's March 30th 1813

This day received the Resignation of Doctor Squier Littlell late Surgeon of the Regiment in the following words to wit "Dear Sir, I have met with many delays by sickness water, &c and have finally concluded to abandon the idea of going out again, as I am confident of my own disability to perform the rout of the Garrison at this time of the Year You will therefore please to accept of my Resignation, and please to date my discharge four days after this date, I am with every mark of esteem Yours &c

Col. James Mills
St. Regt. 3d. D. O. M.
(Signed) Squier Littlell Sur.

St. Regt. 3d D. O. M.

Same day last aforesaid, Ordered that Alexander Sackett be appointed Surgeon of the Regt. aforesaid and that an appointment be made out accordingly. Whereupon the said appointment was made out, and delivered to the said Alexander Sackett, who immediately took the Oath of office as Surgeon as aforesaid---

St. Mary's March 31 1813

This day (in the evening) Adjutant Bayles, who was sent express to the Governor of the state of Ohio on the 28th Feb'y last. Returned, who delivered a copy of General orders from the said Governor to

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Genl Gano of which the following is a copy &c

"General Orders March 8 1813"

"Major General Gano is directed upon the immergency of the occasion
"to call out into the service of the United States, three companies
"of light Infantry or Riflemen under the command of their Respective
"Captains & have them marched to St. Mary's and place them under the
"command of Col. Mills of your Division.

(Signed) R. I. Meigs

Gov. Ohio.

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St. Mary's March 30th 1813

And also the Orders of General Gano, in the following words,

"Cincinnati March 16th 1813"

"orders, Adjutant Bayles, will proceed with as much dispatch as
"is possible to communicate and deliver my Orders to general
"Kisling and Colonel Huston, giving notice to the Commissary to
"furnish the necessary provisions at Hamilton and Lebanon for a
"Company of men to Dayton, and then proceed to Dayton and direct
"the Commissary there, to be prepared, to furnish Rations for
"three companies by the 24th Inst. where you will join the
"Detachment and March to St. Mary's, with as much expedition as
"possible and Report to Col. Mills and from him receive further
"orders.

Samuel Bayles Adjutant of
st Regt Comd by Col.
Mills 3d Detacht Ohio

M. now on duty

John S. Gano Majr Genl.
Commanant st Division
Ohio Militia

And also after orders in the following words to wit

Cincinnati March 22 1813

"Sir, As there are Military stores & Camp equipage in Abundance
 "at St. Mary's you will move the three companies from Dayton to
 "St. Mary's by companies allowing an interval of six or eight
 "hours between each company, so that the men may be better
 "accommodated on the road with quarters &c. It is necessary
 "as much dispatch in the march as possible therefore the companies
 "as they arrive at Dayton will draw provision & and march with as
 "little delay as may be without further orders and Report to Col.
 "James Mills at St. Mary's. The quarter masters or Commissaries
 "on the line of March are hereby required to furnish the said
 "Companies with what may be necessary to facilitate their march.
 "You will please to communicate to the Captains and subalterns
 "that they must be particular in attending to their respective
 "companies, that they maintain good order and discipline on the
 "march as it it will give the Genl.

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"pain to have a bad report of the conduct of any of his division
 "and from his confidence in those officers and men he flatters
 "himself with having the pleasure to have a good report of them
 "on their arrival.

"To the care of Major D. Reed John S. Gano Maj. Genl.
 "for the Detacht on their march to Commt st Division O. M.
 "St. Mary's.

St. Mary's March 31st 1813

This day examined and compared the abstracts of provision &c
 with the vouchers, corrected errors of the Issuing Commissary
 since the first of March Inst. and signed triplicates, also, counter-
 signed Captain Manary's abstracts &c

St. Mary's April 2d 1813

This day appointed Thomas Thompson Regimental Quarter-Master, who took the oath to support the constitution of the United States, and also the Oath of office, a certificate of which was delivered to him &c

St. Mary's April 2d 1813

This day received an Order from General John Wingate in the following words to wit

"St. Mary's April 2d 1813"

"Col. James Mills You will make out and return to me a General report of your Regt. on or before the 6th Inst. and in your remarks State the different posts at which they are stationed at this time.

(Signed)

John Wingate Brigr Genl.

Col. James Mills

Comg. 3d D. O. Militia

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Saint Mary's April 2d 1813
Received Captain Shaw's company report &c

	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Lieutenant</i>	<i>Ensign</i>	<i>Sergents</i>	<i>Corporals</i>	<i>Musicians</i>	<i>Privates</i>	<i>Total</i>	Remarks
Present for duty	1	1	1	4	4	2	44	57	
Sick present	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	
On detach	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
On commd	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
On extra duty	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	sick
On Furlough	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	3	
Deserted	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
In Arrest or Confined	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Dead	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Missing	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Aggregate	1	1	1	4	4	2	49	62	

I certify the above to be a true Report

Patrick Shaw Capt.

Received Captain Hetfield's Company Report &c

	Captain	Lieut.	Ensign	Sergt.	Corpl.	Musicians	Privates	Total	Remarks &c
Present fit for duty	1	1	1	4	4	0	34	45	
Sick present	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	3	
Sick Absent	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	2	New town
On detach	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
On commd.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
On extra duty	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
On Furlough	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
In captivity	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	2	to Amanda
Missing	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Deserted	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	6	
Dead	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Aggregate	1	1	1	4	4	0	47	58	

I do certify on honor the above to be true Report
April st 1813

N. Hetfield Capt.

St. Mary's April 2d 1813

This day received Captain Simonton's Report &c

	Captain	Lieut.	Ensign	Sergt.	Corpl.	Musicians	Privates	Total	
Present for duty	1	1	1	4	2	1	33	43	
Sick Present	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	
Sick Absent	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	
On extra duty	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
On command	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Aggregate	1	1	1	4	2	1	35	45	Theos Simonton Capt.

St. Mary's April 4th 1813

This day at six O'clock in the evening, Arrived Major Genl. Wm Henry Harrison Commander in chief of the North Western army and suit on whose arrival an express was immediately dispatched to inform Brigr Genl. John Wingate at Fort Amanda

April 5th 1813 St. Mary's

Ordered (verbally) by the commander in chief that the officers and soldiers at this post immediately exert themselves in preparing the boats perogues &c for transporting provisions from the posts, St. Mary's and Amanda and the Rapids, and that two companies be ordered to be in readiness to embark in that service. And ordered also by the authority aforesaid, that the practice of firing a cannon each morning be abolished, and also that every Yawger & Rifle about this Garrison be collected and put in the Military Stores for the use of the troops &c

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St. Mary's April 5th 1813

This day made out Brigadier Genl. John Wingate a Report of which the following is the substance &c

	Colonels	Majors	Captains	Lieuts.	Ensigns	Surgeons	Sur. Mates &c	Pay Master	Clerks	Quar. Master	Dr. M. Sur.	Sur. Majors	Surgts.	Corporals	Musicians	Privates	Total
Present for duty	1	1	7	6	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	23	8	275	9
Sick present																	
Sick absent																	
On detach																	
On command																	
On extra duty									1								
On Furlough																	
In captivity																	
Missing																	
Deserted																	
Dead																	
Aggregate																	

(General Remarks Annexed)

Brigadier General John Wingate, Sir Agreeably to your order I have made out the above General report which I presume is correct or nearly so. Captain Hamilton's company is stationed at Fort Logan, Woghpockenata, Captain McHenry's company is stationed at fort Jennings and Browns a subaltern and twenty men at the latter post.

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Capt. Shaw's company is stationed at this place (St. Mary's)
Capt. Setons company is stationed at fort Winchester, captain
Hosbrook's is stationed at fort Amanda, captains Simonton and
Hetfield are stationed at this place, Major Daniel Kain whose
quarters are at Amanda, receives the report of captains Hosbrooks
Seton &c.

Given under my hand this 5th day of April 1813

(Signed) James Mills Col.
1st. Regt 3d D. O. M.

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St. Mary's April 7th 1813

This day received from Brigadier Genl. John Wingate marching
Orders the following is a copy &c

"General Orders"

"Col. James Mills

Sir, agreeable to the instruction of General
Harrison, You will prepare and descend the river St. Mary's to
the rapids of the Miami with the detachment now at this place.
You will take charge of all and singular the provisions and
public stores that may be embarked with the detachment under
your command. You will use every precaution in your descend-
ing the river to evade a surprise by the enemy, be careful and
suffer no waste of public property, of whatever description that
you may have in your power to avoid. You will take your staff
with you, the Surgeons Mate excepted who will be left at this
place when you arrive at the Rapids you will enquire and inform
yourself of the troops from the second Division of Ohio Militia,
which you will attach to your Regt. or the detachment that goes

from this quarter. Major A. Pitzers detachment will be attached to Col. Stephenson Regt And as troops arrive they will Join their respective Regts. agreeable to this regulation the troops from the st & 2d Division forming the st Regt and the troops from the 3d & 4th Divisions forming the 2d Regt. which is the regulation by which you will be governed, any orders by me heretofore Issued to the contrary notwithstanding. Given under my hand at St. Mary's April 7th 1813

John Wingate Brigr Genl

3d D--O--M--

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St. Mary's April 1813--Issued orders to captains Shaw & Simonton, agreeably to the above, Capt. Hetfield being ordered on to Amanda this morning & by the Commander in chief. 18

St. Mary's April 8th 1813

This day at 10 Oclock Major General Harrison and suit left this place for the Rapids & Dr. The United States

To James Mills Colonel of the 1st Regt 3d Dect Ohio Militia for my subsistence account from the six day of February Last to the ninth day of April last \$ 75.60

Credit the United States March 23d last

I drew fifty lb. of pork at St. Mary's
foraige for my horse from the Sixth of Feby to the ninth of April being two months and three days \$ 25.20

For my pay from the sixth of February to the ninth of April 1813 being two months and three days at seventy five dollars per month

\$ 157.50
\$ 258.30

Cr. the United States Feby 16th 1813

By cash Recd at Hamilton of pay Master
dito Feby 21st 1813 Recd

\$ 75.00

\$ 10.00

\$ 85.00

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is correct and
Just and that I have not received compensation from the United
States for any part of the above charges more then what credit
is given. My hand May 8th 1813

James Mills Col.
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Died on the 3d of May A. D. 1813 of a wound from a Indian
ball in the head Eson Hibbs

Inventory of the property and cash belonging to ~~ad. Hibbs~~ cash
one Doll. 12 cents one hat 1 coarse muslin shirt Pr. mittens
1 cotton vest 1 swandsdown do 1 Pr of old pantaloons 1 Pr ditto
1 Pr. shoe leathers closed 3 Pr. ditto & thread 1 Pr. ditto
uppers closed lined and bound, 1 light kitt of shoemakers tools
and 1 tomahawk. Appraised by Col. James Mills and Capt. Theophilus
Simonton at \$ 13.37½ and sold at Vendue and amounted to \$ 12.11½
sale

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Head quarters Camp Meggs General Orders April 22 1813.
The Guard in the future when relieved be conducted on the outside
of the Camp under the direction of the Officer of the Day will dis-
-charge loads in their guns at a mark the best shot will receive
a quart of whiskey the second a pint upon the order of the Officer
of the Day. A watch word will in future be given with the parole
and Countersign to the Officer of the Day at retreat beat. It will
be given by the acting Adjutant to the commissioned Officers of
Corps and the latter will distribute the same to Platoon Officers

at the Taptoo

John O Fallon
Dep. Adjut. Gen.

Copy.

Head quarters Camp Meggs April 22nd 1813
After Orders

Major Hukill Deputy Quarter Master General to the
5th Military District will perform the duty of Inspector general
to this army untill the further pleasure of the President is
known. The drilling of the Troops will commence on tomorrow.
Major Hukill will direct the hours when the different Corps will
be turned out for that purpose The General expects from every
Officer the most punctual attention to this all important Duty.

John O Fallon

Copy.

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Camp Meggs April 23 A. D. 1813.

Sir

The following hours are appointed on each fair Day for
drilling the Troops

From 10 O'clock A. M. until 12 O'clock A. M.. From 3 o'clock
P. M. untill 5 o'clock P. M. each clear day.

The troops will be taught under their respective Company
officers under the superintendence of field Officers, the Position
of a soldier without arms to mark time,--Forming--Dressing--Facing--
Marching and Wheeling in the manner prescribed in Duane's hand
book the adopted System for Infantry.

The troops must be perfected in this lesson before they will
be suffered to proceed to the second or third Drill.

The commanding Officers of Corps will hold the Officers Commanding Companies responsible for their Company's turning out promptly at the hours prescribed for Drilling. By Order of

L. Hukill

Inspector General

Colonel Mills

Ohio Militia

Head Quarters Camp Meigs April 24th 1813.

General Orders

The whole of the Troops at this place Maj. Johnson's Command excepted will be mustered and inspected on the last day of the present month. All the non Commissioned officers and privates on extra duty will on that day join their respective Companies Commandants of Corps will apply to Maj. Hukill for blank muster Rolls. It is expected by the General that the Arms, accoutrements, and Clothing of the men will be in the most complete Order. The General has begun to complain of the inattention of the Police of the Camp. The sinks have not Earth thrown into them as often as is necessary. And the remains of animals are to be found in every part of the Camp. The regulations for the preservation of cleanliness ought to be better observed. It shall be the duty of the Officer of the Day to point out to the commanding Officers of Corps any defect as to the police of the part of the Camp under their Control. And if any such defect or nuisance is not immediately removed the Officer of the day will report the Officer neglecting it to the General.

