

The Charles P. Stone Journal

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Fort Monroe VA

Orders:

January 13th, 1851

The undersigned, having been instructed by the chief of Ordnance to organize a company for service in California, and the following names now having been transferred from different arsenals to his command, they are hereby organized as follows to take effect from the 1st Inst:

Armorers:

Patrick M. Guise

George B. Mothers

Frederick Tarfar

August Hoffman

Carriage makers:

Robert Kelly

Fred K¹ August Pabst

Gottlob Vukel

John Armstrong

Artificers:

John Brounlee

Michael Buckley

Michael Dougherty

John Dunnovn²

Adam Fath

John Gense

Peter Gukes³

¹ "Fred K," possible shorthand of "Frederick" to save space

² Possibly "Dunnoon"

³ Possibly "Guker"

John Johnson

Michael Lang

Patrick Mannion

Bernard M. Guirk⁴

Arm⁵ M. Guise is appointed Orderly Sergeant. Arm Mothers and Artfc⁶ Dunnovn, Sergeants. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Signed, Ch. P. Stone

Brvt Capt. Comdg.⁷ Company

Fort Monroe VA

Orders:

January 17th, 1851

Blacksmith Michael Neenan and Laborer Jacob Fred K Nock having been transferred from Watervliet Arsenal to the California Company. They are hereby assigned to duty in it – the former in his present grade; Hock to be mustered as carriage maker from the 1st Inst:

Signed, ch. P. Stone

Brvt Capt. Comdg Compy

Transport ship Helen McGraw

Orders:

February 2nd, 1851

Carriage maker Kelly is hereby appointed Sergeant to rank as 3rd on the list, and artificer Brounlee is appointed Corporal. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brvt Capt. Comdg

⁴ Gurke?

⁵ Shorthand of armorer

⁶ Shorthand of artificer

⁷ Brevet Captain Commanding Company

Transport ship Helen McGraw

Order:

February 27th, 1851

The company of Ordnance onboard this ship will be mustered tomorrow at 9½ O'clock AM.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brvt. Capt. Comdg

Transport ship Helen McGraw

Order:

February 28th, 1851

Hereafter no clothing will be hung for drying on any of the running rigging⁸ of the ship. Clothes lines will be furnished by the ship, and must be stretched in such positions as will not interfere with the working of the vessel.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brvt. Capt. Comdg

Ship Helen McGraw

Order:

March 1st, 1851

Artfc Buckley, for neglect of duty as sentinel last night, is relieved from Guard duty until further orders. He will walk the deck from the mainmast to the foremast, every night from 8 until 12 O'clock. The Sergeant of the Guard will see to the execution of this order.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brvt. Capt. Comdg

Ship Helen McGraw

Order:

April 22nd, 1851

Sergeants Mothers and Dunnovn and Artificers Buckley and Johnson are hereby organized into a separate mess. The full rations according to the Army Regulations, will be issued to Sergeant Mothersfor these four men – the large rations daily, the small rations weekly. Ch. P. Stone Brvt. Capt. Comdg

⁸ Word in question: "rigging"

Ship Helen McGraw

Order:

At sea, April 25th, 1851

Sergeant G.B Mothers for neglecting promptly to aid the 1st Sergeant in screening a prisoner (he being a Sergeant of the Guard) is hereby deprived of his appointment as Sergeant. 2. Artificer Dougherty is hereby appointed Corporal. 3. Artificer Buckley, for disobedience of orders and disrespect to the 1st Sergeant, is confined in charge of the Guard for eight days – during which time he will walk in charge of the sentinel, from the mainmast to the capstan, from 9 O'clock AM until 12 PM, and from 6 O'clock PM until 10 PM.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brvt. Capt. Comdg. Compy.

Transport ship Helen McGraw

Order:

April 29th, 1851

The Company of Ordnance onboard this ship will be mustered tomorrow at 10 O'clock AM.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brvt. Capt. Comdg.

Transport ship Helen McGraw

Order:

May 19th, 1851

A board of survey, to consist of 2nd Lieut⁹ G.N Paige, 2nd Infantry, and Capt. W. N Luvl, master of this ship, will convene today at 2 O'clock PM to examine and report upon a quantity of Bacon in the possession of Actg. Asst. Commander of Subsistence, said to be unfit for issue, and dangerous to the health of the ship.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brvt. Capt. U.S.A Comdg.

Transport ship Helen McGraw

Order:

At sea, June 29th, 1851

The Company of Ordnance onboard this ship will be mustered and inspected tomorrow at 10 O'clock AM.

Signed Ch. P. Stone Brvt. Capt. Comdg.

⁹ Shorthand for lieutenant

Transport ship Helen McGraw

Order:

At sea, July 3rd, 1851

Tomorrow being the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States, all duty, except the necessary Guard and police, will be suspended for the day. The national flag will be hoisted at sunrise when the federal salute of 13 masses¹⁰ will be fired. At noon the national salute of 31 will be fired, and at 8 PM rockets will be thrown from the ship.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brvt. Capt. Comdg.

Transport ship Helen McGraw

Order:

At sea, July 4th, 1851

The following promotions made with the approval of the Chief of Ordnance, are hereby published to take effect from the 1st inst.¹¹

Vig:¹² Serg.. Car. Makes Kelly to be master Carriage maker

Blacksmith Neenan = = = Blacksmith

Serg. Artfc. Dunnovn = = Armorer

Corpl. = Brounlee = = Blacksmith

Artfc. Armstrong = = do.

= Johnson = = do.

= Gukes = = do.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brvt. Capt. Comdg.

Transport ship Helen McGraw

Order:

July 7th, 1851

The duties of master workman of Ordnance in this company will be the following:

1st – To superintend all work in their respective branches

¹⁰ Word in question: "masses." Another word for an artillery piece?

¹¹ Word in question: "inst."

¹² Word in question: "Vig." Possibly "Viz." Unsure of meaning.

2nd – To keep an accurate account of all the work done in their respective departments, and to make a monthly report of it and of the men employed to the Comdg. Officer.

3rd – To make a daily report of the men employed in their respective department to the Comdg. Officer.

4th – To keep an accurate account of all materials and tool ifsecs¹³ for use in their respective shops; which account will be rendered monthly for inspection.

Masters are excused from attendance at drills; and when occupied in their mechanical duties, will be excused from Guard duty.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brvt. Capt. Comdg.

Transport ship Helen McGraw

Order: July 28th, 1851

Master Blacksmith Neenan having this day been discharged and reevaluated, he will be mustered as Master Blacksmith from this date until his appointment can be confirmed in Washington.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brvt. Capt. Comdg.

California Ordnance Depot

Order: Benicia, Sept 5th, 1851¹⁴

Armorer G.B Mothers will proceed this afternoon by steamer to San Francisco bearing a letter to actg. Military storekeeper A.B. Schaeffer. On his arrival in San Francisco, Mothers will without delay present his letter to Mr. Schaeffer and report to him for instructions.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Captain Comdg.

California Ordnance Depot

Order: September 19th, 1851

¹³ Hardly the right interpretation of the original words

¹⁴ Stone's order of logs during September of 1851 seemingly falls apart chronologically. They are presented exactly as printed regardless.

A furlough for the twenty days is hereby granted to Sergt. Dunnovn and Michael Lang, at the expiration of which they will rejoin this station.¹⁵

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Captain.

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

September 1st, 1851

Arm. Tarfar and carge. maker Hoffman for positive disobedience of orders, are hereby reduced to the grade of laborer.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg.

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

Sept 8th, 1851

The following promotions are hereby provisionally made to be referred to the chief of Ordnance for confirmation and to date from the 1st inst:

Sergt. M. Guise (armorer) to be master armorer

Corpl. Dougherty (artificer) = = armorer

Artfc. Buckley and Gense = = armorers

= Fath and Mannion = = Blacksmiths

= M. Gurke and Lang = = carg. Makers

Signed Ch. P. Stone Brev. Captain

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

October 9th, 1851

All requisitions for tools and stores to be used in the laboratory will be made by the 1st Sergeant. All for tools and horses to be used in the carg. makers, saddle and paint shops, by the master carriage maker – all for tools and horses for use in Blacksmiths and anyone's shops by the Master Blacksmith.

Signed Ch. P. Stone Brev. Captain.

¹⁵ Furlough: leave of absence

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

October 10th, 1851

Hereafter there will be designated, from time to time, a non commissioned officer who will have charge of the company mess. His duties will be the following.

To receive from the 1st Sergeant, at each general issue, the rations for the unmarried men of the company. To keep them in his charge, and to issue from day to day to the company cooks such provisions as are required. To purchase vegetables and other comforts for the company mess, keeping an accurate account of all money expended, and to submit this account for the inspection of the commdg. officer. at the end of each month, and as often as required. To report at the end of each month the amount of provisions saved and on hand and after receiving authority, to sell them for the purpose of supplying extra comforts for the mess. To see that the utmost cleanliness and regularity are practiced by the cooks in preparing and serving up the meals, and that proper decorum is preserved by the men in the mess room. He will be careful to report every case of negligence on the part of the cooks, and to prevent any interference by the men with the cooks or the kitchen – and will be responsible to the 1st Sergeant for the police and regularity of the mess. Whenever it shall be necessary to mess citizens with the Compy, as they can draw but one ration per drein,¹⁶they will pay into the Company fund, for the benefit of the mess, 11¹⁷ cents per day.

Signed Ch. P. Stone
Brev. Capt. Comdg.

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

October 17th, 1851

Special order No. 39 Sead Juartes Pacific Division requires an Ordnance man to report for duty with the mounted¹⁸ howitzers turned to Maj. Karny's command. Corpl. Michael Dougherty is designated for that duty and will accordingly report to Lieut. Wright for orders. Corpl. Dougherty will turn in his arms and accouterments, and will take with him his blankets, knapsack and haversack.

Signed Ch. P. Stone, Brev. Capt.

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

October 20th, 1851

Laborer Hoffman is hereby promoted to the grade of carriage maker to date from October 10th, 1851.

Signed Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt.

¹⁶ Word in question: "drein"

¹⁷ Original amount is illegible

¹⁸ Original word looks like "mount" with an odd symbol next to it

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

October 20th, 1851

Carriage makers Pabst and Lang will accompany the Comdg. Officer to San Francisco by steamer this evening; to be reported on detache service at San Francisco depot.

Signed Ch. P. Stone
Brev. Capt. Comdg.

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

Benicia, Nov 8th, 1851

Carriage makers Lang and Pabst will leave the San Francisco Depot on Saturday next, 8th November, and return to this post.¹⁹

Signed Ch. P. Stone
Brev. Capt. Comdg.

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

Nov 1st, 1851

Arm. G.B. Mothers has a furlough granted him for seven days, at the expiration of which he will rejoin the present station.

Signed Ch. P. Stone
Brev. Capt.

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

Dec 13th, 1851

M.S.K Baldwin is assigned to temporary duty at this post, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. During the absence of the Comdg. Officer all reports will be rendered to him.

Signed Ch. P. Stone
Brev. Capt.

¹⁹ This is not an error on the transcriber's part. Stone made chronological errors while writing his November logs, or possibly forgot to write them. They are nevertheless presented in the order written.

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

Benicia, Dec 27th, 1851

M.S.K. Baldwin is assigned to duty at Monterey California, to which place he will repair as soon as he has arranged the papers in his possession concerning the Ordnance and Ordnance Stores at that station. On his arrival at Monterey, M.S.K Baldwin will report his instructions to the Comdg. Officer and proceed to take an inventory of all Ordnance property in the Redoubt and vicinity, which property he will take up as surplus on the quarterly return for the 1st quarter of 1851.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt.

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

Benicia Nov 3rd, 1851

A furlough of fourteen days is hereby granted to carriage maker Noch and Blacksmith Mannion, at the expiration of which they will rejoin this company.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt.

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

Dec 31st, 1851

Muster and inspection will take place today at 10½ O'clock AM.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt.

1852

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

February 13th, 1852

Laborer Klinashowski and Seymour are hereby promoted – the first to the grade of artificer, the second to that of armorer to date from the dates of their respective enlistments.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg.

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

February 21st, 1852

Tomorrow being the anniversary of the birth day of Washington, a salute of thirteen guns will be fired at sunrise, and the national salute of thirty one guns will be fired at noon.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt.

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

February 28th, 1852

Muster will take place tomorrow at half past 8 O'clock AM.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt.

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

February 29th, 1852

A furlough of forty days from March 1st 1852 is granted Corporal Michael Dougherty; at the expiration of which he will rejoin his company.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt.

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

March 1st, 1852

A furlough for thirty days is hereby granted to Adam Fath, Blacksmith, at the expiration of which he will rejoin his company.

