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GENERAL ORDERS, }
NO. 14. }

The following rules and regulations for government of officers and enlisted men of the National Guard of California are hereby adopted and published for the information of all concerned.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

C. C. ALLEN,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

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Assistant Adjutant-General.

GENERAL CAMP REGULATIONS.

Field Officer of the Day.

1. A field officer will be detailed daily as field officer of the day. It will be his duty to see that all orders and regulations pertaining to the camp are faithfully and promptly carried out.

He will receive his orders only from the commander of the camp.

Any orders delivered by him must be promptly obeyed.

Officer of the Day (Regimental).

2. Both old and new officers of the day will be present at guard-mounting. After the old officer of the day has given the old standing orders to the new officer of the day, they will proceed to the guard-house; on approaching which each officer of the day will place himself about twelve yards in front of the center of and facing his own guard, and will return the salute of its commanders. While the old guard is being relieved, they will inspect the guard-house or tents, and verify the number of prisoners.

3. All persons under guard, without written charges, will be released by the old officer of the

day at guard-mounting, unless specific orders to the contrary have been given in each case by the commanding officer of the camp or of his regiment. He will at the same time release all prisoners whose sentences expire on that day.

4. The officers of the day will then report to the commanding officer of their regiment, to whom the officer relieved presents the report of the commander of the guard, with such remarks entered thereon as orders and circumstances require. At the same time the new officer of the day receives his instructions.

5. The officer of the day is responsible for the enforcement of all police regulations, and is charged with the execution of the orders of the commanding officers relating to the safety, order, and police of the post or camp. He will, with the surgeon and hospital steward, inspect thoroughly the quarters, sinks, guard-tent, etc., of his regiment daily, and the camp will not be open until everything is in satisfactory condition.

6. The officer of the day is subject to the orders of the commanding officer of the camp, of his regiment, and of the field officer of the day only. His actual tour of duty begins when the old sentinels are relieved by the new. While the sentinels are being relieved, the new officer of the day is responsible for the proper performance of duty by the new sentinels just posted, and the old officer of the day for the old sentinels not yet relieved.

7. He is responsible for the proper performance of guard duty during his tour, and will inspect the guard and sentinels during the day and night, at such times as he may deem necessary. He will visit them at night at least once after 12 o'clock. When he deems it necessary or expedient, he will prescribe patrols and visits of inspection to be made by officers or non-commissioned officers of the guard.

8. He will see that the commander of the guard is furnished with the parole and countersign before retreat, and will inform him of the presence, in the post or camp, of any stranger who is entitled to compliment.

Orderlies.

9. When so directed, the adjutant will select an orderly for the new guard, a supernumerary being detailed for guard for this purpose.

10. The selection will usually be made during the inspection at guard-mounting. The soldier will be chosen who is most correct in the performance of duty and military bearing, neatest in person and clothing, and whose arms and accoutrements are in the best condition. Clothing, arms, and equipments must conform strictly to the regulations prescribing the uniform. If there be doubt as to the relative merits of two or more soldiers, the adjutant may proceed to the guard-house and cause them to form in line a few paces to the right

of the guard, after it has been brought to an *order*. They fall in, in single rank, facing to the front, with arms at an *order*. The adjutant will cause them to execute the manual of arms, to march, etc., both with and without the numbers, the most proficient being selected as orderly. The adjutant will notify the commander of the guard of his selection.

11. After the guard has been brought to an *order* at the guard-house, the commander of the guard will direct the soldier selected as orderly to report to the commanding officer. The soldier will then give his name, company, and regiment to the sergeant of the guard, and leaving his rifle in his company quarters, will proceed at once to the commanding officer, reporting: "*Sir, Private ---, Company ---, reports as orderly.*"

If the orderly selected be a cavalryman, he will leave his carbine in his company quarters, and report equipped with saber-belt and saber.

12. The orderly during his tour is subject to the orders of the commanding officer whose orderly he is only.

13. The orderly may be excused from such duty between retreat and reveille, and may be permitted to sleep in his company quarters, or in such other place as the commanding officer may direct.