Upon the day of muster and Inspection the Senior Surgeon Doctor Standard will attend major Hukill. And on the day of the twentyninth instant one of the muster rolls of each Company will be delivered to the Major who will point out the hour for each Corps to parade.

No non Commissioned officer or private is to be permitted to go to fish without taking his arms: Nor are any to be

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allowed to go further down the river than the lower part of the first Bottom below the Camp; Nor above more than half a mile from the Landing. Nor is anyone to cross the river without permission from the General. No Fishing will be allowed until seven O'clock in the morning-----

The Troops at lower Sandusky will also be mustered on the last day of the present month and one muster roll from each Company be reduced.

John O Fallon
acting Dept. Adj. General.

Copy.

Camp Meigs April 25th 1813

General Orders

Colonel Mills will detach Captain George Yokeham with the non commissioned Officers, musicians and privates under his Command to Fort Finley and there take Charge of that Garrison as Commandant untill further Orders.

John O Fallon
Acting Dept. Adj. General.

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Head Quarters Camp Meigs April 26th 1813.
The redoubts and block houses will be known and numbered as follows viz. The large Battery on the River front

which it was taken. The general Guard will be furnished as heretofore by the regular Troops and Volunteers. And the small interim Guard indiscriminately as heretofore.

John O Fallon

acting Dept. Adj. Gener

Copy.

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Head Quarters Camp Meigs April 29th 1813.

General Orders

It is at length reduced to a Certainty that the Enemy are about to carry into effect their threatened attack upon this place. The timidity of their attempt can only be accounted for by their Ignorance of our Strength, or their reliance upon our want of resolution to defend ourselves. The General is Confident that in both they will be woefully disappointed. Can the Citizens of a free Country who have taken up Arms to defend its Rights think of submitting to a band composed of Mercenaries of reluctant Canadians goaded to the field by the bayonet and of wretched naked Savages. Can the Breast of an American Soldier when he casts his eyes on the opposite shore the Scene of his Country's Triumph over the same foes be inflamed by any other feelings than the hopes of Victory and Glory. Is not this Army composed of the same Materials with that which fought under the Immortal Wayne. Yes! Fellow soldiers your General sees your Countenances beam with the same fire which he witnessed on that glorious Occasion. And although it would be the highest of Presumption to compare himself to a Heroe. Yet

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he boasts of our being that hero's People. ...PROPERTY-OF

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P.O. BOX 9002 MAUMEE, OH 43537

To your posts then Fellow Soldiers and remember that the eyes of your Country are upon you.-----

Any Orders given in the General's name by the Dept. Qur. Master Capt. Eubanks will be obeyed as if coming from himself. --- Upon the Petition of the field Officers the General directs that the whole Army be furnished with a ration and a half per day until further Orders.

John O Fallon
Acting Dep Adjt General

Copy

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Head Quarters Camp Meigs April 30th 1813.

General Orders

The General directs that the utmost attention be paid to the economizing of fuel. The Commandents of Corps must see that no more is consumed than what is necessary for cooking. On no pretence whatever is a fire to be made for any other purpose. And as soon as cooking is finished the fires must be carefully extinguished. The Commandents respectively will direct the Company Officers, how many messes are to cook at one fire, and will be held responsible that this Order is punctually obeyed.---

The Sinks must be better attended to, and the filth of every description upon the surface collected every morning and burned.

John O Fallon

Acting Dept. Adjt. General.

Copy.

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Head Quarters Camp Meigs May 6th 1813.

General Orders

The General cannot pass by the Opportunity which the Event of yesterday presents of expressing to the Troops his

high sense of the distinguished Valor which was manifested of the three severe Conflicts in which they were engaged. attack made by the Indians upon the left flank was repelled Nerings. Majr Alexander and the Kentucky Militia in the most gallant manner. Colonel Miller and Majr. Tod with the Detachment of the 19th Regt. and Craugham and Bradford's Company of the Regt. and Maj. Alexander with the Volunteers attacked the enemy's Batteries on the right flank carried them, drove off a superior force of the Enemy and killed and took prisoners the greater part of the two best Companies of regulars in the British service. Before the attack was made on this side the General had ordered one on the enemy's Batteries on the opposite shore by the Kentucky Militia. This was executed by Colonel Dudley at the head of about eight hundred men with great gallantry. The four Batteries were stormed all the Guns but one spiked and every object that the General intended effected. It is truly painful to reflect that this operation so eminently successful in the Commencement should have been brought to an unfavorable issue by the

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timidity and disobedience of the Troops. The possessing the Batteries and the destroying the Cannon was the sole object of the General in this enterprise. This being done the Troops should have returned to their Boats. This they could have done and all have returned in safety, this however was not done. They remained on the ground confused and disordered, suffered a feint skirmish to draw them into the woods beyond the covering of our Battery where they were surrounded by the enemy, and a greater part of them made prisoners to the British. Such is the dreadful effect of disobedience, and inattention and that fatal Confidence which is

so apt to prevail with Militia upon a first success. Upon the whole the events of yesterday were highly honorable to the American Arms and promises a most successful Termination of the Siege. We have within those lines more than is sufficient to maintain them. A larger number would be in the way. We are provided with every necessary. The General has ascertained that the number of regular Troops with the enemy are really Contemptible. Nine tenths of their force is Indians and Canadian Militia who are the worst in the world. From an almost unparalleled fire from the enemy's Batteries for five days Continuance it is ascertained that they can do us little Injury. Their supplies of provision must be soon exhausted. Nothing then but a little patience and fortitude on our part is necessary, untill the arrival of those

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large Reinforcements which are coming on, The 24 U. S. Regiment of highly disciplined Troops, And one thousand strong from fort Mapack has been long on their march, and must by this time be on this side of Cincinnati where it will be joined by the remaining Moiety of the Kentucky drafts Colonel Johnson's Regiment of mounted Volunteers one thousand Strong and all the twelve months and other regular Troops which have been recruited in the eighth military District. Upon the whole the Troops may expect to see in a short time an Army of their friends to the amount of at least five thousand Strong. The General will take another opportunity of expressing his sense of the Conduct of those Individuals who distinguished themselves in the late Actions as soon as he is better informed of their respective merits.

John O Fallon

Acting Asst. Dep. Adj. General.

Copy.

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Head Quarters Camp Meigs May 9th 1813.
General Orders

The Information received by the General and the Movements of the enemy indicates their having abandoned the seige of this post. The General Congratulated his Troops upon having Completely foiled their foes and put a Stop to their Career of Victory which has hitherto attended their Army. He cannot find words to express his sense of the good Conduct of the Troops of every discription, and of every Corpse as well in sustaining and returning the heavy fire of the enemy, as for their Assiduity and patience in the performance of the laborious duties which the Occasion called for. Where merit is so general indeed almost universal it is difficult to discriminate.

The General cannot omit to mention the names of those whose Situation give them an opportunity of being more useful. From the long illness of Capt Gratiott of the Corps of Engineers, Arduous and important duties of fortifying the Camp devolved on Capt. Wood of that Corps, In assigning to him the first palm of merit as far as relates to the transaction within the works the General is convinced that his decision will be acceded to by every individual in the Army, who witnessed his indefatigable exertions, his consummate skill in providing for the Safty of every point. His foiling every Attempt, and his undaunted Bravery in the performance of his duty in the most exposed situation. An unfortunate wound in

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in the Commencement of the Seige deprived the General after that time of the able services of Majr. Stoddart of the artillery whose zeal and Talents had been eminently useful. Capt. Gratiott in the revision of a severe Illness took Charge of a Battery and managed

with ability and effect. Capt. Cushing of the Artillery and
Capt. Holt of the 17th Infantry but doing duty with the former
Corps were extremely active and attentive to their posts. Col.
Miller and Majr. Todd of the 19th U. S. Infantry, Maj. Ball of
Dragoons and Alexander of the Volunteers. Col. Mills, Majr
Lodwick and Majr Pitzer of the Ohio Militia, and Maj. Johnson of
the Kentucky Militia, rendered most important services. To each
of the above Gentlemen as well as to each Captain Subaltern, Non
Commissioned Officer and private of their respective Command the
General gives his Thanks. And expresses his warm approbation also
of Adj. Bourne Mr Tremble, and Mr. Peters, Conductors of Ordinance,
Mr. Lyon Principal Artificer, And to sergeant Henderson Jones and
Meldrum who severally had Charges of Batteries or Block houses.
The Battery by sergeant Hinderson was as the enemy Confessed
managed with peculiar efficacy and effect. With respect to Sorties
which were made on the fifth Instant the subsequent information
which has been received from the prisoners has given the gallant
Troops which were employed upon those Occasions, additional Claim
upon the Gratitude of the General. It is ascertained that in
both instances the enemy far outnumbered our Troops.

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The General gives his Thanks to Brigadier Gen. Clay for the prompt
-titude with which the Detachment of his Brigade were landed, and
the assistance given him in forming for the attack on the left. To Col.
Boswell and Majr. Fletcher for their Gallantry and good Conduct in
leading them in the Charge made upon the Enemy. To Capt. Dudley,
Simmons and Madcalf their Subalterns, Non Commissioned Officers and
privates for the distinguished valour with which they defeated the
enemy. The General has in the order of the sixth Instant expressed

his sense of the Conduct of the regular Troops and Volunteers which were engaged in the Sorties upon the left flank. But He omitted to mention Capt. Sebrees Company of Kentucky Militia whose Gallantry was not surpassed by that of any of the Company which fought by their side. The Pittsburg blues led by Lieut McGee sustained the reputation which they had regained equally at Mapasinaway and their gallant associates the Pittsburg Volunteers and Lieut Drum's detachment displayed equal Intrepidity to the Detachments from the Companies of the 17th and 19th Regt. under their Respective Commanders Capt Craugham, Bradford Langham, Eliot, and Neering, the honorable Task was assigned of storming the Brittish Battery defended by two hundred British Grenadier Infantry flanked by a host of Indians and two Companies of Canadian Militia. -----

Col. Miller speaks in the highest terms of the Conduct of Lieut. Campbell, Graham, Lee, Curchwal and Reese, and of Ensigns Ship, Hawkins, Emison, Mitchel and Stockden. The General requests Col. Miller, Maj. Todd, and each of the above named Officers together with all the Officers, Non Commissioned Officers and privates who were engaged on the fifth Instant to accept his Thanks.-----The General is under the highest obligation to his Staff as well for their Conduct in the Action of the fifth as for assistance which he received from them throughout the Siege. Maj. Hukill Acting Inspector General distinguished himself by his Assiduity, and forwarding the part of our work which was most exposed to the fire of the Enemy. From Maj. Graham Aiddecamp his Volunteer Aiddecamp John T. Johnsons Esqr. and Lieut. O Fallon Acting Assistant Adj. General as well as from the Dept. Quarter

er Eubanks he received the greatest assistance. It rarely
 rs that a General has to complain of the excessive ardor of
 men, yet such appears always to be the Case whenever the
 tucky Militia are engaged. It is indeed the source of all their
 fortunes. They appear to think that valour can alone accomplish
 everything. The General is led to make this remark from the
 nduct of Capt. Dudley's Company of the
 he understood that, that, gallant officer was obliged to use
his Espontoon against his own men

Regt.

o oblige them to desist from a further pursuit of the Enemy
 n Compliance with an Order from the General.

Such timerity although not so disgraceful is scarcely less
 fatal than Cowardice, and in the Instance above had it been per
 sisted in would have given a different result to the Action, as
 the whole of the Enemy's force were placed near the batteries
 would have been precipitated on the rear of our Detachment. The
 pursuit being stopped allowed time for a new disposition under
 cover of our Cannon, and the enemy's Batteries were attacked and
 carried without Difficulty. -----

Three Rounds will be fired from the Cannon in the principal
 Batteries this Day at twelve Oclock in honor of our Brethren who
 have fallen during the Seige.

John O Fallon

Acting Assistant Adj. General.

Copy.

Head Quarters Camp Meigs May tenth 1813.
 General Orders

The Guards of the Camp will be Detached as practised before

the Commencement of the Seige. They will consist of the same numbers and be posted in the same manner. The police of the camp must be governed by the Regulations established previous to the Seige. Sinks must be made without the pickets to be used in the Day time, and others within to be used at night, and for the Sick Always. The filth about the Camp must be immediately cleaned up. Each Corps must attend to that part which they occupy and such other as the principal Quarter Master may assign to it. Any person after three O'clock this evening who shall be found easing himself in any other place than in a Sink either in, or outside of the pickets shall be made to do the duty of a Camp Culluman and employed in removing the filth for one Week. The Change of the Quarter Masters' Department at this Fort will devolve on Maj. Tremble Brigade Quarter Master to the Kentucky Troops. Mr. Eubanks will immediately deliver over to him the public property in his possession.

John O Fallon

Acting Assistant Adj. General.

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Saml Ballis Adj. Gen.

Head Quarters Camp Meigs May 11th 1813.

General Orders

Brigade General

Green Clay of the Kentucky Militia is appointed to the Command of the Troops in this Camp and to the posts of McArthur, Finley, Portage, Upper and lower Sandusky. The Commandents of those posts are to report to him. Capt. George Craughan of the 17th Regiment of Infantry is appointed Aidecamp to the Commanding General of the North Western Army. The Resignation of Lieut. Gwynn of the 19th Regt. of Infantry as Paymaster of that corps is accepted.