Signed Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt.

California Ordnance Depot

Order:

March 26th, 1852

Master Blacksmith M. Neenan will take charge of the men's mess until further orders. Sergt. Kelly will turn over to him the provisions and funds on hand.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

April 12th, 1852

A furlough of fifteen days is granted to carriage maker Noch, at the expiration of which he will return to his duty in the company.

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

April 21st, 1852

Until further orders the Comdg. Officer will act as A.C.S. for this fort.²⁰

Signed Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

April 16th, 1852

A furlough of forty days is hereby granted to Blacksmith Peter Gaker, at the expiration of which he will rejoin his company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg.

²⁰ Stone again made an error while writing his logs (see date of next log). In addition, the abbreviation in question, "A.C.S," could be "A.C.L."

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

April 30th, 1852

Muster and inspection will take place today at 2 O'clock PM.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

May 3rd, 1852

Private George W. Bradshaw of company "A" 1st Dragoons, having been transferred to the Ordnance and ordered to report for duty at this post, is hereby assigned to duty and will be rated a carriage maker from May 1st 1852. A furlough of twenty two days from May 1st inst, is granted to Blacksmith Lang, at the expiration of which he will return to duty in the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

May 13th, 1852

Corporal Dougherty will proceed to the Presidio of San Francisco by steamer this evening, and report to Capt. J. Leudrum, a asst. qrmaster,²¹ to assist the Ordnance Sergeant at that post in packing and embarking Ordnance stores for this post. Corpl. Dougherty will return to the transport Anita to this station after the stores shall have him embarked.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

May 26th, 1852

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to Blacksmith Armstrong; at the expiration of which he will return to his duty in the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg.

²¹ Qrmaster: Quartermaster

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

May 29th, 1852

A furlough of forty two days is hereby granted to carriage maker Pabst, at the expiration of which he will return to duty in the company.

Ch. P. Stone
Brev. Capt. Comdg.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

June 7th, 1852²²

Corporal Dougherty will proceed this afternoon by the sloop Brady, to the Presidio of San Francisco, with Blacksmith Mannion and carriage maker Bradshaw. On the arrival of the sloop at the Presidio, Corpl. Dougherty will report in person to Capt. Stone.

Ch. P Stone
Brev. Capt. Comdg.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

June 5th, 1852

Master Blacksmith Neenan has a furlough granted him of forty days; at the expiration of which he will return to duty in the company.

Ch. P. Stone.
Brev. Capt. Comdg.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

June 13th, 1852

Master armorer G.B. Mothers is relieved from duty at Monterey, and will return to this fort.

Ch. P. Stone
Brev. Capt. Comdg.
Ord. Officer. Pac. Div.²³

²² Stone made an error with his logs again (see next log's date)

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

June 30th, 1852

Muster will take place today at 4 O'clock PM.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comg.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

July 9th, 1852

A furlough for 10 days is hereby granted to carriage maker Hoffman; at the expiration of which he will return to duty with the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

July 19th, 1852

The furlough granted to carriage maker Hoffman is extended 10 days.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

July 31st, 1852

Mil. Storekeeper W.C Whitridge having reported for duty in the Pacific Division, is for the present assigned to duty at this fort.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg.

Ord. Officer. Pac. Div.

²³ Ordnance officer Pacific Division

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

Aug 10th, 1852

Muster and inspection will take place tomorrow at 2 O'clock P.M

W.C Whitridge

M.S.K of Ordnance Comdg.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

October 2nd, 1852

Military storekeeper W.C Whitridge is hereby relieved from duty at this post, and will comply with spl. order No. 49, Head of Pacific Division of Octo. 1st 1852.

Brev. Capt. Comdg.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

October 5th, 1852

Under instructions from the general Comdg the Pacific Division, the order of Octo. 2nd present, relieving M.S.K Whitridge from duty at this post, is suspended until further orders. Artfc. Klimashowski is hereby promoted to the grade of armorer to date from Octo. 1st 1852.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

October 6th, 1852

A furlough of twenty five days is granted to Blacksmith John Armstrong, at the expiration of which he will return to duty at the company.

Ch. P. Stone.

Brev. Capt. Comdg.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

October 11th, 1852

Master arm. G.B. Mothers will proceed to San Francisco and report to surgeon Tripler, medical director of the Pacific Division. After remaining in San Francisco as long as surgeon Tripler may desire, he will return to this post.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: October 14th, 1852

A furlough of twenty five days is granted to Master arm. G.B. Mothers.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg.

Benicia Arsenal

Order: October 15th, 1852

Laborer Patrick Carpenter is hereby promoted to the grade of Blacksmith to date from this inst; a furlough of fifteen days is hereby granted to P. Mannion.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: December 1st, 1852

Mil. Storekeeper W.C Whitridge is hereby relieved from duty at this post, and will comply with spl. order no. 49, headquarters Pac. Division, October 1st, 1852.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: December 5th, 1852

The detachment arrived from the Watervliet Arsenal are assigned to duty as follows. Armorer Pollock Wlash, While, and Elder in the armorers shop. Artfcs Shannon and Maloney on general duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal,

Order:

Dec 8th, 1852

Artfcs. Shannon and Maloney are hereby promoted carriage makers, to date from the 1st inst: Arm. Dougherty and car. Maker Shannon are appointed acting Sergeants and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

Dec 13th, 1852

No man on the sick report will hereafter leave quarters except to attend sick call, without the written permission of the Comdg. Officer. The orderly Sergeant will see that the men in sick report are present in quarters whenever the other men of the company are called do duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg.

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

Dec 26th, 1852

A furlough for ten days is granted car. maker Hoffman at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 29th, 1852

Laborers Louis Taylor and William Shabe are hereby promoted to the grade of Blacksmith, to date from the days of their respective appointments.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

Dec 31st, 1852

Tomorrow, the shops will be closed; and all duty except the necessary police of the Post will be suspended.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

Dec 31st, 1852

The Comdg. Officer has noticed much neglect on the part of the men in the case of tools. The Sergeants and master workmen will hereafter be careful to see that all tools, wheelbarrows used during the day are stored each night.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

1853

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

January 1st, 1853

Considering the state of health of master carriage maker Kelly, a furlough is granted him until March 4th, 1853, the expiration of the term of his service. This leave will take effect as soon as master carriage maker Kelly shall have turned over the tools, account of work of the carriage makers ' shop to car. maker Bradshaw.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

January 3rd, 1853

A furlough for six days is granted to Peter Gukes; at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

January 3rd, 1852²⁴

Master Blacksmith Neenan is relieved from the charge of the company mess. Sergeant Shannon will receive from Neenan the accounts of the mess, and take charge until further orders.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

January 10th, 1853

A furlough to include the remainder of his present term of service is granted to Patrick Mannion.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Comdg

²⁴ This is not an error on the transcriber's part. Stone erred and wrote "1852" instead of "1853"

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

January 9th, 1853

The furlough granted to Blacksmith Gukes is extended to include the 20th January, 1853.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

January 25th, 1853

Armorer John Dunnovn, of the company of Ordnance stationed at this post, will proceed to Monterey Cal, and report to military storekeeper B.G. Baldwin for duty at that post.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

January 26th, 1853

Armorer Vincent Klimashowski for absenting himself from duty, and unfitting himself for duty through liquer yesterday is reduced to the grade of laborer.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

January 29 1853

Armorer Anthony Elder, for using disrespectful language towards Sergeant Shannon today while in discharge of his duty, is reduced to the grade of labourer.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

February 18th, 1853

Labourers Reilly and Cader are hereby promoted to the grade of armourer; and lab. Nelson to the grade of blacksmith: all to date from the 1st inst.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

February 23rd, 1853

Blacksmith Strubr, for drunkenness on duty, is hereby reduced to the grade of labourer.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

February 21st, 1853

Tomorrow being the anniversary of the birthday of Washington, a federal salute will be fired at sunrise, and the national salute will be fired at noon, from the _____²⁵ battery.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

February 27th, 1853

Muster will take place tomorrow at 1 o'clock, P.M.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

March 1st, 1853

A furlough for forty days is hereby granted to Sergeant Michael Dougherty; at the expiration of which he will return to duty with the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

²⁵ Word unreadable

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

March 3rd, 1853

Labourer Anthony Elder is hereby promoted to the grade of armourer, to date from the 1st inst.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

March 4th, 1853

Armourer James. T. Seymour has a furlough granted to him for twenty days.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

March 19th, 1853

A furlough to include the 30th inst. is granted to bksm.²⁶ Adam Fath: at the expiration of which he will report to the commanding officer.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

March 26, 1853

Artificiers Whelan and Renquest, and labourer Kearsing are promoted to the 2nd grade of Ordnance men – Whelan and Renquest to date from the 23rd inst, Kearsing from the 4th inst. Whelan to be mustered as carriage maker. Renquest and Kearsing as blacksmiths.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

²⁶ Shorthand for blacksmith

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

April 3rd, 1853

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to car. maker Bradshaw at the expiration of which he will be return to duty with the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

April 3rd, 1853

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to armourer Charles B. White; at the expiration of which he will return to duty with the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

April 18th, 1853

A furlough to include the 29th inst. Is hereby granted to car. maker Lang; at the expiration of which he will return to duty with the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

April 2nd, 1853

A furlough to include the remainder of his term of service is hereby granted to Adam Fath, whose enlistment will expire on the 27th prox.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

April 23rd, 1853

The furlough granted on the 3rd inst. to car. maker Bradshaw and armourer White are extended to include the 29th inst.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

April 29th, 1853

Muster will take place tomorrow at 8 o'clock AM.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

May 2nd, 1853

A furlough for twenty days is granted to car. maker Michael Lang and bksm. John Armstrong, at the expiration of which they will return to duty with the company. Armr. Elder is released from confinement to the post, and has a furlough granted him for twenty days.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

May 22nd, 1853

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to armourer Walsh, at the expiration of which he will return to duty with the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

May 4th, 1853

Hereafter, in granting furloughs to the men, the length of time they have been on the sick reports will be considered. A man, a large part of whose time has been lost by sickness, cannot expect to have the same amount of absence allowed him, as one who is constantly on duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

May 2nd, 1853

You will issue to Brevet Major Alvord (?), commanding at the Dallis of the Columbia. The following ordnance items (list?). Viz:

2,000 Musket black cartridges

Mr. Theo J. Eckersen

Agent W. Ordn. Dept.

Columbia Barracks

Washington

Respectfully,

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg.²⁷

Benicia Arsenal June 1st, 1853

Order:

A furlough of 23 days is hereby granted to car. maker Maloney: one of 13 days to c.m.k.²⁸ Pabst at the expiration of which they will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

²⁷ This entire log was difficult to read, and its transcription here should not be taken at face value.

²⁸ Carriage maker

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

June 3rd, 1853

Labr. Jacob Regner is hereby promoted to the 2nd grade of ordnance men; and will be mustered as bksm. from the 1st inst.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

June 3rd, 1853

In obedience to the order of his Excellency the President of the United States, as a testimony of respect to the memory of the late Vice President of the Republic, the honourable R. King,²⁹ all duties at this post except the necessary Guard and police will be suspended tomorrow. A salute of thirteen guns will be fired at daylight, seventeen minute guns at Meridian, and the national salute of thirty one guns at sunset. The men of the command will be assembled at 10 o'clock AM under arms, to hear the order of the War dept.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

June 17th, 1853

Louis W.J. Welcher , Ordn Corps, having, in compliance with spl. order no. 30 of June 16 1853, _____³⁰ Pac. Div; reported at this post is hereby assigned to duty and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

June 20th, 1853

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to blacksmith Carpenter, at the expiration of which he will return to duty in the company.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Comdg

²⁹ William Rufus DeVane King, 1786-1853, vice president to Franklin Pierce March 4th-April 18th, 1853

³⁰ Word illegible

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

June 24th, 1853

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to arm. Jonas Cader, at the expiration of which he will return to duty in the company.