And also that of John D. Reeves as second Lieut. of the 19th Reg. of Infantry. Capt. Wood of the engineers will attend to the Ordnance Department and see that the making of Cartridges of every description is carried on with the utmost dispatch and everything necessary for the Artillery.

Brigadier Green Clay is invested with power of ordering General Courts Martial and is to decide on their sentences in all Cases where they do not extend to the infliction of Capital punishment or to the dismissal of an Officer in both those Cases the decision is to be referred to the Commanding General.

John O Fallon

Acting Asst. Adj. General.

Copy.

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Fort Meigs May 14th 1813

Sir, You will please to furnish from your Regiment two expert woodsmen for the purpose of escorting an express to General Harrison at lower Sandusky. They will be ready at the Post office this day at 11 oclock.

Col. Mills
Ohio Militia

John Miller Col. 19th Regt. Inf.

Camp Meigs May 15th 1813.

Sir, You will please to order a Regimental Court-Martial to sit this evening to try Samuel Stewart a private Soldier in Maj. Pitzers' Battallion. Yours with respect

John Miller

Col. 19th Regt. Inf.

Col. J. Mills
Ohio Militia

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By virtue of the above Order a Court Martial will be held at 4
oClock this evening at Col. Mills' Marches

Camp Meigs May 15th 1813.

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The United States }
vs. }
Samuel Stewart } Regimental Court Martial

Apeared as }
members of said Court }
and Sworn }
Capt. Pat. Shaw.
Capt. Natn Hatfield
Capt. Theols Simonton

Adj't Samuel Baylis judge advocate

Sworn

A Copy of the Charge exhibited by Maj. Anthony Pitzer.

Charge putting fire to a Bombshell containing powder.

Alexander D. Tucker }
Sworn }

Deposeth and saith that he thought that
Stewart was the man who did the Crime,
but that he did not see him put fire to
the Bombshell.

James Boggs }
Sworn }

Deposeth and saith that for two hours
previous to the report of the Bombshell
on the eleventh of May that said Boggs

was in the Tent where sd Saml. Stewart was writing on a Drumhead
and for sometime after and sd Stewart was not out of the Tent.

Elijah Sprigh }
Sworn }

Deposeth and saith that he stood by when
fire was put to the Bombshell on the
eleventh Inst. and that Samuel Stewart
was not the man who put fire thereto.

United States }
against }
Samuel Stewart }

Regimental Court Martial

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Continued

The Court Martial after hearing the Charge against said Stewart and the Testimony for and against sd Sewart do adjudge that Samuel Stewart was not guilty of the Charge laid against him.---

Given under my hand this 15th day of May 1813.

Patriok Shaw, President.

Attested
Samuel Baylis
Acting Judge Advocate

James Mills Col.
1st Regt 3d Dett. O. M.

Copy.

Fort Meigs May 16th 1813.

Sir. You will please detach and send to the Labratary this morning at 9 oClock the following men from your Regiment to wit

Jerrard Shippinson

Capt. M'Cune's Company

Daniel Chambers

" "

James Rattel

" "

Cornelius Pinhill

" "

Wm Halam

" "

John Miller

Col. J. Mills

Col. 19th Regt. Inf.

Ohio Militia

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Camp Meigs May 16 1813.

General Orders

The Command of this Garrison having devolved on me when from indisposition I have been wholly unable to discharge even the most ordinary duty. The command of the Garrison and its dependant posts during my indisposition is hereby yielded to Col. Miller. The Commissary will use every possible exertion to secure and preserve in the best manner the whole of the provisions of this Fort. The

acting Quarter Master will take immediate steps to secure and preserve the Boats and Crafts of every description. The Boats left above and below will be collected together. As also all the Bottoms of the flat boats now remaining and left constantly guarded by day. The Quarter master will also cause the general parade Ground to be put in complete order as soon as possible that the Drill of the Troops may Commence. He will also pay great attention to cleansing the Garrison and especially that portion of it not designated to be Cleared by any particular Corps. Too much attention cannot be had by the Quarter Master in Collecting property, distributing and presenting the public property. ----- The General hopes that each particular Corps will vie with each other in the cleanliness of the Ground they respectively occupy. This kind of pride is easily excited but it must be done by the Vigilance and energy of the Officers. The Officer of the day will make it his indispensible duty to see that the sick and

wounded are properly attended and have every Comfort. No one will leave the Garrison except for necessary purposes and those on Duty, unless by special permission from the Commander in Chief. The first person without the limits prescribed by General Orders for the sporting ground of the Troops without being on duty or having special permission shall be made an Example. Col. Miller will be good enough to take the Command during my indisposition and cause those and such other Orders as he may view proper to be rigidly enforced. I cannot too thoroughly impress upon the Troops that this Garrison its dependant posts and in fact the future successful operations of this Army depend very much on the Vigilance of the present Moment. The recent success of the American Arms under

Gen. Dearbourne promises Speedy and Honorable Service to the whole Army.

Green Clay

Brigr. Genl.

Copy.

Camp Meigs May 11th 1813.

This day General Harrison and Maj. Ball with his troops of light horse left this place to go to the Settlement.

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Camp Meigs May 16th 1813.

By Virtue of a petition presented this day by The field officers of the Ohio Militia to the Commanding Officer of this Garrison praying for an Exemption from fatigue on the first day of the week or Christian Sabath except in Cases of real Necessity, the Following Answer was presented to Col. Mills to wit.

Camp Meigs May 16th 1813.

To Col. Mills, Maj. Lodwick, and Maj. Pitzer of the 1st Regiment three division Ohio Militia.

Gentlemen, I have received yours of this date wishing that the Officers and men belonging to your Regiment might be exempted from fatigue on the first day of the week except in Cases of real necessity--To this request I can only observe that we are engaged in work of real and absolute necessity, such as the good of the Service and the health of the Troops require--And I can assure you Gentlemen if I thought differently I have no disposition having but a temporary Command to rescind any Order or Regulation, General Harrison may have made.

Yours very respectfully

John Miller Col. 19th
Regt. Inft. and
Commandant

Copy.

Col. J. Mills and the
Field Officers of the 1st
Regt. 3 Division Ohio Militia

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Camp Meigs May 16th 1813

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For Duty.

Col. Mills officer of the Day.
Adj't Bourne Adj't of the Day

For Guard

Col. Miller's Regt.	0 Capt	1 Lieut.	1 Serjt.	2 Corp.	25 Private
" Boswell's		1	1	1	67
" Mills		1	1	1	14
Maj. Pitzer	1	-	-	1	9
Alexander's	-	2	4	7	8
					123

For Fatigue

Col. Miller's	1 Lieut.	1 Serj.	0 Corp.	40 Privates
Boswell's	2	2	1	108
Mills	1	1	1	23
Maj. Alexander	-	-	1	14
Pitzer	3	5	2	15
				200
Guard No. 1.	1 Capt.	0 Lieut.	1 Serj.	2 Corp.
no. 2	1	1	1	42
No. 3	-	1	1	21
Magazine	1	-	1	12
Commissary	-	2	4	6
				123
Commissary, Fatigue	1 Lieut.	1 Serj.	1 Corp.	50 Privates
Quarter Masters'	1	1	1	50
Artificers	1	1	1	50
Police	3	5	2	50
				200

Tho. Pindill
B. Maj.

Copy.

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Camp Meigs May 17th 1813.

Garrison Orders

A general inspection will be made by Maj. Hukill Inspector Genl. N. W. Army of all Regimental Hospital and Company Books on the 20th Inst. ~~All cooking must hereafter be done in the ditches, and also the cutting of wood. The Quarter Master will furnish each Company with Camp Tubs in the ratio of one to every four messes, to contain the bones and scraps of meat usually left about the Tents. -----~~ Company Officers will be accountable for their being used and emptied every Morning immediately after Reveille in Sinks which they will cause to be dug for that purpose at least one hundred yards from Camp. Two sinks in the rear of each Battalion at least six feet long three feet wide six feet deep must be immediately dug. ----- Sinks must also be dug about one hundred yards in the outside of the Picketts 10 feet long four feet wide six feet deep for the use of the Troops in the Day. ----- The commandant hopes, as the health of the Garrison, must be all important to every Officer in Camp, as well as himself that he will receive great assistance from their vigilance and exertion in executing those orders so essential to that Object. ----- A half ration of salt will be issued to the Troops every day for ten days.

In addition to the Pickett Guard already ordered the officer of the day will cause one Centinel to be placed immediately on the Bank about three hundred yards up and another two hundred yards down the river to be taken from Guard No. 2.

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The Centinel will be instructed to let no man pass without a written permission from the Commandant. -----
Thirty men will be detailed for three days to assist the commissary

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in preserving and taking care of his meat who shall be exempt from all other duties while so employed.

John Miller

Col. 19th Regt.

U. S. Infy.

Commandant

Camp Meigs May 18th 1813

Maj Lodwick, field officer of the day

Adj. Baylis Adj. of the day.

Guard

Col. Miller,	0	Capt	0	Lieut.	2	Serjt.	1	Corp.	30	Privates
Boswell	1		1		2		2		60	
Mills	0		0		0		2		13	
Maj. Alexander							1		7	
Pitzer			1				1		10	
Guard No. 1	I		2		4		7		120	
No 2		Capt.	0	Sub	1	Serjt.	2	Corps	42	Privates
No 3			1		1		2		42	
Magazine			1		1		1		21	
Commissary	I				1		1		9	
			2		4		7		6	
									120	

Fatigue

Col. Miller	0	Capt	0	Sub.	1	Serjt.	0	Corp	32	Privates
Boswell	0		1		1		1		65	
Mills	0		1		1		0		14	(End P. 48.)
Maj. Alexander	0		0		0		0		9	
Pitzer	0		2		3		1		10	
Quarter Master	1	Sub	1	Serjt.	1	Corp.	50	Privates	130	
Police	0		2		0		50			
Commissary	1		0		0		30			
	2		3		1				130	

The Commissary Fatigue to stand for three Days.

T. H. Pindell

Copy.

Brig. Major

Camp Meigs May 19th 1813.

General Orders

Col. Mills ordered with a detachment of men consisting of Regulars and Militia to reconnoiter up the river to collect wasted property.

Brought down one flat bottomed Boat delivered at the Boat Yard, a quantity of balls, Bombs, and Shot Delivered at the Big Battery and several stand of arms Delivered to the Quarter Master of Ordinance.

John Miller

Col. 19th Regt. U. S. Inf.
Commandant

Col. J. Mills
1 Regt. 3 Detch O. M.

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Camp Meigs May 22nd 1813

General Orders

For the Detail of Guard for the 23d Inst.

Col. Mills field Officer of the Day

Adj. Baylis Adj. of the Day

For Guard

	0 Capt.	1 Sub.	1 Sergt	2 Corp.	27 Privates
Col. Miller	1	1	2	2	61
Boswell	0	0	0	2	15
Mills	0	0	1	0	8
Maj. Alexander	0	0	0	1	9
Pitzer	0	0	0	1	9
	1	2	4	7	120

To be posted as usual

Fatigue

	0 Capt.	0 Sub.	1 serjt.	0 Corp.	29 Privates
Col. Miller	0	0	1	2	66
Boswell	0	0	1	0	16
Mills	0	1	0	0	9
Maj. Alexander	0	0	0	0	10
Pitzer	0	0	1	0	10
	1	1	4	2	130

Orders for fatigue

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The Commissary has
Quarter Master
Police

1 Sub
1
0
2

2 Serjt. 1 Corp 50 Privates
1
2 1
0 50
2 30
130

T. H. Pindill

Brig Maj.

Copy.

Camp Meigs May 22nd 1813

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Garrison Orders

The Troops at this garrison will be inspected & mustered on the last day of this Inst. by Majr. Hukill the Acting Inspector General. Blank Muster Rolls may be had by Commandants of Companies on making Application to him. One of the Muster Rolls of each Company must be completed at the time the Muster takes place, the other two be made out and handed in for the signature of the Inspector General by the 3d of June. All Non Commissioned Officers and privates on extra or daily Duty will join their respective Companies on this Occasion, and return to their several Employments so soon as the Inspection and Muster is over. Maj. Hukill will designate the hour at which the different Corps will parade on the day of Inspection the Hospital Surgeon Doct. Stennard will attend him on this Occasion.-----

It is expected that the Troops will appear on parade the Day of Inspection with their Cloathes clean and neatly put on, Their Arms in the best possible order. Officers will be held accountable for the order in which their troops appear on parade.-----

The Company Drills of all the Troops in the Garrison will recommence on wednesday next the 26th Inst. under the Inspection of Maj. Hukill. The Troops will parade for drill at 10 oClock

A. M. and at three P. M. each day and will be dismissed at 12
 A. M. and at 5 P. M. Officers will see that their Companies
 turn out promptly at Drill hours.-----
 John Miller Col. 19th Regt. U. S. Infy Comdt

Copy.

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Camp Meigs May 24th 1813

Garrison Orders.

The Commandants of the different Corps at this place will
 make out and deliver to Maj. Pindill acting Adj. General complete
 return of their respective Commands on the first day of June ensuing
 for the month of May Inst.

~~Fishing is expressly forbidden after this day unless specially~~
 authorized.

Every Soldier shall be entitled to one gill of whisky for every
 Cannon ball or bomb he may find and deliver to Capt. Cushing or
 Lieut. Hawkins.

John Miller

Col. 19th Regt.

Commandant

Copy.

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Camp Meigs May 24th 1813

Regimental Orders

Samuel Baylis Adjutant.