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

June 25th, 1853

The comdg. Officer will turn over to Louis Welcher Ordn Corps the subsistence property and _____³¹in his possession; and Louis Welcher will act as asst. comdr. for this post from 1st prox.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

June 29, 1853

Muster will take place tomorrow at 9 o'clock AM.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

July 1st, 1853

A furlough for twenty days is hereby granted to master blacksmith Michael Neenan; at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

³¹ Word illegible

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

July 3rd, 1853

Tomorrow being the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States all duties at this post, except the necessary Guard and police, will be suspended. A salute of 13 guns will be fired at sunrise, and the national salute of 31 guns at noon.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

July 8th, 1853

Armourer Seymour and blacksmith Kearsing for _____³² on duty are reduced to the grade of labourer. They are released from confinement and will return to duty. Jacob F. _____³³ is promoted to the grade of car. maker.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

July 16th, 1853

Labourer Strube, for drunkenness, will not be permitted to leave the post for one month.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

July 19, 1853

A furlough for twenty days is hereby granted to bksm. Nelson at the expiration of which he will return to duty with the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

³² "Downr....f" Word illegible, though it has something to do with breaking company rules: being a ruffian, getting into a scuffle; general rowdiness

³³ Last name illegible

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

July 20, 1853

Armourer Anthony Elder having falsely represented the age under which he was enlisted is by order of the Head Secretary of War this day discharged the services. He will turn over the arms, _____³⁴ and public property in his care to Sergeant M Guise.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

July 22nd, 1853

Sergeant Dougherty is hereby relieved from the charge of the company mess and Corporal Maloney is detailed for that duty. Sergeant Dougherty will turn over to Corporal Maloney the mess funds, provisions and books in his charge.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

July 28th, 1853

Car. maker Bradshaw for using insubordinate and disrespectful language to the Sergeant of the Guard on the evening of the 26th inst, is deprived of his appointment as Corporal in the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

August 2nd, 1853

A furlough of twenty days for the benefit of his health is granted to bksm Taylor; at the expiration of which he will return to duty in the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

³⁴ Word illegible

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

August 6, 1853

Sergeant Dougherty and armourer White will proceed to San Francisco and report in person to Capt. Stone on Tuesday morning of the Presidio.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

August 10th, 1853

A furlough to embrace the remainder of his term of service is granted to car. maker Whelon.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

August 11th, 1853

A furlough to include the 30th inst is granted to car. maker Bradshawl at the expiration of which he will report for duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

August 12, 1853

Pvt. Armstrong will proceed to San Francisco this evening and deliver the _____³⁵ placed in his charge by the comdg. Officer. Having accomplished his duty Pvt. Armstrong will return to this post.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

³⁵ Word illegible

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

August 30th, 1853

Muster will take place tomorrow at noon. The furlough granted by Louis Welcher to Sergeant Dougherty from the 10th inst to include the remainder of his time of service, is approved.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

Sept 1st, 1853

A furlough to include the 13th is granted to c.m. Bradshaw at the expiration of which he will be discharged the service. Corporal Maloney is promoted to be Sergeant. Pvt Walsh to be Corporal, they will be obliged and respected accordingly. Labourer Seymour is promoted to be armourer from the 1st inst.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

Sept 8th, 1853

The company will parade this afternoon at 5 o'clock to Guard the remains of the late Louis ____ Mason from the wharf to the ____.³⁶

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

September 9, 1853

Labourer ____ M Donough is hereby promoted to be an armorer, from the date of his enlistment. A furlough of twenty days is granted to Peter Guker; at the expiration of which he will return to duty.³⁷

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Comdg

³⁶ Mason's middle name and the parade's destination are illegible

³⁷ Donough's first name is illegible. Peter Guker's last name, at the beginning of Stone's logs, has also been read as "Gukes"

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

Sept 12th, 1853

Lewis Taylor, not being able to perform duties corresponding to his grade in the company will in accordance with par 54 Ordnance Regulations, hereafter be mustered as laborer.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

Sept 19th, 1853

Armorer White for neglect of duty as sentinel last night is reduced to the lowest grade of ordnance men, and is forbidden to leave the post without the written permission of an officer for six months.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

Sept 22nd, 1853

Laborer Louis Brooks is promoted to the grade of carriage maker to date from the 20th inst, and is assigned to duty in the car maker shop.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

Octo 2nd, 1853

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to Serg. Shannon at the expiration of which he will return to duty in the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: October 6th, 1853

A furlough of twenty four days is granted to Peter Guker at the expiration of which he will return to duty. Laborer _____ is promoted to the grade of armorer, to date from the 5th inst.³⁸

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: Octo 8th, 1853

A board of survey to consist of Bvt. Capt. C. P. Stone and 2nd Louis W.J. Welcher, Ordnance Corps, (all the officers on duty at the post) will assemble at 10 ½ o'clock today, to examine and report upon a quantity of rice in possession of the ___ A.C.S, reported as damaged.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: Octo 10th, 1853

Bksm. Michael Lang has furlough until the evening of the 12th inst at 9 o'clock PM at which time he will return to this post.

W.J. Welcher

St. Ord. Corps. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: October 11th, 1853

Master blacksmith Michael Neenan, for improper conduct towards Private Williams in the office of the comdg officer this morning is confined, except during working hours, to his quarters until further orders.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

³⁸ Said armorer's name is completely illegible

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

October 19th, 1853

Laborer Peter _____ is hereby promoted to the grade of blacksmith, and will be mustered as such from the date of his present enlistment.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

October 21st, 1853

The following are established as the rates to be allowed to be changed by the company tailor.
Viz:

For altering and fitting officer's pantaloons: \$2.50

For fitting non. Com. Officers and Private jackets each 1.00

For fitting non com. Officers and Privates trousers each 1.75

The 1st Sergeant will present the order in which the men shall turn in their clothing for fitting, and will see that no alterations are made contrary to regulations.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

Octo 24th, 1853

The furlough granted to Sergt. Shannon Octo 2nd is extended to include the 30th inst.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

Octo 30th, 1853

Muster will take place tomorrow at 10 PM.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: October 31st, 1853

Louis Welcher Ordn Corps will report tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock to Capt. A. Sully _____ with a Sergeant and ten men for service on the funeral escort of the late asst surgeon Degeolie.³⁹

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: October 31, 1853

Sergeant Maloney will be tomorrow released by Corpl Walsh from the duties of N.C. Offc in charge of compy mess. Sergeant Maloney will turn over to Corporal Walsh the books, provisions and funds in his possession belonging to the _____.⁴⁰

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: Nov 2nd, 1853

A furlough of twenty days is granted to Sergt. Maloney at the expiration of which he will report for duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: Nov 2nd, 1853

The commanding officer with much regret announces to the company the death of their late comrade Thomas Reilly, which took place this morning at 10 ½ o'clock. His funeral will take place with appropriate honors from the hospital, at 3 o'clock PM tomorrow.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

³⁹ Word illegible; Sully's 2nd in command, aide-de-camp. The surgeon's name is also difficult to read.

⁴⁰ Word illegible

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

Nov 4th, 1853

A furlough of three days is granted to August Hoffman, at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

Nov 9th, 1853

Labourer Strube is detailed an extra duty as hospital attendant, and will report to asst. surgeon Laub for duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

Nov 15th, 1853

Private Farrell, Gorman, Howard, Hurley, McBride, Quamey, Thomson having joined the company by transfer will be mustered as follows:

Car makers

Thomson

Farrell

Armorers

Gorman

Howard

Hurley

Quamey

Blacksmith

McBride

Labourer Diggan will be mustered as a _____ from the date of his enlistment.⁴¹

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

November 16th, 1853

A furlough to include the 29th inst is granted to car maker Pabst, at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

November 9th, 1853

2nd Lieutenant Welcher will _____ the duties of actg asst quartermaster of this post. He will _____ on proper requisitions a four mule team with harness to complete.⁴²

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

Nov 17th, 1853

Laborer George Black will be mustered as carriage maker of Ordnance to date from the day of his enlistment.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

November 24th, 1853

Armorer Seymour is hereby appointed a Corporal in the company of Ordnance stationed at this post, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Comdg

⁴¹ Howard and Quamey's names were illegible and should not be taken at face value here. Diggan's job title was also illegible.

⁴² Words illegible

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

Nov 25th, 1853

Bsm Guker will accompany the comdg officer to San Francisco this evening and report to surgeon Tripler tomorrow. On receiving Dr Tripler's orders he will return to this post.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

November 28th, 1853

Private Farrell for drunkenness yesterday and today and absence without leave will be confined in charge of the Guard, except during working hours, in the stable, upon bread and water.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

November 29th, 1853

Armorer Charles B. White has leave of absence until 10 o'clock tomorrow the 30 inst with permission to visit San Francisco and a physician in that place after which he will return to this post.

W. J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

November 30th, 1853

Carriage maker James Farrell is released from confinement and will return to duty. By direction of the comdg officer Brev. Captain C.P. Stone, carriage maker Farrell is reduced to the grade of laborer from this date.

W.J. Walcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

November 30th, 1853

Private James W. Thompson is temporarily detailed for duty in the hospital and will report to asst surgeon Laub.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 1st, 1853

Corporal James T. Seymour has leave of absence for twenty days from this date at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 3rd, 1853

Private Robert McBride is detailed on special duty at the hospital and will report asst surgeon C.H. Laub in charge of the hospitals. Private William Strube being relieved from duty at the hospital will return to duty at this post. He will be confined to the limits of the post until further orders.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 5th, 1853

Bsm Peter Hitcher for absence without leave last night is confined to his quarters except during working hours until further orders.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 6th, 1853

Laborer Thomas Delaney is appointed blacksmith to rank as such from the 26th of November last, the date of his transfer, subject to the approval of the permanent commanding officer Capt. Stone.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 7th, 1853

Private Peter Guker has leave of absence from this date until the expiration of the time of his enlistment, at which time he will be discharged the services.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 14th, 1853

Private Hitcher is released from confinement and will return to duty.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 14th, 1853

Sergeant Dunlofe Shannon has leave of absence until 10 o'clock the 17th inst, at which time he will return to his post.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 16th, 1853

Private Thomas Delaney is hereby placed on special duty in charge of quartermaster property buildings. He will report to the orderly Sergeant of the company at reveille, dinner, ____.⁴³

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 17th, 1853

Private Thomas Delaney is hereby relieved from special duty and will return to regular Guard duty with the company.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 19th, 1853

Bsm Peter Hitcher for drunkenness yesterday at Guard mounting will be confined in the stable room until further orders, on bread and water, and except during working hours.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 21st, 1853

Blacksmith Peter Hitcher having made to the officer in command promises of reformation in regards to the offense for which he is now confined will have the limits of his confinement extended to those of this post and so much of his punishment as required him to be fed upon bread and water is rescinded.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

⁴³ Word illegible

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 24th, 1853

By direction of Capt. Stone laborer Thomas Plunket is promoted to the grade of carriage maker to work from this date.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 25, 1853

Christmas day happening the present year upon Sunday, tomorrow Monday the 26th inst will be observed as a holiday at this post. All the operations of the post except the necessary Guard and stable duties will be suspended. The Guard will remain at the post; the other men have permission except those in confinement to be absent from the post until 12 o'clock at night.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 27th, 1853

Private Robert McBride for absenting himself from this post and from Guard mounting last night is confined to the stable during hours of rest and recreation until further orders.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 27th, 1853

Drills will commence this day. After this date and until further orders the company will drill from 1 o'clock PM until 2 daily when they will return to work.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 28th, 1853

Armorer James Quinn for intoxication last evening when detailed for duty is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer. He is released from confinement and will return to duty.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

December 30th, 1853

Muster will take place tomorrow at one o'clock PM.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

1854

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 1

January 2nd, 1854

Private William Strube has leave of absence from 5 o'clock PM today until 9 o'clock on the evening of the 4th inst with permission to visit the city of San Francisco.

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 2

January 7th, 1854

Privates M. Donough and _____ are released from confinement and will return to duty.⁴⁴

W.J. Welcher

Lieut Ordnance Corps Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 3

January 14th, 1854

A board of survey to consist of Capt. Stone and Louis W.J Welcher will assemble today at 1 o'clock PM to examine and report upon a quantity of flour in the possession of the acting A.C.S reported to be damaged.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 4

January 16th, 1854

A furlough to include the 15th day of February prox is hereby granted to Michael Neenan, master blacksmith, at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

⁴⁴ The second Private's name is illegible

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 5

January 16th, 1854

Bsm Peter Hitcher is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer, for being drunk and unfit for duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 6

January 17th, 1854

Laborer Michael Vickers is hereby promoted to the grade of blacksmith of ordnance to date from his present enlistment.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 7

January 20th, 1854

Company drills will be suspended until further orders. Laborer Hitcher, to prevent is being constantly unfit for duty will be confined to the arsenal yard for three months.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 8

January 23rd, 1854

A furlough of three days is hereby granted to car maker Hoffman and laborer Strube, at the expiration of which they will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 9

January 26th, 1854

Car maker Black is hereby reduced to the grade of labourer, for drunkenness and disorderedly conduct.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 10

January 27th, 1854

To prevent laborer Quinn from becoming unfit for duty by drunkenness he will not be promoted to leave the ordnance yard for the months of Feb March and April 1854, without express written permission.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 11

January 27th, 1854

Laborers Fischer and Madison are hereby promoted to the grade of armorer, to date from the 26th inst.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 12

Jany 30th 1854

Laborer David Ramsey is hereby promoted to the grade of car mkr and will be mustered in that grade from the duty of his present enlistment.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 13

January 29th, 1854

Hereafter the following features will be made by the _____ under the direction of the A.C. officer in charge of the Guard.

1st: Reveilles at daylight in the morning

2nd: Breakfast call at 6 ½ o'clock Am

3rd: Call to work at 7 o'clock AM

4th: Dinner call at 12 PM

5th: Call to work at 1 PM

6th: Release from work at 5 o'clock PM

7th: Retract at sunset

Taps will be beaten at 10 o'clock PM. The assembly will be beaten as signal for Guard mounting. Also, at 9 o'clock AM on Sundays for inspection. The assembly will be beaten at the Guard room seven minutes before reveille; at the gates of the lower quarters five minutes before reveille.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 14

February 2nd, 1854

Laborer James Farrell is restored to the grade of car maker, to date from Feby 1st inst.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 15

February 3rd, 1854

Corporal Seymour will relieve Corporal Walsh in the duties of A.C. officer in charge of the company mess and will this afternoon take charge of the funds, books and provisions.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 16

February 8th, 1854

Laborer Strube is promoted to the grade of artificer to date from the 1st inst.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 17

February 9th, 1854

The following prices will be paid the laundresses of the company for washing:

For an officer \$6 per month

For a citizen in the employ of the ordn. Dept \$1.50 per month

For a non commissioned officer or Private of the company, one dollar per month

For _____ 10 cents a month⁴⁵

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 18

February 10th, 1854

Laborer Black for absence without leave and for drunkenness will be made to walk past in charge of the sentinel from 6 PM to 10 PM each night for seven days – carrying his knapsack loaded with 3 9 lb shots. The A.C. off of the Guard will see that this order is properly executed.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 19

February 14th, 1854

Frederick Sahling yesterday enlisted in the company will be mustered as carriage maker from the date of his enlistment.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 20

February 21st, 1854

Tomorrow being the anniversary of the birthday of Washington, a salute of thirteen guns will be fired under the direction of Louis Welcher at noon.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

⁴⁵ Word illegible

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 21

February 24th, 1853

Laborer M Cue is hereby promoted to the grade of blacksmith, to date from the day of his enlistment. Laborers Quinn and Nilithon are promoted to the grade of artificers to date from the 15th inst.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 22

February 28th, 1854

Muster will take place today at 10 o'clock PM.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 23

March 1st, 1854

Laborers Spaler, Callaghan and Connor are promoted to the grade of mechanics:

Spaler to be carriage maker

Callaghan and Connor to be armorers to date from the dates of their present enlistment.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 24

March 2nd, 1854

A furlough for thirty days is granted to Corporal Walsh at the expiration of which he will return to duty in the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 25

March 2nd, 1854

Until further orders, the ___ from work will beat at 5 ½ o'clock PM. Bsm Delaney is hereby appointed a Corporal on the company and will be obliged and respected accordingly. Laborer Bushford is promoted blacksmith from the date of his enlistment.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 26

March 6th, 1854

Bsm Jacob Regner is relieved from duty in the lakehouse and placed in confinement. Car maker Sahling is detailed for duty in the lakehouse.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 27

March 8th, 1854

Corporal Delaney is detailed as orderly to the commanding Guard during his stay at the post. Corpl. Delaney will report to the Guard at the quarters of the comdg. Officer at 9 o'clock AM tomorrow.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 28

March 21st, 1854

Bsm McBride is detailed on special duty as hospital attendant, and will report to asst surgeon Laub at the hospital.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 29

March 26th, 1854

Artificer Strube is promoted to the grade of blacksmith and will be mustered in that grade from the 1st inst.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 30

March 28th, 1854

Should the medical officer approve, a furlough of ten days is granted to Michael Lang: at the expiration of which he will report to the commanding officer.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 31

March 29th, 1854

James McGlone will be mustered as car maker from the date of his present enlistment. Car maker Sahling was relieved from duty in the lakehouse on the 18th inst.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 32

April 2nd, 1854

A furlough to include the 29th inst is hereby granted to Sergeant M Guise at the expiration of which he will return to duty with the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 33

April 3rd, 1854

Artificer Quinn is reduced to the grade of laborer and will walk past under charge of the sentinels from 6 ½ to 8 ½ o'clock PM until the 9th inst. Laborer Black will walk past in charge of the sentinels from 8 ½ o'clock to 10 o'clock PM for the same time.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 34

April 3rd, 1854

Mrs. Callaghan will be laundress for the company the 1st day of May prox in place of Mrs. Popple____.⁴⁶

Ch. P Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 35

April 4th, 1854

A furlough for two months is hereby granted to the Sergt. Dunlofe Shannon, at the expiration of which he will return to duty with the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 36

April 5th, 1854

Bsm Jacob Regner is placed on duty as post baker. The baking will be done each day so that the bread can be delivered at 5 o'clock PM. All the bread baked will be at that hour hauled to the storehouse and taken in charge by Sergt. M Guire, who alone will issue bread on tickets. Issues of bread will be made each day from 5 to 6 o'clock PM.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

⁴⁶ The rest of the woman's name is illegible

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 37

April 6th, 1854

McQuade and Norton will be mustered as car makers and Felix Walsh as armorer from the dates of their present enlistment.⁴⁷

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 38

April 11th, 1854

Ca maker Lang is detailed on detached services at Monterey Redoubt to which post he will repair and report for duty to mil storekeeper Baldwin.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 39

April 13th, 1854

A board of survey will assemble today at 1 ½ o'clock PM to examine and report upon some mule harness reported by the aaqm as unusable. The board will consist of Brev. Capt. C.P. Stone Ordn Corps, 2nd Lieut W.J Welcher – the only officers at the post.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 40

April 14th, 1854

A furlough to include the 29th inst is granted to car mkr Thompson at the expiration of which he will return to duty with the company. Hereafter a deduction of two days furlough will be made against each case of absence from roll call in the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

⁴⁷ The first two men's names are mostly legible save for the first letters of their names, and should therefore not be taken at face value.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 41

April 17th, 1854

A board of survey to consist of 2nd Lt W.J. Welcher Ordn Corps and Bt. 2nd Lt. G.H. Mendell, Corps of Topgl Engineers will assemble at 11 o'clock PM today to examine into and report upon the circumstances of loss of certain Ordnance property.⁴⁸

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 42

April 26, 1854

Pvts. McKeanan and Kenney, transferred from the 2nd ____ to the ordnance corps having reported for duty will be mustered as armorers from the date of their transfer.⁴⁹

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 43

April 29th, 1854

Muster and inspection will take place tomorrow at 9 o'clock PM.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 44

April 29th, 1854

Mrs. Connor will be a laundress of the compy from and after the 1st ____ in place of Mrs. Guker.⁵⁰

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

⁴⁸ Topgl = Topographical

⁴⁹ Word illegible

⁵⁰ Word illegible

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 45

April 30th, 1854

A furlough of twenty days is granted to Jacob F. Hack and James M. Donough to commence tomorrow.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 46

April 30th, 1854

A furlough of twenty days to commence on the 4th day of May prox is granted to William Strube at the expiration of which he will return to duty in the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 47

May 4th, 1854

The post order of April 30th _____ granting a furlough to Pvt. Strube is hereby countermanded and his confinement by Louis Welcher confirmed.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 48

May 5th, 1854

Car mkr Spaler for drunkenness on the night of the 2nd inst is reduced to the grade of artificer.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 49

May 5th 1854

Edward Maloney for undue interference with Corporal Walsh in the discharge of his duties as a non com officer is suspended from his rank as Sergeant in the company for one month. Private Bushford is hereby appointed a Corporal in the company and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 50

May 29th, 1854

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to Pvt. Pabst at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 51

May 31st, 1854

A furlough of twenty days to commence tomorrow is hereby granted to Pvt. Hurley at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 52

June 1st, 1854

Capt Seymour is hereby relieved from duty in charge of the company mess and will turn over the funds and property in his hands to Corporal Delaney, who will today assume the duties.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 53

June 5th, 1854

Edward Delaney is hereby restored to his rank of Sergeant in the company. A furlough of twenty days is granted to car mkr Loomis Brooks; at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 54

June 6th, 1854

David Ramsey for overstaying his leave on the 4th and 5th inst is reduced to the grade of artificer.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 55

June 9th, 1854

Artificer Spaler is hereby restored to the grade of car maker to date from the 5th inst.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 56

June 13th, 1854

Patrick Connor is hereby promoted to the grade of carriage maker from the date of his present enlistment.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 57

June 14th 1854

James M Thompson for absenting himself from duty and bringing intoxicating liquor to quarters is reduced to the grade of laborer. Thompson is released from confinement and will be returned to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 58

June 19th, 1854

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to John Quamey at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 59

June 29th, 1854

Muster and inspection will take place tomorrow at 1 o'clock PM.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 60

July 1st, 1854

A furlough to include the 8th day of Sept 1854 is granted to John Armstrong at the expiration of which furlough he will be discharged the services.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 61

July 2nd, 1854

Tuesday next being the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States, a federal salute will be fired at sunrise; the national salute at Meridian and a federal salute at sunset on

the next day. All duty excepting the necessary Guard, police and salute firing will be suspended for the day. The sentinels will be posted during the whole day.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 62

July 5th 1854

A furlough of twenty days including today is hereby granted to Corpl. Seymour at the expiration of which he will return to duty in the company.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 63

July 11th, 1854

Frederic Norton for drunkenness yesterday is reduced to the grade of laborer of ordnance. He will be released from confinement and returned to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 64

July 17th, 1854

Bsm Jacob Regner for drunkenness and insubordinate conduct on the 15th inst is reduced to the laborer of ordnance. Car mkr Spaler is exempted from the general permission granted to the men of the company to be absent from the post when not on duty for six months.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 65

July 17th 1854

Laborer Regner is relieved from duty as post baker and will return to duty in the company. Armorer McKeanan is detailed on daily duty as post baker and will review his instructions from the 1st Sergeant of the company.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 66

July 18th 1854

Bsm William Strube is this day, by order of the ___ secretary of war discharged the service of the United States. He will turn over to the 1st Sergt of the company all public property in his possession.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 67

July 20th, 1854

The keeping of wine on this post by officers or men is prohibited except in cases where permission is granted by the commanding officer. When such permission is given the animals will not be allowed to turn at large but must be confined to ___. Hogs and pigs running at large in the arsenal grounds after this date will be shot by the Guard.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 68

July 21st 1854

Richard Chester enlisted in the company of ordnance stationed at this arsenal will be mustered as armorer of ordnance from the date of his present enlistment.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 69

July 27th, 1854

Private Thomas Carey, 2nd infantry, having been transferred by order of Gen. Wool to the company of ordnance stationed at this post, he will be mustered as bksm from the 25th inst the date of said transfer.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 70

August 7th, 1854

An instance has come to the knowledge of the commanding officer of a member of the company's using violent language to a non com officer knowing that non com officer had reported him for an offence. Such conduct should be instantly punished by any non com officer present. The person using violent or disrespectful words to a non com officer concerning the discharge of duty should be immediately confined in charge of the Guard and reported to the comdg officer or in his absence to the lieutenant. The non com officer of the company will hereafter be prompt to suppress any such irregularity.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 70

August 9th 1854

A furlough from the 15th inst to include the remainder of his present term of service is hereby granted to armorer John Dunnovn.