You are hereby Commanded to
 summons a regimental Court Martial for the Trial of James Kelly
 Corporal in Capt. Simonton's Company

United States

vs

James Kelly Corp. }

James Mills Col.

Agreeably to the above order the following officers were summoned appeared took their seats and Members of said Courtmartial.

Sworn

Maj. John Lodewick President

Capt. Patrick Shaw

Capt. Nathan Hatfield

Sworn

{ Samuel Baylis Acting Judge Advocate

Charge exhibited against said Kelly by William Oliver Assistant Commissary of having suffered public Liquores to be used from the Barrels under his Charge on the night of the 22nd Inst. Testimony in behalf of the State.-----

John D. Davis }
Sworn

Deposeth and saith that on the morning of the twenty third the Barrel from which they had drawn whiskey appeared to have had whiskey drawn from it through the course of the night and the spile about one inch and an half farther out than he left it, and the bung appeared to have been taken out.

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Question. Was there any less whiskey in the Morning than there was the night before.-----

Answer. He beleived there was less and further saith not.

The Courtmartial seeing the Charge and hearing the Testimony against said James Kelly Corporal do adjudge that said Kelly is not Guilty.

Given under my hand this 24th day of May 1813.

Attested

Samuel Baylis Actng Judge Advocate.-----

John Lodewick President.

James Mills Col. 1 Regt. 3 Dett. O. M.

Approved

Court martial adjourned untill half past one O'clock P. M.

Camp Meigs May 24th 1813.

United States
vs
Thomas W. Spencer

On Charge of disobeying Orders.

Regimental Court martial ordered by---

Col. Mills 1st Regt. 3 Detachment
O. M.

Summoned as
members of sd Court
martial appeared and took
their seat

Maj. John Lodewick.
Capt. Nathan Hatfield.
Capt. Theols Simonton.

Adj Samuels Balis Acting Judge Advocate.

Charge exhibited by Capt. Patrick Shaw.

Copy----of sd charge "Thomas W. Spencer is charged of disobeying
his Officers orders. Patrick Shaw Capt.-----
Question, by Judge Advocate. Do you plead guilty or not guilty.
Answer. Not Guilty.

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Testimony in behalf of the States.

Biram Williams
Sworn

Deposeth and saith that he the sd
Williams as orderly Serjent ordered
the said Spencer on Guard and sd.

Spencer said he could not go for he was not able, and further.
saith that the Morning that the said Spencer was confined was
the first day that he was reported fit for duty by the Surgeon
and on that day called on him to go on Guard. And received for
answer "I am not able.

shaw

Deposeth and saith that said Thos. W. Spencer was put on the provo Guard on the 19th of May on a general Charge of disobeying Officers, and

er saith that Spencer said on that morning that he was not to go on Guard. And he further saith not.

Williams

ated by the Defendant.

Further deposeth and saith that he never knew the doctor to have any medicine for Spencer to take.-----

tion by president

Did you notify Spencer of the Doctor's Orders to call for Medicine or he would report him fit for duty.

er. I never received such orders from the Doctor untill after Spencer was confined.

at Alexnd Sacket

Sworn

Deposeth and saith that he never gave Spencer any medicine after he was on the sick report.

ation by the president

Did you ever visit Spencer after he was reported on the sick list? Answer I did not.

The Testimony Closed.

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The Court Martial after seeing the Charge and hearing the testimony for and against said Defendant do adjudge the said Thomas W. Spencer guilty of the Charge, yet being satisfied that was unable to perform duty as he had been on the sick list sometime & the Surgeon had neither visited him nor given him medicine--Therefore we feel no disposition to inflict on him any further Punishment than he has undergone

Given under my hand this 24th day of May 1813.
John Lodewick Prest.

James Mills Col.
1 Regt. Dett O. M.

Attested
Samuel Baylis
Judge Advocate

Camp Meigs May 27th 1813.

Garrison Orders

Col. Mills will cause to be made ready to
march at 12 O'clock one ~~Subaltern one Sargent, one Corporal, and~~
fourteen privates with two days provision ready cooked, Blankets
and knapsacks completely armed.-----

Thos. Pindill Brigr. Maj.

Copy.

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Camp Meigs May 26th 1813

Garrison Orders.

The detail for Guard for the 27th will be as

follows.

Field Officer of the day Col. James Mills.
Adjutant of the day Adj. Saml Baylis.

For Guard

	0 Capt.	0 Sub.	1 sarg.	2 Corp.	29 Privates
Col. Miller	0	1	2	2	61
Boswell	0	1	1	1	14
Mills	0	0	0	1	10
Maj. Alexander	0	0	0	1	9
Pitzer	1	0	0	7	123
	1	2	4		

Guard disposed of as formerly except the Magazine is to mount
12 privates instead of nine.---

Fatigue

	0 Capt	0 Sub.	1 Sergt.	2 Corp.	39 Privates
Col. Miller	0	2	2	1	83
Boswell	0	0	1	0	21
Mills	0	0	1	0	14
Maj. Alexander	0	0	0	0	13
Pitzer	0	0	0	2	170
	0	2	5		

Commissary's standing fatigue from Col. Boswell

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To be added to Commissary	1 Sub.	1 Sergt.	1 Corp	30 Privates
Artificers	1	1	1	20
Commissary of Ordnance	1?	1?	1?	20
Quarter Master	0	0	0	20
Police	0	0	0	50
				30

Th. Pindil Brig Maj

*Ohio Militia
Dwight Mann*

Camp Meigs May 27th 1813.

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Garrison Orders for Roll Call.

At the first Appearance of day the Officers of the Guard will cause the Taps to be given on the orderly Drum. The Musicians will assemble on the parade in fifteen minutes after. And give the second taps beginning in the Center then on the right and the left and then the Center when the Morning Gun will fire. The Revellie will then Commence when every Officer and Soldier will rise. When the Revellie is finished the rolls will be called.

From the twentieth of May to the twentieth of September the Troop or tattoo to beat at 9 Oclock, and the other part of the year at eight oclock. Always fifteen minutes before Sunset the Troop retreat will beat parade with Arms Infantry in the center flanked by light troops and Artillery on the right. The Senior Officers present at the last stroke of the Drum will order parade, take his post thirty paces in the front in the Center. Ten minutes before Roll call the orderly Drum will beat the Drummers' Call the Musicians will repair to the grand parade The soldiers will parade with Arms on the Company parade. The first sergeant will form Company bring them to an order and take post on the right, five minutes after first call the Music on the grand parade will beat the second or Adjutant Call when each 1st sergeant will march Company on grand

parade, open Ranks, order arms, take post in the line of file closers on the right of the Company, Officers take post eight paces in front of their Companies facing them, form their untill troop or retreat beat the Adj. will direct Drum Mair. to lead off.

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The music will beat from Center to right from right to left, then to Center and conclude with three rolls and a flourish.

The Company officers face to the front draw their swords the Music on the right, The Adj. will draw sword & advance a few steps to the right and Command "Attention, Shoulder Arms right dress, steady, then march to the Center and advance in front 12 paces, face to the right about and Command "Present Arms, the Adj. face to the front and salute the Commanding Officer and announce "Sir the parade is formed. The Officer will reply "take your Station, he puts up sword takes post on the left of the Officer one pace retired. Officer draws sword and Commands "Shoulder Arms eyes right eye left, steady, support, carry, present, shoulder arms order arms, rest. Then orders Adj. to call Rolls. Adjutant advance 12 steps, draws and Commands "Sergt. to the front march, Call Rolls the 1st Sergt. face right about Call Roll, the Capt. by his side when called, The Adjutant will order 1st Sergt. to the right and left face to the Center march, front face. Report beginning on the right, recover Arms, and report then advance Arms, The Adjutant Commands "Right and left face to your posts march, They take their posts on the right in front of Company, order arms, The Adjutant will face to the right about and report, The Officer will order him to read Orders of the Day, when done the Adjutant will return sword take his post, The Officer will return sword salute with his hat, The Captain will direct the first Sergeant to march off Company to the parade and dismiss them.

The Officers at the same time advance to the Officer and salute with hats and retire. -----

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★ Died on the 21st day of May Samuel Colby without complaint supposed to be in a fit of some time about day break. ----- Private in Capt. Hamilton's Company 1st Regt. 3 Detach Ohio Militia Whereupon Capt. Patrick Shaw and Capt. Theophilus Simonton, examined and took an Inventory of his effects which consisted of viz. 1 Roundabout-- 1 Surtout Coat 2 Shirts 1 Pair linnen Pantaloon 1 Pair of socks 1 Pair of woollen Pantaloon 1 Handkerchief 1 Belt & knife 1 Pair of Mittens 1 Pair of shoes 1 Hat 1 Pair new shoes which effects were sold at public Auction an the money of said sale amounting to \$ 7.62½ committed into the hands of Lieut. Wm Shafer for the use of the family of the deceased.

Camp Meigs

May 21, 1813

★ Died on the 28th day of May John Biram of a short illness.--- He was a private in Capt. Hamilton's company 1 Regt. 3 Detach Ohio Militia at Camp Meigs 1813 ----- Whereupon Capt. Patrick Shaw and Capt. Theophilus Simonton examined and took an Inventory of his effects which consisted of the following Articles viz. 1 Hat 1 Shirt 1 Vest 1 Comb 1 Cotton Coat Cash 6½ cents 1 Pair of Corded Pantaloon 1 Pair Shoe leathers and 7 twists of tobacco,---and the same put to sale at public Auction amounted to \$ 6,25 cents, which money was committed to Lieut. Wm Shafer for the use of the family of the deceased--

Camp Meigs May 30th 1813

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Garrison Orders

Sir

You will please to parade the Ohio Militia

Under your Command tomorrow at 12 O'clock for Inspection and Muster.
Should it rain the Inspection will be omitted and the Troops paraded
in their fatigues without Arms, for Muster only.

Yours respectfully

L. Hukill

Majr. & Insp. Gen.

Protem.

Copy.

Col. Mills

Ohio Militia

Camp Meigs June 1st 1813.

Col. Mills will furnish for a Scout one Subaltern and ten
privates with Arms Accoutrements and knapsacks and one days provision.

T H. Pindill

Brig Major.

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Copy.

Camp Meigs May 31st 1813

For Guard

Col. Mills' Regt.

1 Sergt. 2 Corp. 12 Privates
1 13

For Fatigue

For Guard

Capt. Hatfield
Simonton
Hamilton
Shaw
Engle

Cpts

Sub.

Sergt

Corp.

3 Privates

1

1

2

3

1

3

—

1

3

1

2

12

For Fatigue

Capt. Hatfield
Simonton
Hamilton
Shaw
Engle

1

1

3 Privates

3

3

1

3

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Camp Meigs June 2nd 1813

Maj. Lodewick Officer of the Day.

Col. Mills for Guard 1 Sub. 1 Serg. 1 Corp. 16 Privates

For Fatigue 0 0 4

For Command 1 Corp. 11 Privates to be paraded at 2 o'clock to day with knapsacks and two days provision.

T H. Pindill

Copy

Brig. Major. 62

Camp Meigs June 4th 1813

Detail for duty

Field officer of Day Col. Mills-

Adjutant - - - - - Saml Bayles.

	Col. Miller	1 Capt	0 Sub.	1 Sergt	2 Corp	31 Privates
For Guard	Boswell	0	2	2	2	56
	Mills	0	0	1	1	14
	Pitzer	0	0	0	1	12
	Alexander	-	-	-	1	10
		1	2	4	7	123

	Col. Miller	0 Capt.	0 Sub.	1 Sergt.	0 Corp.	7 Privates
For Fatigue	Boswell			1		14
	Mills			-		4
	Alexander			-		2
	Pitzer	1		-		3
		1		2		30

Tos. H. Hawkins

Acting Adjt

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Camp Meigs June 4th 1813

Regimental Courtmartial

United States }
vs
Enoch Galloway }

Summoned
Members of sd
Court

{ Capt. Patrick Shaw
-- Nathan Hatfield } Sworn
-- Robert Irwin }

Sworn Judge Advocate --- Adj. Samuel Baylis

Charge, viz. Abusing and theatning his 1st Sergeant. Charge read and the question asked, Guilty or not guilty. Answer, Guilty. And asked mercy of the Court. Evidence--John Haines serjeant, deposeth and saith that before this time said Galloway had uniformly done his duty when able and never gave any abusive language before---

The Courtmartial after hearing the prisoner Confession and the Testimony of John Haines adjudge that the said Enoch Galloway may return to his Company, but shall parade with the general fatigue on the fifth and sixth Inst. and do that duty faithfully those two days.

Patk Shaw Pres.

Approved James Mills

Attested

Col. 1 Regt. 3 Det. O. M.

Saml. Baylis

Judge Advocate

Camp Meigs June 6th 1813.

Regimental Orders.

It is expected that all the Officers and Solders belonging to the 3d Detachment of the Ohio Militia will appear on parade in that Order Cleanliness and neatness of dress that becomes their respective station.---It is also hoped that a laudable Ambition to support the dignity of an Officer, on the grand parade for Guard will supersede the necessity of Caution to Commissioned Officers in these respects.---It is also expected that the Company Officers will visit the tents of their respective Company every morning and see that Cleanliness is observed by their soldiers, and that

57 they are duly shaven as decency and health require and in these respects by no means to neglect the sick---

64 Finally it is hoped that no ground of complaint will exist in future of this nature which will afford the highest pleasure and gratification to the Commandant of said Detachment in this place

James Mills Colo.

1 Regt. 3d Dett O. M.

Copy.

Camp Meigs June 7th 1813

This Morning at one o'clock arrived an express from Lower Sandusky bringing Intelligence of the taking of Fort George and Queenstown by Gen. Dearbourn on the day of Whereupon were fired at sunrise this morning twentyone Guns of twelve and eighteen pounders from our Batteries in honor of that persevering Veteran and the valiant Troops under his command and at 12 O'clock A. M. a Federal salute of eighteen Guns, brass twelve pounders, thirteen Drums and fifes, accompanied with a band of Music by the Petersburg Volunteers.

Camp Meigs June 8th 1813

O. Fort George
P. York Town
Countersign made
known and at
half past eleven
O'clock P. M. a
new one given
C. Duty
Parole. Attention.

Col. Mills field Officer of the Day.
Adj. Bayles Adjutant of the Day.
Col. Miller O Capt. 1 Sub. 1 Sergt. 2 Corp. 31 Privates
Boswell 0 1 2 2 56
Mills 1 0 1 1 14
Pitzer 0 0 0 1 12
Alexander 0 0 1 1 10

Fatigue
Col. Miller 1 0 20
Boswell 1 0 31
Mills 1 0 8
Pitzer 0 0 6
Alexander 0 0 6

Col. Mills
For Guard Capt. Hetfield 0 Capt. O Sub. 1 Sergt. 0 Corp. 3 Privates
Simonton 0 0 0 1 2
Hamilton 0 0 0 0 3
Shaw 1 0 0 0 2
Engle 0 0 0 0 4
1 0 1 1 14

Fatigue
Capt. Hetfield 0 0 0 0 2
Simonton 0 1 0 0 1
Hamilton 0 0 0 0 2
Shaw 0 0 0 0 1
Engle 0 0 0 0 2
1 0 0 0 8

Prisoners belonging to Guard No. 2nd or Provo

Names	Rank	Company	By whom Confined	Charges	Date of Confinement
E. Sturgeon	Private	Capt. Simonton	B. W. Sanders	Revealing Countersign	9th May
I. Hickes?	"	Capt. Holt	Maj. Pitzer	Sleeping on Post	18 May
"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"

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Camp Meigs June 11th 1813

This day Majr. Hukill acting Inspector General of the North Western Army left this place bound for Norfolk in Virginia by the way of St. Mary's with an escort of two Companies namely Capt. Hatfield Riflemen and Capt McCune's Infantry as far as Fort Defiance.-----

Camp Meigs June 13th 1813

Died about 4 o'Clock P. M. this day Theophilus Warson a belonging to Capt. Simonton's Company of Riflemen 1 Regt. 3 Dett. Ohio Militia.

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Camp Meigs June 16th 1813
General Orders

The Commandants of Companies will be hereafter permitted on each day to send one and not more than four men from their Companies respectively to gather salled beyond the Piquet Guard. The men from each Company must appear on parade ground at 7 O'clock each morning with their Arms and leave the Garrison under the command of a Commissioned Officer.

On this day the men parade at 9 O'clock--volunteer Officers to Command will be preferred

Green Clay Brigadier General

Copy

Camp Meigs June 15th 1813

General Orders

Various duties of the Officers commanding this post and which can only be dispatched by a General Officer has induced General Clay to resume the Command--When he feels that the severity of his recent indisposition has rendered him unable to perform all the arduous duties devolving on the Commandant.

The indefatigable exertions and promptitude of Col. Miller and the ability with which he has discharged every duty during his Command claims of the General his most sincere thanks, and they are with pleasure tendered to the Colonel--Nor would General Clay do justice to his feelings on this occasion was he to omit tendering his gratitude to Col. Miller and the other Officers of the Garrison for their politeness and attention during his late illness, and assures them, it shall be his constant care to merit their esteem and Confidence.---He indulges the pleasing expectation, that he will receive the aid of every Officer in the discharge of his various duties in promoting harmony and good understanding

among the Officers and men of every Corps under his Command. The Commandants of each Company will cause to read to his men on the 18th Instant or as soon there after as may be convenient; The Articles of War.-----

The commandants of Ohio and Kentucky Regiments of Militia, will cause their respective commands to be exercised each day at least four hours, by Companies in the Manuel

exercise, marking time, facings, Wheelings &c. From opening the Gates 'till 7 O'clock in the Morning bathing and swimming will be allowed, after which hour it will not be permitted--swimming to the opposite shore is positively forbid.-----After 7 O'clock each morning four men from each company will be permitted to pass the Centinels accompanied by a Commissioned Officer to gather fruit and sallah the men to go out and return by 12 O'clock---

One gill of whiskey will be issued daily to each man returned fit for duty.-----Those returned on the sick list will be furnished at such times and in such proportion as the Surgeons may deem proper; for which whiskey whiskey will be deposited with the hospital Stores-----

It is earnestly recommended to the Officers of every Corps to pay the strictest attention to the cleanliness of their men and their clothes---On every Saturday the men will be permitted to wash their clothes.-----

By order of the General

J Hawkins acting Adj't.

Copy.

Camp Meigs June 17th 1813

Garrison Orders

From the situation of the Garrison it deemed necessary that Courts Martial should continue the sessions in the afternoon from 3 O'clock untill such an hour as the Courts respectively may deem proper.-----

By Order of the General

J. H. Hawkins acting Adjt.

Copy.

Camp Meigs June 18th 1813

United States
vs
Mark Briny Corporal of Capt. Hamilton's Company of the 1 Regt.
3 Det. O. Militia

Regimental Court Martial

Capt. Patrick Shaw

Lieut. W. Hopkins

Ensign Andrew McMahan

President

Members of Sworn

Court Martial

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Ezra Spencer Judge Advocate Sworn

A copy of the Charge exhibited by William Oliver

Mark Briny Corporal

Thomas Wallace
Samuel Flemming
William Patton

The issuing Commissary Guard mounted for the protection of public Stores is charged with neglect of duty on the night of the 16th of June 1813

Charge---for suffering public whiskey to be destroyed under their immediate Charge

June 16th

Thos. D. Davis witness

To which Charge the Prisoner pleads Not Guilty.

Thomas D. Davis
Witness for the
United States

sworn

Deposeth and saith that on the morning of the 17th when he came to the barrel containing the whiskey he thought there had been whiskey taken out; and gave the following reasons viz. He now discovered a plug in the barrel near the bung, and that the plug being loose fell into the Liquor by a touch of his finger and that he had not discovered the plug before this time although it appeared to be an old one---He further saith he thought the barrel appeared to be wet on the side of it, but could not tell whether with whiskey or water--And further saith that he could not discover any marks of intoxication in the Guard and further this Deponent saith not.---

The Court Martial on seeing the Charge and hearing the Testimony against Mark Briny Corporal do adjudge that said Briny is not guilty of said Charge--He was therefore discharged and sent to his tent.

Ezra Spencer
Judge Advocate

Patrick Shaw President
James Mills Col.
1 Regt. 3 Det. O. M.
Approved

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Camp Meigs June 1813

United States
vs
Thomas Wallace

Regimental Court Martial

Capt. Patrick Shaw
Lieut. W. Hopkins
Ensign Andw. McMahan

President
Members of Sworn
Court Martial

Ezra Spencer Jude Advocate

Sworn

Charge Copy exhibited by William Oliver

Corporal Mark Briny
Thomas Wallace

Samuel Flemming &

William Patton

while on duty at flour house

Charge

For suffering public whisky to be Destroyed under
their Charge.

Charge

Thos. D. Davis Witness

To which Thos. Wallace the prisoner pleads Not Guilty.

Thomas D. Davis

Witness for the
United States

Sworn

Deposeth and saith that on the morn-
ing of the 17th when he came to the
barrel which containing the whiskey

he thought their had been whiskey taken out, giving the following
reasons viz--He now discovered a plug in the barrel near the bung,
and that the plug being loose fell into the Liquor by a touch of
his finger, and that he had not discovered the plug before this
time although it appeared to be an old one---He further saith he
thought the barrel appeared to be wet on the side of it, but could
not tell whether with whiskey or water--And further saith that he
could not discover any marks of intoxication in the Guard and
further this deponent saith not.

The Court Martial on seeing the Charge and hearing the
Testimony against Thomas Wallace do adjudge that the Prisoner
Thomas Wallace is not guilty of said charge was therefore dis-
charged and sent to his tent by order of sd. Court Martial

Patk Shaw President

Ezra Judge Advocate

Approved James Mills Col. 1 Regt. 3 D.O.M.

Camp Meigs June 17th 1813

United States
vs
Samuel Flemming
Private
Sworn

Regimental Court Martial
Capt. Patrick Shaw
Lieut. W. Hopkins
Ensign Anw. McMahan

President
Members of ad
Court Martial

Sworn Ezra Spencer Judge Advocate

Copy of the Charge exhibited by William Oliver

Corporal Mark Briny
Thomas Wallace
William Patton

The issuing Commissary Guard mounted
for the protection of public Stores
is charged with neglect of duty on
the 16th of June 1813 while on duty

at flour house

Charge For suffering public whiskey to be destroyed under
their immediate Charge

Thos. D. Davis Witness

To which Charge the Prisoner Samuel Flemming pls. Not Guilty

Thomas D. Davis

Witness for the Sworn

United States

Deposeth and saith that on the
morning of the 17th when he came
to the barrel which contained the
whiskey he thought some had been

taken out, and gives the following reasons, viz. He now discovered
a plug in the barrel near the bung, and that the plug being loose
fell into the Liquor by a touch of his finger, and that he had
not discovered it before although it appeared to be an old one--
He further saith he thought the barrel appeared to be wet upon
the side, but could not tell whether with water or whiskey, and
further this deponent saith not.

The Courts Martial Seeing the Charge and hearing the Testimony against the prisoner Samuel Flemming do adjudge that said Flemming is not guilty of sd. Charge, and is therefore discharged and sent to his tent.

Ezra Spencer
Judge Advocate

Patrk. Shaw President
Approved James Mill Col.
1 Regt. 3D. O. M.

Camp Meigs June 17th 1813

United States
vs
William Patton
Private

Regimental Court Martial

Capt. Patrick Shaw President
Lieut. W. Hopkins
Ensn. Andw. McMahan
Ezra Spencer Judge Advocate
Sworn
Sworn Members of Court Martial

Copy of Charge exhibited by Wm Oliver

Corporal Mark Briny
Thomas Wallace
Samuel Flemming
William Patton

The issuing Comry Guard mounted for the protection of public Stores is charged with neglect of duty on the 16th of June 1813 at flour house.

Charge--For suffering public whiskey to be destroyed under their immediate Charge-----Thos. D. Davis Witness

To which Charge--William Patton Prisoner pleads Not Guilty

Thomas D. Davis
Witness for the
United States Sworn

Deposeth and saith that on the morning of the 17th June when he came to the barrel which contained the whisky he thought some whiskey

had been taken out, and gives the following reasons viz. He now discovered a plug in the barrel near the bung, and that the plug being loose fell into the liquor by a touch of his finger, and

that he had not discovered it before altho it appeared to have been an old one--He further saith he thought the Barrel appeared to be wet upon the side but could not tell whether with Whisky or water

And further this Deponent saith not.

The Courts Martial seeing the Charge and hearing the Testimony against William Patton Prisoner do adjudge that said Patton is not guilty of said Charge and is therefore discharged by order of Court and sent to his tent.

Patrick Shaw Pres.

Approved James Mills Col.

1 Regt. 3 D. O. Militia

Ezra Spencer

Judge Advocate

Camp Meigs June 20th 1813

General Orders

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Capt. E. D. Wood of the Engineers is appointed Aid to Genl Clay and will be obeyed and respected as such---

By order of the Genl

T. H. Hawkins

Copy.

Camp Meigs June 21st 1813

Deserted from the service of the United States James Carlile a private in Capt. Hamilton's Company of the 1 Regt. 3 Det. Ohio Militia on the eighth day of April last

Charge Desertion----

Specification

Desertion from the United States service on the 8th day of April last from Woghpochenata

James Mills Col. 1st Regt. 3 D.O.M.

Camp Meigs June 21st 1813

Deserted from the service of the United States Joseph Abbet a private in Capt. Hamilton's Company 1st Regt. 3D. O. M. from Woghpoohkennata on the eighth day of April last.

Charge Desertion----

Specn

Desertion from the United States service on the 8th day of April last from Woghpoohkenata

James Mills Col. 1st Regt. 3 D.O.

Camp Meigs June 21st 1813

Charges &
Specifications

Exhibited by Col. James Mills Ohio Militia now in the service of the United States, against Lieut. Jacob Vance now in the United States Lieutenant in Capt. Patrick Shaw Company of the 1st Regt. 3 Det. O Militia

Specn 1st

Charge--Disobedience of Orders
Opening a gate of this Guarrison between block house No. 6 & No. 7 at or about 7 O'clock on or about the 3 day of in a time of extreem danger when Garrison was besieged by the Enemy, and at the same time going out himself and

the gate open, and letting others likewise go out.-----

2 Charge---

Specn 1st

Ungentleman & unofficerlike Conduct--
 Using insolent and unbecoming Language
 on or about the third day of May last
 after having been called back into
 the Garrison, and reprimanded by the
 Commander in Chief, viz. In saying
 that he would open the gates when he
 pleased and go out in spite of Genl
 Harrison or the Devil or words tanta-
 mount---

James Mills Col. 1 Regt. 3 D.O.M.