Ch. P. Stone

(Copy furnished C.O. Monterey Redoubt)⁵¹

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 71

August 12th 1854

Laborer James M. Thompson is hereby promoted to the grade of artificer to date from the 1st inst.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 72

August 13th, 1854

Pursuant to orders from the commanding general of the Pacific Department, Corpl Seymour and Private Carpenter and M. Donough are detailed for temporary duty at the Monterey Redoubt to which post they will repair without delay and Corpl Seymour will report the party to mil storekeeper Baldwin. Corpl Seymour's party will be furnished with provisions for one month and one hundred rounds of _____

⁵¹ A copy of the order to grant furlough to John Dunnovn was sent to the Monterey Redoubt

___ ammunition. The order of August 9th granting a furlough to armorer Dunnovn is hereby suspended until such time as mil storekeeper Baldwin shall fund his services can be disposed with.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 73

August 16th, 1854

A board of survey to consist of bt capt C.P. Stone ordnance and 2nd lieut W.J. Welcher ordnance will assemble today at 2 o'clock PM to examine and report upon a quantity of pork reported by the AACS as unfit for use. The above named officers are all now on duty at the post.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 74

August 19th, 1854

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to master bsm Neenan at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 75

August 30th, 1854

Muster and inspection will take place at 1 o'clock PM tomorrow.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 76

Sept 1st 1854

Laborers Norton and Regner are hereby promoted to the grade of artificer from the present date.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 77

Sept 5th 1854

James Howorth will be mustered as armorer from the date of his reenlistment Sept 2nd. A furlough of two months from the date of his enlistment is hereby granted to armorer Howorth at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 78

September 6th 1854

The furlough granted to the master bsm Michael Neenan by post order No 74 August 19 1854 is hereby extended ten days.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 79

Sept 11th, 1854

Artificers Hitcher and Ramsey are hereby promoted to the grade of blacksmith, to date from the 1st inst.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 80

Sept 12th 1854

William Bushford for conduct highly unbecoming a non commissioned officer on the morning of the 10th inst is deprived of his appointment as a Corporal in the company from this date.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 81

Sept 16th, 1854

Louis Welcher and Sergeant Shannon will proceed this evening to the San Francisco and endeavour to arrest and bring back Loomis Brooks and Charles Spaler, deserters from the company of ordnance stationed at this post. Having accomplished this duty or when Lt. Welcher shall consider it useless to continue the pursuit further, the party will return to this post.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 82

September 19th 1854

Car maker McGlone for drunkenness on duty is reduced to the grade of laborer of ordnance.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 83

Sept 25th 1854

Francis Howard and Henry Webber will be mustered as car makers from the dates of their present enlistment respectively. A furlough of twenty days is granted to William Bushford at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 84

Sept 25th 1854

A furlough to commence on the 5th day of October prox and to include the remainder of his present term of service is hereby granted to car maker Michael Lang.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 85

Sept 29th 1854

Sergeant Shannon will relieve Corpl Delaney in charge of the company mess on the 1st Octo prox. A furlough of twenty five days is granted to Corporal Delaney to commence on the 1st Octo next. John Shannon and Jeremiah Kelly are promoted carriage makers and James Adams, artificer from the dates of their respected present enlistments.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 86

Sept 30th 1854

Artificer James S Adams will, in compliance with instructions from Head 2nd Dept Pac Depot for duty to the comdg officer of compy 'B' 3rd artillery, until the result of his application for transfer to that company shall be made known.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order: No 87

Octo 4th 1854

Tomorrow and thereafter until further orders Guard mounting will take place at 8 o'clock AM. The sentinels will be posted throughout the 24 hours in such position as to watch particularly the two stone storehouses. The old Guard of each day will be excused from duty until noon of the day of relief.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 88

October 6th 1854

The café of laborer McGlone is appointed a laundress for the company of ordnance at this post to date from the 1st instant.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders : No 89

October 6th 1854

W McKeanan will be relieved from duty as post baker by Private McQuade. W McKeanan is hereby appointed a Corporal in the company and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 90

Octo 9th, 1854

Bsm Bushford and car maker Sahling for disgraceful quarreling at the mess hall yesterday are reduced to the grade of artificer. The conduct of the Sergeant of the Guard who released these men from confinement without authority was irregular. Once confined by the Guard the order of the commanding officer of the post or of some higher authority was necessary for their release. Felix Walsh, for boisterous last night and absence without leave is reduced to the grade of artificer. He is released from confinement and will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 91

October 15th, 1854

A furlough of twenty days is granted to artificer Felix Walsh, at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 92

Octo 21st, 1854

The furlough granted to Corporal Delaney by post order No 85 is hereby extended to include the 30 inst.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 93

Octo 23rd, 1854

The following definition of the position of muster workmen in charge of shops is published for the information and guidance of all concerned.

Master workmen when in charge of the shops in which they are engaged, have, under the direction of the commanding officer sole charge of their shops; and the men employed under them, are, while actually in the shops or on duty under them, subject to their orders only.

Master workmen will receive orders for work to be done, only from the commanding officer; excepting when tools and stores in service require repairs, when they will execute the repairs required on the order of the 1st Sergeant or any non commissioned officer in charge of a working party.

When not actually employed in their mechanical duties, master workmen and the men employed under them are subject to the orders of any senior non-commissioned officer.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 94

Octo 23rd, 1854

Oliver Dupreu will be mustered as an armorer of ordnance from the date of his present enlistment.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 95

October 25th, 1854

With the approval of the general commanding, Corpl. Seymour and Private Carpenter will return to this post from Monterey Redoubt. Armorer John Connor and his wife, a laundress of the company, will proceed to Monterey Redoubt, and report to mil. Storekeeper Baldwin for duty at that post.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Orders: No 96

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

October 30th 1854

Muster will take place tomorrow at 1 o'clock P.M.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Orders: No 97

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

November 2nd, 1854

John Diggeu for repeated absence without leave is reduced to the grade of artificer. Artificer Sahling is restored to the grade of car maker from the 1st inst.⁵²

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Orders: No 98

Benicia Arsenal

November 6th 1854

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to bsm. John Mceau; at the expiration of which he will return to duty.⁵³

Ch. P. Stone

Ret to duty 9th 3 days

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Orders: No 100

Benicia Arsenal

Nov 16th, 1854

A board of survey to consist of 2nd Lieut George H. Mendell corps. Top. Engineers and 2nd Lieut W.J. Welcher ordn. Corps will assemble today at 1 o'clock PM to examine and report upon a quantity of damaged clothing in charge of the comdg officer of the company of ordnance at this post. The above ordnance officers are all that can be assembled at the post.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

⁵² John's last name is illegible

⁵³ This John's last name is also illegible

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 101

Nov 28th 1854

Louis Welcher will proceed this evening with one enlisted man to Alcatraz Island, and put an order for winter the guns and carriages there. Having accomplished this duty Louis Welcher will return with the enlisted man to this post and report to the commanding officer.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 102

Nov 30th, 1854

Jacob Regner is promoted to the grade of blacksmith of ordnance to date from Nov 1st. inst.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 103

December 18th, 1854

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to James Farrell at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Ret to duty 27th 8 days

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 104

December 29th 1854

Muster and inspection will take place on Sunday the 31st inst at 9½ o'clock A.M.

Ch. P. Sone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

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Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 1

January 2nd, 1855

Sergt. Shannon will relieved in his duties in charge of the company mess by Corporal Seymour to whom Sergt. Shannon will turn over the mess books funds and property. Corpl Walsh substituted for Seymour.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 2

January 10th 1855

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to Frederic Sahling at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 3

January 15th, 1855

Armourer Kerney for introducing spirituous liquors into the stables of the post is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer. He is released from confinement and will return to duty.⁵⁴

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 4

January 23rd 1854

Peirce McDonnell lately enlisted in the company of ordnance at this post will be mustered as armoror from the date of his enlistment.

Cancelled.

⁵⁴ The armourer's name is illegible. Could be "Kerning" or "Kerrney" or even "Kenney"

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 5

January 30th 1855

With deep regret the commanding officer announces to the company the death of their late comrade Sergt D. Shannon, which took place at 10 o'clock last night.

By a firm ____ and soldierly life Sergt. Shannon had gained the confidence and respect of his officers; and he leaves a good example to the company.

The funeral of the late Sergeant will take place from the hospital, with military honors at 1½ o'clock tomorrow.

The shops will be closed and all public labor, except the necessary police of the post, will be suspended throughout the day.

The Sergeants of the company will wear the usual badge of mourning on their side arms for thirty days.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 6

February 9th 1855

Promoting and appointments in the ordnance company at Benicia Arsenal.

Corpl Seymour to be Sergeant Jan 29th 55. Vis Shannon deceased.

Bsm Carey to be Corporal Jan 29th 55. Vis Seymour promoted.

Artfc Diggeu to be bksm Feby 1st 55

Laborer MCDonnell to be car maker Feby 8th 55

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 7

February 10th 1855

Artificer Felix Walsh is restored to the grade of armorer to date from the January 1st 1855.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Orders: No 8

Benicia Arsenal

February 27th 1855

Muster will take place tomorrow at 1 o'clock PM.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Orders: No 9

Benicia Arsenal

March 1st, 1855

Artificer Thompson and laborer Kerney are restored to the grades of car maker and armorer respectively from this date.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Orders: No 10

Benicia Arsenal

March 1st 1855

A furlough to include the 30th inst, is hereby granted to Corporal Seymour McKennan at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Orders: No 11

Benicia Arsenal

March 7th 1855

A furlough to include the 30th inst is granted to the Michael Vickers at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Orders: No 12

Benicia Arsenal

March 8th 1855

A furlough for sixty days is hereby granted to the car mkr Pabst, at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 13

March 26th 1855

On the 18th inst before the company on parade the comdg officer rebuked in some terms the conduct of two men of the company; characterizing it as disgraceful to them as soldiers and men; he is now happy to be able to state that he has every reason to believe that the men were not guilty of the conduct charged to them, and the rebuke _____ to them is withdrawn as publicly as it was administered.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 14

April 1st 1855

A furlough to include the 29th inst is hereby granted to Sergeant Maloney and Private McGlone and Ramsey at the expiration of which they will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 15

April 30th 1855

Muster will take place today at 1 o'clock PM.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 16

April 30th 1855

A board of survey to consist of brev. Captain C.P. Stone and 2nd Lieut W.J. Welcher ordn. Corps will assemble at 2 o'clock PM this day to examine and report upon a quantity of bacon in charge of the A.A.C.S of the post. The above named officers are all on duty at the post.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 17

April 30th 1855

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to baker Harry Webber at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 18

May 1st 1855

A furlough to twenty days is hereby granted to bsm Hitcher at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 19

May 1st 1855

Corpl Walsh will be tomorrow relieved from charge of the mess of the company by Sergeant Maloney, who will receive from Corpl Walsh the books and funds belonging to the mess.

Ch. P. Stone

Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 20

May 21st 1855

Armorer Felix Walsh for drunkenness and disorderly conduct last night, will be confined to the post for six months.

Ch. P. Stone Brev. Capt. Ord. Comdg⁵⁵

⁵⁵ This was Stone's last entry before his second, W.J. Welcher, takes over the logs. Stone would not be relieved until the 27th of January, 1856, by Captain F.D. Callender.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 21

June 29th 1855

Muster will take place tomorrow the 30th inst at one o'clock.

W.J. Welcher

2nd Lt. Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 22

June 30th 1855

Muster will take place today at 1 o'clock PM.⁵⁶

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 23

June 30th 1855

Sergt Maloney will be tomorrow relieved from the charge of the company mess by Corporal MCKennan, who will receive the books funds belonging to the duty.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 24

July 1st 1855

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to Pvt. Jeremiah Kelly, at the expiration of which he will return to this post for duty.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 25

July 1st 1855

Wednesday next will be the anniversary of the declaration of Independence of the United States. On this day, therefore, public labor at this arsenal, excepting the necessary police, will be suspended.

A salute of thirteen guns will be fired at sunrise; the national salute of 31 guns will be fired at noon, and one of thirteen guns at sunset.

The Guard for the day will be doubled and perfect order must be maintained on the arsenal grounds and during the whole day.

⁵⁶ Welcher on numerous occasions doesn't sign his logs. This is not an error on the transcriber's part.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 26

July 2nd 1855

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to blacksmith Carpenter, at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.

W.J. Welcher

2nd Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 27

July 3rd 1855

Private James Derry is hereby released from confinement and is restored to duty to take effect from the 1st inst.⁵⁷

W.J. Welcher

2nd Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 28

July 6th, 1855

Armorer Louis Fisher has a furlough granted him of twenty days at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 29

July 13th, 1855

Serg Edward Maloney has leave of absence from tomorrow morning at reveille until the 14th of September next, the date of his expiration of terms of service. Laborer James Derry is promoted to the grade of blacksmith to take effect the 1st July 1855. Carriage maker Howard for appearing drunk and disorderly in the presence of the commanding officer on the afternoon of the 8th inst, is reduced to the grade of laborer to take effect on that date.

W.J Welcher

2nd Lieut Ordnance Comdg

⁵⁷ The private's last name is illegible. It could be "Deery," "Dary," "Dury," etc.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 30

July 22nd, 1855

Bsm Carpenter's furlough is extended to include the 31st inst.

W.J. Welcher

2nd Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 31

August 1st 1855

Sergeant James T Seymour Ordnance Corps has a furlough of twenty days from today at 12 o'clock. Blacksmith John McGue has a furlough of twenty days from today at 12 o'clock.⁵⁸

W.J Welcher

2nd Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 32

August 27th 1855

A leave of absence of one month is granted to carmaker Hock at the end of which he will return to duty at this post. Corporal James Walsh is hereby promoted to the grade of Sergeant; he will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Armorer Felix Walsh and artificer Norton are reduced to the grade of laborer, for drunkenness absence and repeated misconduct.