Camp Meigs June 21st 1813

Ungentleman and unofficer like Conduct--Being exhibited by
 Ensign William Dill to sergt. Major John McCloskey--In saying to
 the Sergt. Majr. when he was in the discharge of his official
 duties--that there were so many big bugs and under-strappers in
the Garrison that the men don't know what they should do, or words
tantamount, implying that the Sergt. Majr. was an under-strapper
who ought not to be obeyed or respected ----

Col. James Mills sent him a a Notification in the
 words following viz.

Camp Meigs June 21st 1813 to Ensign William

Dill

It appears that you have been guilty of un-gentleman and un-
 officer like Conduct in your treatment to the Sergt. Majr. John
 McClaskey this morning you will therefore consider yourself suspended
 from any Command in the Company untill you be reported fit for duty

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and will do well henceforward to be prudently reserved in your
Language-----

Copy.

James Mills Col. 1 Regt. 3 D. O. M.

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Camp Meigs June 21th 1813

George Jones a private now in the service of the United States
1 Regt. 3 Det. Ohio Militia in Capt. Settens Company, was left at
Daton sick on the 22 day of Febry last and in about three days after
the Company removed he returned home--And is now reported to a a
deserter--

Camp Meigs June 21t 1813

Deserted from the United States Service on the 5th day of March
last--from Fort Amanda Frederick Simmerman a private in Capt. Sittens
company 1 Regt. 3 Det. Ohio Militia---

Camp Meigs June 21st 1813

Deserted from the United States Service on the 5th day of March
last, from Fort Amanda George Wright a private in Capt. Settens
Company 1st Regt. 3 Det. Ohio Militia---

Camp Meigs June 21st 1813

General Orders

The Guards will be hereafter regulated as follows--
Gards No. 1 to consist of one Captain one Sergeant two Corporals
and sixty privates--No. 2 to consist of one Subaltern one Sergeant
two Corporals and sixty privates No. 3 to consist of one subaltern
one Sergeant one Corporal and thirty Privates.

The guards to occupy the posts respectively occupied before the abolition of Guard No. 3 with such alterations as may be made by the Officer of the Day--

Hereafter when the fatigue Drum beats, the troops with at least two of the Company Officers will parade immediately on the general parade ground--

By order of the Genl.

T. H. Hawkins

Copy.

Adjt.

Camp Meigs June 22nd 1813

Charges & specifications exhibited by Col. James Mills now in the service of the United States against Joseph D. Keith surgeon now in the service of the United States and in the 2nd Regt. Ohio Militia ---

1 Charge--

Refusing and neglecting to discharge his Duty as a Surgeon ungentleman like Conduct &c

Specn 1st

Repeatedly from the 20th day of May last to the 7th Inst. turning off without medicine and medical aid, noncommissioned Officers, applying to him for the sick, when they were in absolute need--

Specn 2

In cursing and dam'ing the sick instead of consoling and administering to their relief--

Specn 3

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Saying to Capt. Patrick Shaw on the morning of the 5th of June when applying for hospital Stores that he would not get up to wait on him nor trouble himself about it---

2 Charge

Disobedience and disrespect towards his Commanding Officer--

Specn 1

Refusing to issue medical stores on the 7th of June when ordered by Col. Mills through his adjt. Saml Baylis---

Specn 2

In saying that if Col. Mills wanted hospital sores issued he might come and issue them himself---

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A Morning Report of Guards mounted at Camp Meigs 27th & relieved 28th June 1813

	Detail					Centinels & relievers			
	Captains	Subalterns	Arguents	Corporals	Privates	Total	Centinels by Day	Centinels by Night	Relievers by Day
P - Kingston	1	"	1	2	60	64	12	20	3
C.s. Glory									3
G - No 1					10				3
Piquet G-					6				3
Boat G-									
G- No 2	"	1	1	2	60	64			
Piquet G-									
Beef G-									
G- No 3	"	1	1	1	30	33	4	7	3
Piquet G-					1	15	16	5	3

Prisoners Confined in the Provo G - No. 2

Camp Meigs June 24th 1813

General Orders

The troops at this Garrison are permitted to fish untill further Orders

T. H. Hawkins acting Adj. General

Camp Meigs June 25th 1813

General Orders

At a General Court held this day--Was tried Joseph D. Keith a Surgeon of the second Regt. Ohio Militia detached in the Service of the United States Charged with refusing and neglecting to discharge his duty as Surgeon, and ungentleman like Conduct from the 20th May last to the 7th of June Instant And also charged with disobedience and disrespect towards his Commanding Officer--

The Prisoner pleads not guilty Upon Consideration thereof the Court pronounced him not guilty and ordered him to be released from his arrest and to return to his duty--

The Commanding General approves the Sentence of the Court and orders its immediate Execution----

By order of the General

T. H. Hawkins Acting Adj. General

Copy.

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Camp Meigs June 25th 1813

Head Quarters

Franklinton June 13th 1813

General Orders

The Commanding General with satisfaction communicates the following extracts of a Letter from the honorable the Secretary of War viz.-----

The President has been pleased to direct that I should communicate to you and through you to the Troops composing the Garrison of Fort Meigs the thanks for the valor Patriotism they displayed in the defence of that Post--

And particularly to the different Corps employed in the Sorties made on the 5th of May last--

The General is persuaded that the gallant troops which served at fort Meigs will duly appreciate the Approbation of the Chief Magistrate of this Country and that it will prove a Stimulus to future Exertions---

Copy.

Robert Butler Capt

24th Regt. Infantry

Acting Assistant Adj. Genl.

Camp Meigs June 23d 1813

This day arrived Col. Johnson of Kentucky with his Troop of horse about seven hundred and fifty---Arrived after dark on the opposite Shore and were aided over on camp Meigs side on the Morning of the 24th Inst.---

Camp Meigs June 28th 1813

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This day about four (?) O'clock P. M. arrived General W. H. Harrison and suit at this place--About sunset arrived Col. Anderson with about three hundred and fifty regular Troops principally from the state of Tennessee

Camp Meigs July 1st 1813

Between eight and nine O'clock this Morning Genl. Harrison and Suit left this place for Lower Sandusky.

Camp Meigs July 4th 1813

General Orders--of the 29th of June 1813.

The Courts Martial of which Capt. Hatfield is President is hereby ordered to convene at Blockhouse No. 2 at 10 O'clock A. M. for the trial of such prisoners as may appear before them

E. D. Wood Capt. and Aidcamp

Copy

Head Quarters July 4th 1813

General Orders -- of the 25 of June 1813

James McLosky is hereby appointed assistant deputy Qr. Master General to take effect from this date ---

Major Tremble will deliver up all the Stores in his Charge attached to that department to major McLosky without delay

Robt Butler

Acting Adjt. General

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Camp Meigs July 3d 1813

General Orders

~~Ordered that the troops of this Camp (except those on Duty) attend at their respective tents this day at 3 O'clock P. M. and there to remain until dismissed of an inspection--The Officers commanding corps. and those of Companies will attend to the execution of this Order~~

By Order of Brig. Genl. Clay

Robert Butler

Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Copy.

Camp Meigs July 3d 1813

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Regimental Orders

Adjutant Baylis will summons a Regimental Court Martial to convene at his Marches at one Oclock P. M. for the trial of Thomas Weare and Thomas Gregory prisoners confined---

James Mills Col, 1 R. 3 D. O. M.
the Members were summoned, appeared

Agreeably to the Order
and took their seats-----

Captain Patrick Shaw
Capt. Nathan Hatfield Sworn
Ensign Andrew Mc Mahan

Adjutant Samuel Baylis, Acting Judge Advocate Sworn
Copy of the Charge June 25th 1813

Thomas Weare is charged with abusing and threatning sergeant Haines when in the discharge of his duty.-----

John Haines 1st Sergt.

Capt Hamilton's Company

To which Charge the Prisoner pleads Not Guilty.

Testimony in behalf of the State.

Robert McCoon

Sworn

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Deposeth and saith that he heard
Thomas Weare say---Whist going to the

Guard house that he would see the
time that he would be as free as

Sergeant Haines and further Saith not---The testimony closed.-----

The Court Martial after seeing the Charge and hearing the testimony do adjudge that the said Thomas Weare is not guilty of the Charge

Patrick Shaw President

Approved

Attested

Samuel Baylis

Judge Advocate

James Mills Col.

1st Regt 3d O. M.

Camp Meigs July 3d 1813

Copy of the Charge against Thomas Gregory

I here with commit Thomas Gregory who is charged with abusing and threatening me as first Sergeant of Captain Hamiltons Company
June 26th 1813

John Haines Sergt.

Captains Patrick Shaw

Nathan Hatfield

Ensign Andrew Mc Mahan

Sworn

Samuel Bayles Judge Advocate

Sworn

Quest.---Do you plead guilty or not guilty?

Answer not Guilty

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Testimony in behalf of the States--

Adam Stonebreaker

Sworn

Deposeth and saith that the evening

on which said Gregory was sent to

the Provo Guard that he said he would

threaten and abuse said Haines until he would send him to the provo guard and further saith not.-----

Robert Jordon

Sworn

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Deposeth and saith that he did not
hear said Gregory threaten & abuse
said Sergt. Hanes on the twenty sixth
day of June and further saith not---On being reexamined saith that
before that time said Gregory had threatned said Haines and shook
his fist at him and said that he ~~would break his Cabbage head~~---

The Court Martial having seen the Charge and heard the Testimony
do adjudge that the sd Thomas Gregory is guilty of the Charge against
him, and that we do sentence the said Thomas Gregory to acknowledge
his fault and ask forgiveness of his orderly Sergeant in presence
of the Battalion--or be compelled to go on fatigue for three days,
and be put in the guard house each night at his option, and that
this Sentence shall be read on battalion parade by the Adjutant
this evening---

Attested

Samuel Bayles

Judge Advocate

Patrick Shaw President

Approved

James Mills Col.

1 Regt. 3 Det O. M.

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Camp Meigs July 4th 1813

General Orders

The General announces to the troops under his command
the return of this day which gave Liberty and Independence to the
United States of America---~~And orders that a National Salute be~~
~~fired under the Superintendence of Captains Gratiott and Cushing~~---

All the Troops reported fit for duty shall receive an extra
gill of whiskey--And those in confinement and those under Sentence
attached to this Corps be forthwith released and ordered to join
their respective Cores---The General is induced to use this lenity

alone from the Consideration of this ever memorable day, and flatters himself that in future the Soldiers under his Command will better appreciate their Liberty by a steady adherence to duty and prompt compliance to the Orders of their Officers, by which alone they are worthy of the blessings of that Liberty and Independence the only real legacy left us by our fathers-- All Courts martial now Constituted in this Camp is hereby desolved--

There will be no fatigue this day

Robert Butler

Assistant Adj. General

Copy

Camp Meigs July 3d 1813

Was brought down from about Rushedevoo by a scouting party about 7 Oclock P. M. the body of John Wilson a private Capt Setons Company and two other bodies their names not certainly known, but one of them supposed to be Simon Kenton they were killed by the Indians as they were going from this place to Fort Defiance--About fifteen in company. These three bodies were buried at Fort Meigs-----

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Camp Meigs July 5th 1813

Died about 9 Oclock A. M. of a billious fever Alexd Sacket Surgeon of the 1st Regt. 3 Dt. O. Militia-----And about 3 Oclock P. M. he was attended by Col. James Mills Capt. Nathan Hatfield and others to the grave and decently buried

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A Report of the strength of the 1st Regiment 3 Detachment Ohio
Militia Commanded by Col. James Mills June 1813

	Commissioned Officers				Non Commissioned Officers		Privates	Total	Aggregate
	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Sergants	Payserals				
Capt. Hatfield	1	1	1	3	2			49	52
Capt. Simonton	1	1						39	42
Capt Hamilton	1							53	56
Capt Shaw								52	55
Capt MoHenery								62	65
Capt Hosbrooke								71	74
Capt Seton								50	53
Capt Engle								48	51
Capt Yokeham								44	46
Capt Drake								48	51
Capt Martin								49	52
Capt Heaton								42	45
Capt Hendrick								44	47

Field and Staff
Officers

Commissioned

Non
Commsd
Staff

Aggregate
of the
Staff

89 Aggregate of
Hendricks
80 Aggregate of
Hendricks
1st Det.

1 Colonel

2 Major

1 Adjutant

1 Pay Master

1 Dr. Master

1 Surgeon

1 Surgeon Matron

1 Surgt. Major

1 Dr. M. Surgt.

1 Clerk

Camp Meigs July 13th 1813

General Orders of June 29th 1813

The commanding General is mortified that the Police of the most of the Corps is still deficient. Will the Officers never learn that attention to the health and comfort of the men is perhaps the most important, and most honorable of their duty and that the neglect of this is certain to bring along with it Contagion and disease, infinitely more destructive than the Sword of the Enemy-- The General assures the officers that future neglects of this kind will not be passed over--The lives of the Soldiers are too precious to be sported with--The Commandants of Corps are directed to make an extra separate weekly report to the General personally of the State of their Commands as it regards police particularly noting those officers who are attentive to, and who neglect this sacred duty--The former shall be applauded whilst the latter shall be taken from their Commands and made to exchange Situation with such of the recruiting Officers as are now longing for an opportunity to distinguish themselves---

Robert Butler

Acting Assist Adjt General

Copy

Camp Meigs July 8th 1813

General Orders

The resignation of Capt. Elisha Craig Commanding a Company of Volunteers attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. R. M. Johnson is accepted-----

The officer next in rank will of course take the Command of this Detachment of Volunteers now at Fort Meigs---

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None of the troops under his command will be permitted to pass the piquet Guards or cross the river without written permission from the Commanding General--

The Commandant of the Volunteers will cause the Commissioned officer to attend at the Adjutant General's office daily for Orders--

G. Clay. B. General

Commanding

Copy

Camp Meigs July 8th 1813

General Orders

~~The Commanding General directs that the old Guard~~
being relieved, will march out of the camp and discharge their
Arms at a target placed in some secure situation--
And as a reward for those who may excell in shooting eight Gills
of whiskey will be given to the nearest Shot and four gills to the
second-----

The Officer of the Guard will cause a return signed for that
purpose specifying the mens names who are entitled to receive it--

The Arms of the Guard will be inspected every morning on
parade by the Adjutant General or the Adjutant of the day, and
those men whose arms are not in good order shall be confined and
punished--

So much of the General Orders as specify Saturday of every
week as wash day is hereby rescinded---

By Order of B. Genl Clay

Robert Butler A. A. Adgt. General

Copy

Camp Meigs July 8th 1813

After Orders

Wiley Martin esqr is hereby appointed Captain of the
Company of Spies and will be respected and obeyed as such---

By order of Commanding General

J. H. Hawkins Aiddecamp

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Camp Meigs July 10th 1813

General Orders

Lieutenant Shafer will consider himself under arrest
and deliver his sword to Adjt Bayles.