W.J Welcher 2nd Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 34

Sept 1st 1855

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to armorer Gorman at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.

W.J. Welcher

First Lieut Ordnance Comdg⁵⁹

⁵⁸ The blacksmith's last name is illegible, but he is not to be confused with James McGlone from past logs.

⁵⁹ Welcher was promoted

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 35

September 8th 1855

Bsm P. Hitcher for repeated absence and drunkenness is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer. He will be confined to the limits of the post until further orders.

W.J. Welcher

First Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 36

Sept 13th 185⁶⁰

A furlough of ten days, including today, is hereby granted armorer Howorth, at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

W.J. Welcher

First Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 37

September 24th 1855

Blacksmith Jacob Regner has a furlough of twenty days from this date, at the end of which time he will return to this post for duty.

W.J. Welcher

First Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 38

October 1st 1855

A furlough of twenty days, from this day is hereby granted armorer Madison, at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.

W.J. Welcher

1st Lieut Ordnance aagm⁶¹

⁶⁰ Welcher forgot the last '5' in 1855

⁶¹ Why Welcher switched from 'comdg' to 'aagm' is unknown. He reverts back to 'comdg' in the following logs

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 39

October 10th 1855

Laborer Frederic Norton, ordnance corps, is hereby promoted to the grade of carriage maker to take effect from the first of this month.

W.J. Welcher

1st Lieut Ord. Corps. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 40

October 22nd, 1855

10 o'clock AM

A furlough of twenty days from this date, is hereby granted to Corporal Carey, at the expiration of which time he will return to duty at this post.

W.J. Welcher

1st Lieut Ord. Corps. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 41

October 23rd, 1855

Armorer Louis Fischer for leaving the post on the 10th inst and remaining absent several days without authority is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer from that date.

W.J. Welcher

1st Lieut Ord. Corps. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 42

October 24th 1855

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to armorer Chester, at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.

W.J. Welcher

1st Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 43

October 30th 1855

Muster will take place tomorrow the 31st inst at 1 o'clock PM.

W.J. Welcher

1st Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 44

November 5th 1855

Laborer Peter Hitcher is hereby promoted to the grade of blacksmith to take effect from the first of this month.

W.J. Welcher

1st Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 45

November 7th 1855

Carmkr Harry Webber for drunkenness, abusive language and resistance to a party of the Guard under Sergeant Seymour yesterday, is reduced to the grade of laborer to take effect the 6th inst. Armorer Kerney for drunkenness while in charge of the mail is reduced to the grade of laborer, to take effect to the 6th inst.

W.J. Welcher

1st Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 46

November 10th 1855

In compliance with instructions from the Chief of Ordnance. Dept Pac's Sergeant James T. Seymour will proceed on the 12th inst to Monterey Redoubt and report to mil storekeeper Briscoe G. Baldwin for duty.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 47

November 13th, 1855

Carmkr Patrick McQuade is hereby detailed for duty as hospital attendant and will report to surgeon C.S. Tripler.

W.J. Welcher 1st Lieut Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 48

November 15th 1855

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted carmkr Plunket, at the end of which time he will return to duty at this post. The commanding officer is thus indulgent in consideration partly of the former good conduct of carmkr Plunket and partly that a furlough was promised to him by Capt Stone; since the commencement of the present year 39 days have been charged against carmkr Punket on the furlough book, mostly for misconduct. The recent conduct of Plunket has not been such as to entitle him to expect indulgences.

W.J. Welcher

1st Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 49

November 19th 1855

Laborer Charles A _____, ordnance corps is hereby promoted to the grade of carmaker from the date of his enlistment, the 17th inst. Cmkr Patrick McQuade is hereby relieved from duty as hospital attendant. Bsm McGue will take his place and report to surgeon Tripler.

W.J. Welcher

1st Lieut Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 50

November 20th 1855

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to armorer Gallagher, Ordnance Corps, at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.

W.J. Welcher

1st Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 51

November 23rd, 1855

Until further orders the call to work will be sounded in the morning at 7 o'clock, and the release in the afternoon at 5 o'clock.

W.J. Welcher

1st Lieut Ord. Corps. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 52

December 1st 1855

A furlough of twenty eight days is hereby granted to Sergeant McGuire; at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

W.J. Welcher

1st Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 53

December 3rd, 1855

Laborers Harry Webber, Louis Fischer and Thomas Kerney are hereby promoted the first to be carriage maker the two others to be armorers all to take effect from the 1st inst.

W.J. Welcher

1st Lieut Ord. Corps. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 54

December 7th 1855

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to armorer Kerney at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.

W.J. Welcher

1st Lt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 55

December 24th 1855

Tomorrow being Christmas day, all the usual operations of the post [] will be suspended, except the necessary Guard and police; [] all the men of the company except those relieved for duty or in confinement have leave of absence from reveille until midnight. The teamsters will take care of their teams.⁶²

W.J. Welcher

1st Lieut Ordnance Comdg

⁶² There are two small passages that were added to this log later, in light black ink, that are illegible

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Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 1

January 1st 1856

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to carmaker McQuade and blacksmith Diggan, at the expiration of which they will return to duty.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 2

January 23rd, 1856

Carriage maker Norton has leave of absence of 20 days from this morning.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 3

January 26th 1856

Captain F.D. Callender having arrived at this post under instructions from the war dept head qrs Dept. Pac, the command will be turned over to him tomorrow at 10 o'clock AM. The company will parade for inspection 9 ½ o'clock AM.

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 4

January 29th 1856]

Agreeably to orders from the Head Quarters of the Pacific Division Captain Callender this day relieves Capt Stone in the command of this arsenal.

FD Callender

Capt Ord Comdg⁶³

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 5

February 11th 1856

A board of survey to consist of capt F.D Callender, Ordnance Corps and 1st Lieut W.J. Welcher Ordnance Corps, will assemble at 9 ½ o'clock AM to day to examine a lot of pork, reported unfit for issue by the AACs. The above named are all the officers at the post.

⁶³ Callender's signatures don't match his logs, from January 27th to May 3rd. The ink of the signatures looks very dark, suggesting perhaps that an aide came later and signed the logs for the captain. After the 3rd of May Callender begins to sign his logs. From February 18th till April 14th neither Callender nor his aide sign the logs.

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 6

Feb 11th 1856

Carmaker Plunket and armorers Dupree and Kerney for being absent from quarters last night, when visited by the Corporal of the Guard, are not to ask nor to receive any indulgences for one month from this date.

FD Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 7

February 14th 1856

Hereafter until further orders, in order to approximate as nearly as practical to making the average number of working hours for the whole year then (10) hours a day the signal for leaving off work at night will be made by taps at the Guard room at sunset and the drummer will then beat off. An almanac will be added to the list of articles in charge of the Guard, that the Corporal thereof may know the time that the sun sets.

F.D Callender

Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 8

February 14th 1856

1st Lieut W.J. Welcher, Ordnance Corps acting A.C.S having been ordered to Fort Vancouver W.J and there being no other lieutenant of ordnance for duty at this arsenal, 2nd Lieut G.P. Shore, 3rd arty, with the consent of the chief comssy of _____ Dept of the Pacific, their immediate commanding officer, is hereby appointed acting asst comssy of _____ at this arsenal. Louis Welcher will accordingly turn over to Louis Shore the commissary store's funds and property appertaining to that department, in his charge.⁶⁴

FD Callender

Capt. Ord. Comdg

⁶⁴ Both _____ are the same words, simply illegible

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 9

Benicia Cal Feby 17th 1856

Hereafter the signal to leave off work on Saturday evening will be given one hour earlier than the usual time of leaving off work on other days; that is to say the signal on Saturday evenings will be given one hour before before sunset, and the drummer will wait until the taps are made from the Guard room before beating the call.

FD Callender

Capt. Ord. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 10

February 18th 1856

Carmkr Plunket and armorer Dupree were again reported absent last night from quarters, having been reported absent the previous Sunday night, and they warned that they render themselves liable to have their grade reduced if they are thus absent while under punishment. Fischer is also reported absent, but it being the first time no punishment is assigned to him.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 11

March 7th 1856

A furlough of twenty days from 12 o'clock noon, tomorrow the 8th inst, is hereby granted to armorer McDonough at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 12

March 7th 1856

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to bsm Derry, at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.⁶⁵

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 13

March 14th 1856

1st Sergeant McGuire will have the special charge of the laboratory and will give such attention to it as his other duties will permit. After Sergeant McGuire the senior non-com officer on duty in the laboratory will have charge of the same, and will be obliged and respected accordingly. After a non-com

⁶⁵ The blacksmith here could be the same Pvt James Derry from the July 3rd 1855 log, for the blacksmith's name here is illegible

officer, laboratorian Chester and Fischer will have charge, in the order named, and will be obliged and respected accordingly.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 13 ½

March 19th 1856

Master armorer Patrick McQuade will proceed to San Francisco and examine and count the ordnance and ordnance stores at that place and vicinity pertaining to this arsenal agreeably to the verbal instructions which he has received. After performing this duty he will return to this arsenal.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 14

April 11th 1856

A furlough to include the 28th inst is hereby granted blacksmith Vickers at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 15

April 12th 1856

A furlough to include the 28th inst is hereby granted carmkr Webber, at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 16

April 14th 1856

Bsm Derry is hereby detailed for duty in the laboratory and will be excused from Guard until further orders.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 17

May 2nd 1856

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to armorer Hurley, at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 18

May 3rd 1856

A furlough until the expiration of his term of enlistment is hereby granted to armorer John Quamey, when he will be discharged the services.

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 19

May 5th 1856

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to bsm Thomas Delaney at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 20

May 31st 1856

A board of survey to consist of Captain F.D Callender Ordnance Corps and military storekeeper B.G. Baldwin Ordn Dept will assemble at 9 ½ o'clock AM this day, to examine and report upon a quantity of fresh beef received from the contractor and reported to be unfit issue.

(signed)

F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

The board met pursuant to the above order and upon examination of the beef presented for inspection report as follows: a portion rotten and entirely unfit for issue and the residue having been cut from the same quarter the board regard as also unsuitable for issue.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

(signed)

F.D. Callender

May 31st, 1856

Capt Ord Comdg

B.G. Baldwin

M.S.K Ordnance

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 21

May 31st 1856

A furlough until the expiration of his term of enlistment is hereby granted to the mbsm Michael Neenan, when he will be discharged the services.

F.D Callender Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 22

June 1st 1856

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to armorer William McKennan, at the expiration of which he will report for duty at this post.

F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 23

June 3rd 1856

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to bsmith Thomas Carey, at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.

F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 24

June 3rd 1856

Sergeant Walsh is hereby relieved from duty in charge of the company mess, and will turn over the property and necessary funds to Corporal Delaney who will today assess the duties. Any funds not required for immediate use will be turned into Captain Callender for deport in the arsenal safe.⁶⁶

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 25

June 3rd 1856

Carmkr Henry Webber for highly disorderly conduct is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer. Carmaker Frederic Norton for being absent without leave immediately after release from confinement is hereby reduced to the grade of artificer.

⁶⁶ "Assess" and "deport" are the closest matching words in their respective sentences, but the original words looked illegible regardless.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 26

June 11th 1856

Hereafter until further orders Guard mounting will take place half an hour after supper call. The detail for Guard will break off work half an hour before the usual signal for ceasing work at night.

During the day, after breakfast call, the Guard will not be required to stand post. One of the Guard will be considered on duty at or in the vicinity of the Guard house all day. This man will be designated by the non-commissioned officer of the Guard, by lot, if he considers it expedient. The whole Guard will be present at the post/except absent by authority on duty/during the whole day, depositing their arms in the Guard house and rallying there in case of any emergency. In the afternoon, after 1 o'clock, the Guard except the man on duty at the Guard house, will be for other duty, work, the same as the other men. The non-com. Officer of the Guard and the man on duty at the Guardhouse will be present to review the new Guard and be relieved by it. The following is the roster for Guard until further orders:

Non-com officers of the Guard: Sergeant Walsh, Corporal Delaney

Sauce N.C. off of the Guard: Pabst, Hock

Privates of Guard: Callaghan, Chester, Diggan, Derry, Farrell, Fischer, Greguil, Howorth, Hurley, Kerney, McBride, McDonough, McQuade, McGlone, Norton, Plunket, Ramsey, Vickers, Webber, Wells (when sufficiently drilled)⁶⁷

(signed) F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 27

June 13th, 1856

Today and hereafter until further orders the enlisted men will break off work at night half an hour earlier than usual, and all of them will appear after supper under arms for drill.

(signed) F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

⁶⁷ Private Greguil's last name is illegible. Also, "sauce" in "sauce non-com officer" should not be taken at face value.