A General Court Martial will convene on this day at 3 Oclock
P. M. for the trial of Lieut. Shafer and such other Prisonrs as
may be brought before it.-----

The Court to consist of seven members:

President

Captain Shaw

Captain McCune

Captain Hatfield

Captain Engle

Lieut. Hopkins

Ensign Spence

Ensign Culp

Members

Adjutant Bayles Judge Advocate.

By order of the General

J. H. Hawkins

A D Camp.

Copy of the charge

For sleeping on his post while officer of Guard No. 3 about 2 O'clock of the night of the 6th of July 1813 and suffering his men to sleep also.---

Witness to the charges filed Officer of the day Col Anderson----

The Court convined according to order: All the members present and duly qualified proceeded to try Lieut. Shafer---

The Charge being read the Prisoner pleads not guilty---

Testimony on behalf of the United States

Col. Anderson sworn--Saith that on the night of the 6th Instant after going the grand round, between eleven and twelve O'clock P. M. going the second time at two O'clock or thereabouts on passing the block house where the de'd had charge of Guard the

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the Centinel hailed faintly after which he asked Centinel where the Officer of the Guard was, he made answer that he was asleep or sleep: the Centinel then asked shall I awake him? and made some faint attempts to do so, I told him he need not awake him, but tell him after he awakened that the officer of the day had been there and found him asleep--He did not see any man about the guard what was asleep except the Centinel--He did not see the officer of the Guard himself, or if he did see him did not know him--
Question by Defendant--Did you pass by the guard or turn about and go back? Answer

I turned and went back--

Witness on part of the defendant--

Benjamin Stone sworn--Saith that about or between two or three O'clock of the night of the sixth Instant the Officer of the day came round, that he hailed him that he gave him the countersign-- he then called the Sergeant to parade the guard---The officer of the day said it was not worth while, but tell the Officer of the guard that the officer of the day has been here he further saith that he called the officer of the guard twice and that he did not answer--

Question by the Court--Do you know whether the Lieut. was asleep or awake?; I do not.

He arose immediately after the officer of the day was gone there was no noise that could have awakened any person after the Col. went away, before the Lieut arose--

Question by the Court--How far was you from the defendant when he arose?--Answer about a rod and an half. How far was you from the officer of the day when you hailed him? Answer about two rods--

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Did you or did you not hail loud enough for a man to hear who was not asleep at that distance? Answer I cannot tell. Was your hailing Col. Anderson louder than his answer? The Answer was the loudest I think--

John Johnson Sworn--Saith that he was Sergeant of the guard Number three, the day that Col. Anderson was officer of the day; That he heard the officer of the day tell the Centinel that we need not parade the guard, but tell the officer of the Guard that the officer of the day had been here---

Question by the Court--

Do you know whether Lieut. Shafer was asleep?

Answer I do not. Do you he was awake? I do not--

John Collins sworn--Saith that either on the fifth sixth or seventh of July he was on guard with Lieut. Sheafor, and sat up nearly all night and he never found him asleep at any time--He heard the Centinel ask the officer of the day, Shall we parade the guard, who replied you need not.---

Question by the Court--

Did you hear the Centinel hail the officer of the day?

Answer I did not. How far was you the Centinel at that time?

About three rods. Did you hear the officer of the day give any charge to the Centinel to deliver to the officer of the guard?

Answer I did not.---

Testimony closed--The Court was ordered to be cleared, and the whole of the proceedings being read by the Judge Advocate the following Sentence was pronounced

The Court after mature deliberation on the testimony adduced find the defendant not guilty of the Charge, and therefore unanimously acquit him.---

Samuel Bayles

Judge Advocate Protem

Patrick Shaw President

approved

Green Clay Brig. Genl.

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Camp Meigs July 13th 1813

General Orders

The commanding General directs that the officer commanding companies shall sign the morning Reports and be held responsible for their correctness.-----

Too much care cannot be used to prevent men from being reported sick who are fit for duty.-----No details other than by General orders shall be reported on extray and daily duty--

Waiters taken from the line shall be reported as such

All deaths and desertions shall be reported but once in the morning report forms therefore furnished from the Adjutant Generals office are to be invariably copied, any deviations from the above rule shall be deemed an infraction of the Orders, and will be taken notice of.-----

Those men who shall appear on parade on in future with their Arms in bad order shall be confined until the succeeding morning and until 7 Oclock, and be obliged during Confinement to clean their Arms in a handsome manner of which the Officer of the Guard will Judge previous to releasing them

By Order of Genl Commnd

Robert Butler

Actng Asst Adjut Genl

Copy.

Camp Meigs July 13th 1813

General Orders--

The General deferred a Council with the field Officers of the Garrison which was immediately

Col. Anderson of the 24th U. S. Inft

Col. Miller of the 19th Regt.---Inft.

Lt. Col. Gains of the 24th U. S. Inft.

present Lt. Col. Boswell--10th Regt Ky. Militia

Majr Fletcher do do do do

Majr Johnston do do do do

The Object of the Council was to take into consideration the propriety of increasing the

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Quantity of Bacon issued to the ration from ten to ~~twelve ounces,~~
Complaint having been made that ~~ten ounces were insufficient for~~
the troops--

It was stated to the Council that the issue of ten ounces had been directed by a verbal order of General Harrison--

Upon consideration, the Opinion of the Officers was as follows--
Maj Johnston and Maj Fletcher were of opinion that the issue remain as at present--Lt. Col Boswell and Gains, and Cols. Miller and Anderson, were of opinion that the issue be increased from ten to twelve ounces to the ration.---

Capt. Butler of the independent Battalion of 12 Months Volunteers having been invited to attend appeared and took his seat--

The General then desired the opinion of the officers as to the propriety of raising the Spie Company as directed by the General Order of the 12th Inst--

Upon consultation Capt. Butler objected to the manner of raising the Spy Company as directed by the Genl. Order and desired his vote against it might be recorded

All the officers present approve the General Order In
Consequence of the above decision relative to increasing the ration
of bacon, the Commanding General orders that the Commissary here-
after issue 12 ounces to the ration of bacon--

By order -- &c --

J. H. Hawkins A. D. C--

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Camp Meigs July 18th 1813

Fromy July 12th 1813

After Orders---

The Orders of the 11th Instant as respects
the Spy Company is rescinded--

Upon examination it is believed that the Law allows no
additional pay to spies taken from the line--If however any is
allowed the men hereafter detailed on this duty shall receive it--

The Company of Spies to consist of forty Privates will be
raised in the following ratio--

Col. Miller will furnish--9

Col. Anderson -----10

Col. Mills - - - - -4

Col. Boswell - - - - -11

Majr. Pitzer - - - - -3

Majr. Alexander -- - - -3

The Commandant of Corps will cause a detail to be made agreeably
to the above ratio, taking care to select such men as in their
opinion are best qualified to act as spies and report the men so
detailed to Captain Martin commanding the Company of Spies--

The men so detailed will be compelled to do the duty of Spies only and will serve one month from the date of the report unless sooner discharged---- By Order of the Commanding Genl

Copy

J. H. Hawkins A. D. C.

Camp Meigs July 18th 1813

From July 13th 1813

Regimental Orders---

Adjutant Bayles will summons a Regimental Court Martial to convene this day at two O'clock at his Marches for the trial of such prisoners as may be brought before them, the Court-martial to consist of three members viz.

Capt Shaw President

Capt Engles

Capt. Simonton

Members

Adjutant Bayles Judge Advocate Protem--

James Mills Col.

1 Regt 3 D. O. M.

The Courtmartial appeared agreeable to the above order was sworn and took their seats accordingly--

United States
vs
Resin Hawkins

Copy of the Charge--

Stealing flour on the night of the
eleventh of July

Anderson Hunter Corp

Testimony in behalf of the United States

Anderson Hunter

Sworn

Saith on the night of the 11th Inst.

While I had charge of Commissary

Guard, I had occasion to go on the

back side of the flour house. I saw some person taking flour out of the barrel, I asked what line he belonged to he made answer that he belonged to the Kentucky line, I then asked what business he had there? He said to get a little flour for he had baked his up into a loaf of bread, and some person had stole the loaf. I then asked his name, he said his name was Hopkins, he repeated several times that he

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would be ten thousand times obliged to me if I never would mention it, besides he would pay me for not mentioning it--He had a large knife in his hand, I took his knife from him, and ordered him round to the Centinel and further saith that Resin Hawkins who is now before the Courtmartial was the man--He had flour in his possession when I apprehended him and I made him put it back--I heard Hawkins say that he had his knife to gouge the flour out of the barrel--

Question by the Court.---

Did the Prisoner offer any sum to you to conceal his guilt?

Answer he offered me five Dollars.

Lieut. Jacob Vance

Sworn

Saith that Corporal Hunter brought

the Prisoner to Guard No. 2. on the

11th Inst charged him with stealing

flour, the Corporal gave me a knife, I heard the Prisoner say that he was agoing to dig up the flour with---

The Testimony closed---

The testimony being read over by the Judge Advocate, the Court upon mature deliberation do find the prisoner guilty of the Charge and pass the following Sentence that the said Reason Hawkins have a chain and ball to his ancle and compelled to wear it for five days and do daily fatigue 99 each day and be confined in the Guard house at night and that he be brought to the ~~Block house No. 1~~ on the evening of the 14th Instant and have the rogues march beat after him comes opposite Block house No. 7 in the presence of the Regiment. ----

The Adjutant is ordered to read this Sentence on parade this evening--

Patrick Shaw President

Attested

Samuel Bayles Judge Advocate Protem---

With respect to the above Sentence I do approve so much as to compell the Prisoner to wear the ball and chain on his ancle five days and do daily fatigue for that time and be confined in the Guard house at night, but disapprove so much of the Sentence as goes to infliction of marching before the regiment on the 14th Instant--

Copy

James Mills Col.

1 Regt 3 D. O. M.

Camp Meigs July 18th 1813

From July 15th 1813

Regimental Orders--

Adjutant Bayles is ordered to summons a regimental Court martial to appear at his Marchee this day for the trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before them, the Court to consist of three members viz--Capt. Hatfield President

Capt. Engle
Capt. McCune

Members

Samuel Bayles Judge Advocate Protem

James Mills Col

1 Regt 3 D. O. M.

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The United States
vs
Daniel Feaster

The President and Members of the
Court, appeared, were sworn and took
their seats accordingly--

Copy of Charge--

Fort Meigs July 15th 1813

Daniel Feaster is charged with disobedience of orders in not
beating the drum when ordered to beat as a musician in the company--
Patrick Shaw Capt

Testimony in behalf of the United States.

Biram William
Sworn

Saith that Feaster did not beat the
drum--I frequently heard Capt Shaw
order Feaster to beat the drum both

and
morning and evening, sometimes he beat and sometimes he did not beat--

Question by the Court

What reply did Feaster make to

the Captains orders? Answer I heard him make no reply to the
Captain, but when the Captain was gone he would say he would beat
when he pleased

Question by the Prisoner--

Did you hear me say that I was not able to beat the drum?

Answer--He would some times say he was not well and would not
do duty--

~~Question by the Court--~~

~~Was Feaster at his post when the drum ought to beat?~~

~~Answer. Sometimes at his post and sometimes away.~~

~~Question did Feaster attend to his duty when he was fit for duty? Answer he did not.--~~

The Testimony closed--

When the Court Martial upon mature deliberation do find the Prisoner guilty of the Charge and
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and pass the following Sentence viz. That the Prisoner shall be brought on parade this evening to be marched from the left Regiment to the center and there halt and hear this Sentence read by the Adjutant and from there to march to the right, then wheel to the right and march down between the two ranks to the left and have his hat off, This to be done under the inspection of a Corporal and two privates and then return to his duty--

Attested

Samuel Bayles

Judge Advocate Protem

Nathan Hatfield

President

Approved

James Mills Col

1 Regt 3 D. O. M.

Camp Meigs July 15th 1813

General Orders--

At a general Court martial held at Camp Meigs on the 10th of July Lieutenant Sheafor was tried on the following Charge viz.--

For sleeping on his post while officer of Guard No. 3 about 2 O'clock of the night, of the sixth of July 1813, and suffering his men to sleep also.---

To which Charge the Prisoner plead not guilty

Upon mature deliberation on the testimony

adduced Court pronounced the prisoner not guilty and therefore

unanimously acquitted him.-----

The commanding General approves the sentence pronounced by the Court in the case of Lieut Shear and orders the restoration of his sword by order of the General J H. Hawkins A. D. O.

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Camp Meigs July 14th 1813

General Orders---

The General Orders of the 11th and 13th instant

relative to spies are rescinded--

At a board of field officers convened yesterday was proposed

for consideration the selecting of forty men to act as Scouts or

Rangers, and was unanimously adopted.-----

The General orders that the Commandants of Corps cease to be

selected the numbers of men hereafter required from each respective

Corps, having regard to those best qualified to perform that duty

viz.-----

Col Anderson --- 10 men

Col Miller ----- 9 ---

Lieut Col Boswell ---- 11 ---

Col. Mills ----- 4 ---

Majr Alexander -- 3 --

Majr Pitzer ---- 3 ---

Total 40

Those men when so selected shall be reported to Wiley Martin who is hereby appointed to command as Captain said Scouts or Rangers--

And they shall be exempt from all other duties untill they shall have served one month the time for which they were raised, to be dismissed by the Commanding General.-----

On examination it is believed that the Law allows no additional pay to men on this duty if however it should be found otherwise they shall receive it---

The General directs that in future no application be made for liberty to pass the lines unless having a written permission for twenty armed men signed by the Officer commanding the Corps to which the Applicants belong Subject to the exception of going to the Island where half the number of men will be sufficient.---

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The Quartermaster is ordered to cause no plank to be used there--otherwise than for boxes to secure arms, and preserve ammunition untill further orders and he is further instructed to designate a spot of Ground adjacent to this Camp as a burying ground which shall alone be used in future--

By order General Command

Robert Butler--

Acting Asst Adjt General

Camp Meigs July 17th 1813 --

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General orders--

All servants allowed to commissioned and Staff officers when taken from the line are to be taken only by a voluntary consent of the Soldier from the Regiment Corps, or detachment to which the officer served may belong; but in all cases when an officer may make a selection it is earnestly recommended that a proper regard be had to the State of the Regiment, Corps, or Detachment with respect to its numbers in the selection which shall have been made previously by the officers---

And in all cases such servants shall be reported specially

according to the usages of the army--

Green Clay Brig. General

copy

Camp Meigs July 19th 1813

General Orders--

Captain Shaw of the Ohio line is ordered to proceed

with his company to portage blockhouse and take command of that

Post and retain it until further orders--

By order of the Commanding General

J. H. Hawkins A. D. C.

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Camp Meigs July 21st 1813

W. P. Anderson Colo, Commanding the 24th Regt U. S. Inf.

is by the order of General Clay pleased to make the following

disposition of the forces in camp Meigs viz. Colo. Mills will command

from block house No. one along the Piquets to the Command of McNut,

who is to command along the Piquets to block house No. seven; from

thence Capt Butler of the Pittsburg and Petersburg Volunteers &c.

And Lieut Scott of the 24th will command along the Piquets to

the cross traverse between the block houses No. six and seven; from

which Command to the termination of Colo. Millers Command, Major

Johnston will command along the Piquets--

W. P. Anderson Col

Col Mills

1 Regt 3 D. O. M.

24th Regt. U. S. Infy

Camp Meigs July 21st 1813

General Orders

The Enemy have again presented themselves It will be necessary to repell them with every exertion in our power.---

The indisposition and lameness of the General precludes his general attendance throughout the Garrison, and has compelled additional duties on the field Officers.--

Colo. Mills, Majr. Johnston, and Captain Butler Commandant of the independent Battalion of Volunteers will take the immediate Command of so much of the Encampment as has been already designated and laid out to them.---

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Colonel Miller will take the immediate Command of the regular troops from their Junction with Majr. Johnston's Battalion around to block hous No. 2.:--

Colonel Boswell will take the immediate command of the troops from block house No. 2. to block house No. 1.: The disposition of the troops will be as during the former Seige; as to Guard, one third part will be constantly mounted on duty, and when it is practicable one of the Company Officers at least will remain on duty with their men at all hours--

And on discharging every duty the troops will have with them their arms, ammunition &c. and will in no instance fail to lie on their arms at night, except the details already made from the 24th Regt. it will remain as a disposeable force--

The General feels that he will receive every aid and support from the officers, which his ill health may require; he also feels that the Enemy again will be disappointed in their expectation of Conquest. --- We shall shortly receive reinforcements: but have ample force for defence for the present.----- He does not deem

it necessary to appeal to the feelings of the troops composing this Garrison to excite them to deeds of valor on the approaching contest.--

The preservation of the lives of helpless thousands, the honor of the American Country in arms: No other excitement than those are necessary to animate the bosom of all those who now have an opportunity to share the glory of defeating the enemy.---

Verbal orders from my Aid Major Hawkins Majr Butler and Majr Lowell, and Capt. McCloskey will be respected and obeyed--The men must at all times be found upon the ground they respectively occupy unless absent on duty, and Company officers will most rigidly enforce the observance of this order--The Commandants of Corps will see that their Company officers remain with their respective Commands except when absent on duty--
Strowling about the Garrison when not on business is most positively forbidden--

The principal portion of the 24th Regt. being reserved as a disposeable force will enable Col. Anderson and Lieut. Col. Gains to render to the General great and essential services on every emergency. He solicits their aid with Confidence upon its being yielded with promptness--Fires and lights must be extinguished from sunset untill Sunrise.

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By order of the commanding General
J. H. Hawkins A. D. C.

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Camp Meigs July 21st 1813

This day at night was sent out on express to upper Sandusky and to Lower Sandusky, viz. Mr. Oliver Capt McCune, Thomas McAdams and others.--

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Camp Meigs July 22nd 1813

This day at night nearly 12 o'clock an express was sent out to Lower Sandusky viz. Sergt Harrison Sergt McGuire and a frenchman.

The occasion of the above express was the second siege of this Garrison which commenced on the 21st Inst.

The first attack was made upon the piquet Guard as they were going out to their posts before Sunrise--

The piquet guard which were going to their posts on the lower end of the Garrison were principally killed or taken prisoners, and those which were found, were most horridly and inhumanly mangled--

Camp Meigs July 24th 1813

General Orders

The movements of the enemy indicate an attack of some description--

We have with little loss once repelled the enemy, with a force inferior to our present. No one can doubt but we are more than competent to do it again.--In consequence of an attack, to make the destruction of the enemy more complete the most perfect silence will be observed by the officers, no one will speak or attempt to give orders but those vested with Command.-- To fight is to conquer to abandon our posts is to suffer disgrace, and the most shocking massacre.--

The General cannot believe there is an individual in this Garrison whose breast would not burn with indignation at the idea of the

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American Character being tarnished in our hands. ---

Should there be any however so lost to every sense of honor, as shamfully to abandon his post, or order a retreat without proper authority, he shall suffer Death.-- On the Contrary the gratitude of our beloved Country and the just applause of the brave and good, awaits those who shall bravely find and Conquer.-- Reinforcements will be held in readiness for any point that may be most violently attacked by the Enemy.--

By order of G. Clay Commd General

J. H. Hawkins A. D. Camp

Copy.

Camp Meigs July 26th 1813

This day a little before eight Oclook A. M. arrived Capt McCune the express which went out from this Garrison on the night of the 21st Instant bearing despatches from General Harrison to Genl. Clay Commandant of this Garrison.---

About eleven Oclook P. M. Capt McCune left this Garrison again, as an Express.--

After various movements Stratagems Intrigues and Contrivances of the Enemy, the last of which was a sham battle fought among themselves on the 26 Inst and commenced about 4 Oclook P. M. and continuing about three fourths of an hour very hot with small arms in the woods on the great road leading to Sandusky, evidently to induce us out of the Garrison, that they might lead us into a fatal Snare and finding themselves disappointed
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and all their Schemes abortive,--with Shame and discouragement, they collected all their force together on 28 Inst. about two oClock and loaded their vessels which consisted, as near as we could ascertain of about one hundred and forty Sail, and as near as we could calculate about five thousand of the British and Indians

we know not how many, but a great host, and now moved off homeward with all possible Speed.--

About three hundred of this host of Indians were well mounted horsemen, attended with a greater number of foot men than perhaps was ever before known to collect in the Western Country and evidently came on with the most determined resolution to conquer and destroy this Garrison.---

Camp Meigs 26th 1813

General Orders

The intelligence just received from the Commander in Chief, is of the most favorable Character.--Large bodies of troops are rapidly collecting, and whenever it is necessary we shall receive reinforcements.--

The Commander in Chief puts great confidence in the troops here, and feels that they are fully able to repulse any force which the enemy may bring against us. Sufficient proofs have been already given that this Confidence is not misplaced, but we should not suffer ourselves to sink into indifference by too much confidence in our own power and security,

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The enemy is still around us in large bodies, let everyone continue to be firm and vigilant on his post for a few days more; and the rashness of the enemy may effect their own destruction, and afford another opportunity to the troops here to distinguish themselves by facing the enemy in the field of battle--

The essential Services rendered and the danger encountered by Capt. McCune of the Ohio troops in obtaining this pleasing intelligence entitles him to the gratitude of his Country, and the Commanding

General tenders him his most cordial thanks--

By order of the Commanding General

J. H. Hawkins A. D. C.

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Camp Meigs July 19th 1813

(Last part of page 111 is copy of order on page 104 for the date of July 19th 1813 and is written in the hand of some one else than the author. It follows the above date.)

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Camp Meigs July 31st 1813

General Orders

The enemy seem to have abandoned the idea of a second Attack on this place for the present.

This recent movement is indeed misterious, that they should assemble a force, equal from all appearance to five thousand in number, and closely infest this post for eight days, without any other millitary movements than a sham fight amongst themselves, cannot well be accounted for.----

Their present departure may be for some other post, less formidable than this, or but a feint to form their designs by a sudden reappearance and Assault here.---In any point of view we should not see this movement of the enemy with so large a body of troops, with indifference. A few hours of fair wind can bring them from Malden to the piqueting of Fort Meigs. They can do us no material injury except by surprise; guard against that and we have nothing to fear.---

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The enemy from the experience of the post must feel that they will find Fort Meigs no easy conquest, and had they had the timerity to assault us the General feels confident, that the troops here would have shared their full portion of honor in the Conquest of Upper Canada.---

Too much cannot be said, in the praise of the persevering Vigilance, both of Officers and of Soldiers of every Corps during the recent of the enemy.---

To designate the particular merits of every individual is at all times a difficult task, and on the present occasion it is not necessary, for the General witnessed an animated zeal in all to discharged their duty.---

If any testimony is wanted in favor of the Soldier like feelings which pervaded the Garrison when the enemy presented themselves, it is to be found in even the wounded and sick, both of Officers and men in throwing aside their Crutches, and abandoning their Cots for posts of danger.---

The General cannot but express his gratefull feelings and thanks to those officers, who in addition to their ordinary duties of personally and all hours and in every difficulty, the General, and from whom he has derived the most essential Services.---

The continuance of that promptitude and vigilance which has already been manifested both by officers and Soldiers, in all that is wanting to repell any force which the enemy can bring against us.---

It is not in the field alone, that the Soldier gathers honor, nor will a grateful Country, fail to reward real merit, whether displayed in the field of battle or found on the nightly watch tower.---

By order of G. Clay Brigr General
J. H. Hawkins A. D. C.

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(Page 114 is in the same hand-writing as the order on page 111 which had been copied from page 104.)

Camp Meigs 3rd August 1813.

This day received orders of Genl Clay to send all the effective men of the Ohio troops to escort Capt. Hatfields company back to this place, from Portage blockhous, on being ordered their yesterday to take command at that place; found it burned down and destroyed

(Followed some writing probably written some years later and not belonging to this record. The above seemed incomplete and had not been signed.)

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Camp Meigs August 4th 1813

General orders

Col Mill with a portion of his Command, as also that of Majr Pitzer--Having honorably served out the Period for which they were called into the Service of their Country; are hereby discharged, and permitted to return to their respective homes--Events within the Control of the present Commander in Chief of this Army, or of our Government, has rendered it necessary, that the Militia of the Western States should compose a considerable portion of the north Western Army--Ohio stands conspicuous for the great zeal, and promptness for which her Citizens have yielded the Comforts of private life for the toils and privations of the Camp.--

In the return of the present Detachment of Ohio troops to their families, and homes, it is due to Ohio and her sons to record their honorable Services.---

To Colo. Mills and Major Pitzer his Staff, their Staff, and their respective Commissioned and non commissioned officers and privates, whose term of Service has expired, and to whose promptness in discharge of every duty he has been an eye witness the Commanding General gives his sincere thanks

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In their return to their domestic life they will be cheered by the reflection that they have toiled in the good Cause, the Cause of our Country--Nor will that Country be unmindful of those who have been foremost to avenge her wrongs.---

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By order of G. Clay Comd Genl

J. H. Hawkins A. D. C.

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(On the back cover of the book appears the following in the same hand-writing as that before in the copies mentioned.)

Dr James Mills to the Iron bound Cagg
May 25th 1813--- one quart whiskey--
dito Quart-- do--
dito Eight quarts to company
dito 2 Quarts to the 2 Majors
dito one Quart myself--

-- THE -- END --

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