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 28

June 25th, 1856

Blacksmith Ramsey is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer; to date from the 21st instant.⁶⁸

(signed)

F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 29

June 26th 1856

The non-com officer in charge of the Guard will cause the sentinel on post to throw out every half hour the pig in the Guard dock. Should any pig not be thrown out he will note it on the Guard report stating the time and who was on post. The clock will be taken up ____ the artillery in charge of the Guard.

The non-com officer of the Guard generally, and the sentinel on post and the man for day Guard will during their respective tours of duty be specially held responsible, that no accident happens to this clock. The 1st Sergeant will keep the key of the clock, wind and regulate it and every morning return the pigs to their places, and on his morning report, "Guard clock all night," if so, and if the contrary note is under column of remarks on morning report.⁶⁹

(signed)

F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 30

July 3rd, 1856

Tomorrow being the anniversary of the declaration of Independence of the United States, all public labor at this arsenal, excepting the necessary Guard and other duty, will be suspended. A salute of thirteen guns will be fired at sunrise; The National Salute of 31 guns will be fired at noon, and one of thirteen guns at sunset. The Guard for the day will be doubled and good order must be maintained on the arsenal grounds during the day.

(signed)

F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

⁶⁸ The exact instant is illegible. A '2' is confirmed but the second numeral is hardly legible.

⁶⁹ There were two "ands" written in the final paragraph. This is not an error on the transcriber's part.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 31

July 7th, 1856

Master armorer Walsh and armorer Howorth will be excused from Guard on account of the press of work in the armorers shop.

(signed)

F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 32

July 19th 1856

Blacksmith Thomas Delaney is hereby appointed active 1st Sergeant of the detachment of ordnance stationed at this arsenal and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Armorer Chester is hereby added to the detail of sauce non-com officers of the Guard and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

(signed)

F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 33

July 19th, 1856

Artificer Norton is restored to the grade from which he was reduced to date from the 1st inst and will be mustered accordingly. Blacksmith Delaney will hereafter be mustered as armorer.

(signed)

F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 34

July 26th 1856

Hereafter the wood will be sawed for their families, and the married men will be required on and farer the 1st of August next to commence work at the same time with the other men of the detachment.

(signed)

F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 35

July 30th 1856

Laborer Webber is hereby restored to the grade from which he was reduced, to date from the 1st inst, and he will be mustered accordingly.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 36

August 19th, 1856

The comdg officer being about to be absent a few days on duty, the command of the arsenal is turned over to military storekeeper Baldwin, who will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

Hereafter in all cases of the absence of the comdg officer the military storekeeper on duty, no other officer being present, will have command of the arsenal, and the men of the detachment are hereby directed at all times to obey the orders of the mily storekeeper whether he is in command or not.

Hereafter as a general thing no order will be published turning over the command of the arsenal to the next senior, when the comdg officer is about to be absent.

(signed) F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 37

August 28th, 1856

Laborer Anthony Campbell is hereby promoted to the grade of carriage maker from the date of his present enlistment and will be mustered accordingly.

(signed) F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 38

Sept 1st 1856

The man of the Guard who performs the duty of day Guard is hereby acquired to present and ___ any soldierly appearance, to appear with side arms and have his coat _____. Failure in this respect will render him liable to be assigned to a relief which will not bring him on duty as the day Guard.

On Sunday the non com officer and all the Guard are hereby required to be present all day until relieved by the new Guard. The men of the Guard in turn being specially on duty at or in the vicinity of the Guard house.

(signed) F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 39

Sept 4th 1856

A furlough of twenty days is hereby granted to carmkcr Greguil and armorer Fischer, at the expiration of which they will return to duty at this post.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 40

Sept 16th 1856

Bsmith Derry, for being absent without beave after having just come off punishment for the same offence is hereby reduced to the grade of artificer.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 41

September 26 1856

Armorer Howorth is released from confinement and restored to duty, and will be put on the regular roster for Guard.

(signed) F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 42

October 7th 1856

Carriage maker Greguil and Webber for absence without leave on the 5th and 6th inst will be confined when not on duty or at their meals, to their quarters for twenty days, subject to the approval of captain comdg. The offence of carmaker Webber being greatly ____ by previous bad conduct, he will

be detailed to work post, for the ____ evenings, not including his regular tour of Guard duty, in full uniform, for five hours immediately after Guard mounting. And he will be excused from no other duty in consequence of this detail.

(signed) B.G Baldwin

M.S.K. Ordnance in charge

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 43

October 9th 1856

By direction of the captain commanding armorer Gorman has a furlough from the 10th inst until the expiration of his tour of enlistment. Armorer James McDonough is assigned to duty in the stables and he will review all equipment and other public property now in charge of armorer Gorman.

(signed) B.G. Baldwin

M.S.K. Ordnance in charge

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 44

October 14th, 1856

Mil storekeeper Baldwin having been directed by Major General Wool. Comdg Dept Pacific, to proceed to Monterey and superintend the preparations for the transportation of the ordnance stores at that post to Benicia Arsenal, will repair thither and perform the duty assigned him.

(signed) F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 45

October 17th 1856

Laborer Thomas Delaney and Thomas Carey are hereby promoted to the grades of armorer and blacksmith respectively, from the dates of their present enlistment and will be mustered accordingly. Artificer James Derry is hereby restored to his former grade of blacksmith, dates from the 16th September and will be mustered accordingly. (signed) F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 46

Octo 31st 1856

Carriage maker Greguil for having been absent from his Guard and going to Benicia is confined to the Guard house to the evening of the 29th inst. (signed) F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 47

Octo 31st 1856

There not being a lieutenant of ordnance on duty at this post, 2nd Lieut George P. Shore, 3rd artillery, with the consent of the chief comdg sub Dept Pacific, and his immediate commander, is hereby appointed acting asst commander of subsistence at this arsenal and will relieve Captain F.D Callender at present acting in that capacity.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 48

November 4th 1856

A furlough of twenty days to commence tomorrow morning, is hereby granted to armorer Chester, at the expiration of which he will return to duty.

(signed) F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 49

December 1st 1856

Hereafter no one will be permitted to enter the cook house or the mess room during work hours except on duty. The non-com officer in charge of the company mess and the cook, will be held responsible for any inspection of this order. Corporal McKennan will be tomorrow relieved by armorer Chester from the duties of non-com officer in charge of the company mess. Corporal McKennan will turn over to armorer Chester the books provisions and funds in his possession belonging to the mess.

(signed) Briscoe G. Baldwin

M.SK. Ordnance In charge

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 50

December 5th 1856

Carmkr Farrell for absence without leave on the 1st inst is confined to the arsenal Guard for twenty days from this date. And carmkrs Norton and Greguil for the same officers on the 2nd inst, as

confined to the arsenal yard, the first until the 6th proximo and the second until the 20th prox. Hereafter, those men of the command, who by their conduct, prove themselves unable to resist the temptation to -----, will be deprived permanently, of the privilege of leaving the arsenal grounds, when not on duty, without a special written permit. Subject to the approval of the permanent commander of the arsenal.

(signed) B.G. Baldwin

M.S.K Ordnance in charge

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 51

December 9th 1856

By direction of captain commanding a furlough of twenty days from 7 o'clock AM this day, is hereby granted to mr carmkr Hock, at the expiration of which he will return to duty at this post.

(signed) B.G. Baldwin

M.S.K. Ordnance in charge

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 52

December 16th, 1856

The Guard will allow no one to touch the Guard clock except an officer or non-com officer, or prr persons by their consent. The Guard will not allow the men of the detachment in the Guard house except on business. The lock of the Guard clock which is in charge of the Guard was broken last night; the members of that Guard will therefore perform one extra tour of Guard duty each. Hereafter if anything happen to the Guard clock be liable to receive a more severe punishment than the one now given.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

1857

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 1

January 26th 1857

Thursday and Saturday of the each week will hereafter be appropriated by the post tailor for repairing and altering the clothing of the enlisted men of ordnance when such work is necessary. When his services as tailor are not required on the days specified, and at all other times he will be detailed for duty in the same manner as other men of the command. Subject to approval of permanent commander of the arsenal.

Briscoe G. Baldwin

M.S.K. of ordnance in charge

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 2

February 11th 1857

There being no lieutenant of ordnance for duty at this arsenal, mily storekeeper Baldwin is assigned to duty as executive officer. As such, he will see that the enlisted men are present at the roll call for going to work, and that they, as also the hired men, go to their respective work at the time required for commencing the same.

The executive officer will exercise a general superintendence over all the work done at the arsenal, and will as soon as _____ after commencing work in the morning and afternoon, and as often as may be necessary afterward during the day, _____ all the working parties, both enlisted and hired, and the shops and the laboratory, and remain a sufficient length of time at each place to see that the men are diligent in the performance of their respective duties. It will be his duty to notice any delinquency or impropriety on the part of any of the men, enlisted or hired, and take measures to come to the same.

He will see that the clock by which they working hours are arranged is properly regulated and that the time of the hired men is correctly entered in the time book in the office. Hereafter until 10 hours a day are made, the bell for leaving off work at night will be rung at sunset.

For addition to the above duties, special duties will, from time to time, be given to the executive officer by the commanding officer.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 7

March 22nd 1857

Private Larman 3rd artillery transferred to the ordnance dept is hereby promoted to the grade of armorer from the date of his transfer and will be mustered accordingly.⁷⁰

(signed) F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 3

February 18th 1857

Mr crmkr Hock will proceed to San Francisco and transact public business there agreeably to the verbal directions which the comdg officer has given him.

(signed) F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 4

February 27th 1857

Laborer Plunket is hereby promoted to the grade of carriage maker from the date of his enlistment.

(signed) F.D Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 5

March 10, 1857

It has been brought to the attention of comdg officer that there is an unbecoming rush to the mess room when the signals for leaving off work are sounded, and he has reason to believe that there is not at the mess table that attention to decorum and mutual courtesy which should ever characterize soldiers and gentlemen.

⁷⁰ This log was written at the bottom of the page right underneath log 2. The next log continues on with 3 in February, and continues on normally. Log 6 immediately skips to log 8 the page after logs 3-5.

Nothing is more conducive to the respectability and happiness of military men than a good humane interchange of politeness among themselves, and between them and citizens when they may be associated at the mess table; if there has been any deficiency in this respect at this arsenal the comdg officer believes it has resulted rather from thoughtlessness than intentional indulgency.

Hereafter the caterer of the mess will repair to the mess room when the signals for leaving off work are given and will see that the meals are properly placed on the table and then after a sufficient time has elapsed for the mess to prepare for their meals a signal will be given for them. A particular seat will be assigned each member of the meals, and at the signal for meals, different from the signal for leaving off work the men hired and enlisted will repair to their meals in an orderly manner.

(signed) F.D. Callender
Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 6

March 19th 1857

The commanding officer hoped that the indulgence granted this command would be properly appreciated, and that the leniency with which offences have hitherto been treated would be met by the men with corresponding diligence and attention to duty.

The great increase of irregularities at this arsenal within the last week or two has disappointed this expectation, and hereafter more stringent measures/reduction in grade and close confinement/will be taken to compel that respect for authority and soldier like bearing, which are no less essential to the comfort and happiness of the men, than to the interests of the public service.

Armorer Connor and blacksmith Diggan, for misproper conduct yesterday will be detailed for two extra tours of Sunday Guard duty.

Carriage maker Greguil for repeated absence without leave and to prevent his becoming entirely unfit for duty, will be confined when not at work in charge of the Guard for one month.

The introduction of ardent spirits into quarters without special permission is strictly prohibited, and when a violation of this regulation is suspected, an inspection of quarters will be made, the liquor will be confiscated and the offender punished.

The 1st Sergeant will at the proper hour every morning accompany the sick to the hospital. If placed on sick report and not confined to hospital he will direct them to repair to their quarters and to confine themselves there until they are well. The Guard will by ritual inspection during the day and night ascertain whether such sick men are in their quarters and report any absentee to the comdg officer.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 8

March 25th 1857

Mr Blksmith Carpenter is released from arrest and will return to duty.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 9

March 25th 1857

Car mkr Norton for being absent without leave will perform two extra tours of Sunday Guard duty, and be confined to the post for one month. If found absent during the month for which he is confined to the post, he will be reduced in grade; the same will apply to other men confined to the post.

Hereafter the general punishment which will be assigned to men who go away and absent themselves during work hours, without leave will be in addition to extra tours of Sunday Guard duty, reduction in grade.

No "Dogs" will be allowed to be kept at the post except by special permission. The men who own dogs must get rid of them.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 10

April 1st 1857

The caterer of the mess will make up his account to the end of March and submit them to the military storekeeper B.G. Baldwin who will audit them.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 11

April 17th 1857

Carriage maker Greguil for being absent without leave on Tuesday last is hereby reduced to the grade of artificer.

(signed) F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 12

May 1st 1857

The following men of the detachment will not be detailed as cooks, as their services are more valuable in their respective employments. Viz:

Armorer Chester, Larman, and carriage maker Greguil. Other men as their services _____ valuable, will from time to time be added to this list.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Orders: No 12

May 10th 1827

Armorer McDonough for not going to his room when directed to do by his commanding officer and going instead to be Benicia, and for not returning with Corporal McKennan when sent for is hereby reduced to the grade of artificer.

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Orders: No 13

May 10th 1857

Armorer Chester will not be detailed for Guard duty hereafter Sundays executed, his services being required in the laboratory on other days.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Orders: No 14

May 12th 1857

Artificer McDonough for being absent from the post yesterday without leave taking into consideration his previous misconduct is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer.

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 15

May 26th 1857

Carriage maker Greguil for repeated drunkenness and aggravated neglect of duty, is reduced to the grade of laborer, from the date. Carriage maker Norton and blacksmith Diggan for neglect of duty and drunkenness are reduced to the grade of artificers from the date the above named men will be confined to the bell, on bread and water, until further orders. Subject to the approval of permanent commander of the arsenal.

(signed)

Briscoe G. Baldwin

M.S.K. Ordnance in charge

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 16

June 10th 1857

The man in charge of the Guard will inspect the prisoners shackles morning and evening and 10 o'clock PM and will also examine his persons and call to see that he has no files or other tools by which he could remove his irons.

He will not note on the Guard report the result of his inspection and the times that the inspection was made.

The man in charge of the new Guard will make his first inspection immediately after taking charge thereof. Should at any time the irons (of the prisoner) become insecure by reasons of filing or any other cause, and should files be found on the prisoner or in his cell, it will immediately be reported to the comdg officer.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 17

June 22nd 1857

Mil storekeeper Baldwin is relieved from duty as executive officer under orders no. 2 of February 2nd, 1857. He will have charge of the care and preservation of the ordnance and ordnances

stores, except those in current service. And of the receipts and issues of the same; and as an officer of the arsenal, other duties may from time to time be assigned to him.

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 18

June 24th 1857

Order No 15 of May 26th 1857 reducing carriage makers Greguil and Norton to the grades respectively of laborer and artificer and Blacksmith Diggan, to the grade of artificer, is hereby approved, and to the men specified, will be borne upon the next muster rolls of the arsenal, in accordance therewith.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 19

July 1st 1857

The ord and ord stores not in current service will be turned over to mil. Storekeeper Baldwin, and with that view he will take an inventory of the store and will direct the 1st Sergt to render such assistance as may be necessary.

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 20

July 1st 1857

Laborer Charles A Greguil and artificer John Diggan are promoted to the grade of car mkr and blk smith respectively. Car mkr McQuade will be hereafter mustered as blacksmith.

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 21

July 3rd 1857

Tomorrow Saturday being the anniversary of the Independence of the United States, therefore public labor at this arsenal, excepting the necessary police, will be suspended. The Guard will keep perfect order on the arsenal grounds acting the whole day.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 22

July 9th 1857

Carriage maker Plunket and artificer Norton for being absent without leave will not receive leave of absence for ___ moths. The next time they are absent without leave they will reduced to the grades of artificer and laborer respectively.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 23

July 10th 1857

Car maker Greguil for being drunk is reduced to the grade of artificer and will be mustered as such from the 1st of August next.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 24

July 15th 1857

No one, except the Guard, the 1st Sergeant and the master car. maker on duty in paint shops, shall at any time enter the Guard house. Nor shall anyone except the Guard and 1st Sergeant speak to or hold any communication with the prisoners, unless with the consent of a commissioned officer of the arsenal.

When a prisoner is intoxicated or when there is any evidence that he has obtained liquor while in charge of the Guard, the Guard will be held responsible and be severely punished for neglect of duty.

No loitering about the doors and windows of Guard house permitted.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 25

July 17th 1857

Artificer Norton for being absent without leave for two days is reduced to the grade of laborer and will be mustered as such from 1st August next.

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 26

August 4th 1857

The following letter from mil storekeeper Baldwin has been received by the commanding officer:

Benicia Arsenal Cal

July 30th 1857

Sir,

I respectfully request that you will permit me to recall my refusal to obey your order of 1st inst in regard to take an inventory of the ordnance and ordnance stores at this arsenal. My intention is with your consent to proceed to carry out the order and to present to a common superior protest against the order. As contrary to the customs of the service, and illegal, with a request for such separation as may be proper under the circumstances.

I am very respectfully your obedient servant

(Signed) Briscoe G. Baldwin

M.S.K. Ordnance

To which the commanding officer has acceded. The work therefore of taking the inventory will proceed under the orders and instructions already given.

(Signed) F.D. Callender

Orders: No 27

Benicia Arsenal Cal

August 10th 1857

Carriage maker Plunket for gross neglect of the duty on the 10th just in not returning when sent to Benicia on public duty is reduced to the grade of laborer. Subject to approval by permanent commander of the arsenal.

(Signed)

Briscoe G. Baldwin

M.S.K Ord. Comdg

Orders: No 28

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Sept 9th 1857

Laborer James McDonough will this evening at 6 o'clock be released from arrest, the time of his sentence by General Court Martial having expired.

(Signed)

Briscoe G. Baldwin

M.S.K. Ordnance Commanding

Captain Callender absent on duty

Orders: No 29

Benicia Arsenal Cal

October 21st 1857

Blacksmith John Diggan for absence without leave during his tour of Guard, is hereby reduced to the grade of artificer.

(Signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg Post

Orders: No 30

Benicia Arsenal Cal

November 19th 1857

Artificer Norton for absence without leave is reduced to the grade of laborer.

(Signed) F.D. Callender
Capt Ord Comdg Post

Orders: No 31

Benicia Arsenal Cal
Oct 1st 1857

Laborer Plunket is hereby promoted to the grade of artificer.

F.D. Callender
Capt Ord Comdg Post

Orders: No 32

Benicia Arsenal
Dec 24th 1857

Tomorrow being Christmas, all the usual operations of the post so far as the enlisted men are concerned, will be suspended, except the necessary Guard and police; such of the hired men as desire to work, may do so. All the men of the company, except those detailed for duty, or in confinement, have leave of absence from reveille until midnight. The _____ will take care of their teams.

(Signed) F.D. Callender
Capt Ord Comdg Post

To armorer McKennan,
Acting Corporal of the Ordnance Detachment,
Benicia Arsenal

Benicia Arsenal
Dec 28th 1857

You will proceed to Benicia, and find carriage maker Greguil, who is absent without leave, and _____ him by _____ order to return to Benicia Arsenal. Should he fail to obey the order, you will return and report for further instructions.

(Signed) F.D. Callender
Capt Ord Comdg Post

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 33

Dec 31st 1857

Laborer Patrick Fitzpatrick, being a _____, is hereby promoted to the grade of carriage maker, to date from the 1st inst, and laborer Robert McBride, having faithfully leaved in that capacity at this arsenal, is promoted to the same grade from the date of his enlistment. Laborer Patrick Fegan and Michael _____, appearing to be steady industrious _____, are respectively promoted to the grade of artificer from the 1st inst.⁷¹

(Signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

⁷¹ Callender's recent logs have become difficult to read due to the very small handwriting that he or an aide have become accustomed to. In addition, Callender doesn't begin the Order logs anew in 1858 with "No 1" but continues on with 34. Some logs in the following months were not numbered. Therefore, some last names of various men (Glyridon, Thees, Syuch, Foohy) are not to be taken at face value, for they are almost completely illegible.

1858

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 34

Jan 1st 1858

Artificer John Diggan is hereby promoted to the grade of blacksmith and will be mustered accordingly.

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 35

January 7th 1858

Carriage maker Greguil, for being absent without leave on the last muster and for five days preceding is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer to date from the days after muster, the 1st inst. His pay for the time mentioned has been ____ on the muster roll for stoppage.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 36

March 29th 1858

Laborers Glyridon, Taylor, and White, appearing to be steady, industrious men, are respectively promoted to the grade of artificers from the 1st inst.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 37

April 24th 1858

Laborers Chester, A. Greguil, Nicholas Thees and Charles Myer, are hereby promoted to the grades of carriage maker; laborer John Syuch to the grade of blacksmith and laborer James Foohy to the grade of artificer, all to date from the 1st inst.

Rules and Regulations of the armorer's shop

The men employed in the shop are required to be present and commence work at the ringing of the bell, a _____ leave, in the morning and at 10 o'clock PM, and _____ themselves _____ then 5 _____ giving _____.

_____ talking, reading, a inattraction to the work _____ which they are engaged will be permitted.

No person, but those engaged will be allowed to _____ in the shop, during working hours, except as leave business, without permission from an officer, or in the absence of an officer from the _____.⁷²

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg Post

Rules for the Magazine

1. Never to be opened, except in the presence of an officer, or some non-commissioned officer, specially designated by the commanding officer.
 2. Whoever enters a magazine must take off his shoes, or put on slippers over them, and leave outside his case, sword, sabre or any other thing about him which can produce a spark.
 3. Whenever the magazine is opened, a Guard must be stationed near, with orders to allow no one to pass, without permission. The sentry must be armed with a sabre or bayonet, never with his firearms.
 4. Barrels of _____ must never be rolled or dragged on the floor, but must always be lifted and carried in a hand____ or on rods.
 5. When work is to be done in the magazine (moving barrels, etc) the floor must be covered with a tarpaulin or be slightly sprinkled with water: all stones and _____ of _____ must be carefully cleaned out. The barrel, should never be repaired, headed or unheaded in the magazine.
 6. Powder carried from the magazine in carts must be carefully packed in the bottom in straw or wedged on a tarpaulin and carefully covered with tarpaulin or cloth.
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Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders:

May 3rd 1858

In accordance with special orders No 77 H.Q. Dept. Pacific of which a copy is annexed. Mil storekeeper Baldwin is relieved from duty at this arsenal and will proceed to _____ arsenal and relieve military storekeeper Eckerson. The latter, on being relieved, will repair to Benicia Arsenal and report for duty to the commanding officer.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg Post

⁷² The transcriber apologizes for his inability to properly discern portions of this log. Callender's handwriting by this point has become almost completely and utterly illegible, much to the transcriber's chagrin.

Special Orders

Headquarters Dept Pacific

No 77

San Francisco, Cal. May 1st, 1858

The following transfers are made on the recommendation of the senior ordnance officer in the department. Viz: Military storekeeper Briscoe G. Baldwin, from Benicia Arsenal to ____ arsenal. Military storekeeper Theodore J Eckerson from ____ to Benicia Arsenal. The ____ to be made first.⁷³

(signed)

W.W. Wackall

Asst Adjutant General

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

May 19th 1858

The obedience to order, H.Q. Dept Pacific, May 17th 1858, military storekeeper Baldwin is returned to duty at Benicia Arsenal, and, in the absence of Capt Callender, assumes command

(signed)

Briscoe G. Baldwin

M.S.K Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders:

June 16th 1858

Military storekeeper B.G. Baldwin agreeably to the instructions of the chief of ordnance, is relieved from duty at this arsenal, and will proceed to obey the orders of the chief of ordnance, which have been handed to him.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 38

June 16th 1858

⁷³ The transcriber apologizes for his inability to discern Eckerson's arsenal. The arsenal name looks to be "Vancouver," "baucrose," "faucrose," "vaucrose."

Armorer John Connor, for neglect of duty, in not attending properly to the Guard clock on his tour of duty last night, and for being under the influence of liquor during the tour of Guard duty is reduced to the grade of artificer, to take effect from the 1st prox.

(signed) F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 39

June 22nd 1858

Carriage makers Anthony Campbell and Charles Myer and armorer Laurence Hurley, are hereby reduced to the grade of artificer to date from the 1st prox.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 40

June 23rd 1858

Blacksmith John Diggan is hereby reduced to the grade of artificer, to date from the 1st prox.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 41

June 26th 1858

Artificer Thomas Plunket is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer, to the date from the 1st prox.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 42

June 27th 1858

Carriage maker Charles A. Greguil is hereby reduced to the grade of artificer and artificer Charles Myer to the grade of laborer, to date from the 1st prox.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders:

June 12th 1858

M carriage maker Hock is hereby granted a furlough from this day until the expiration of his enlistment.

F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 43

July 2nd 1858

Artificer Patrick Fegan, John Glyridon, Michael Mulcahy and James Taylor, are hereby hereby promoted, the thee first manned to carriage makers and the last manned to armorer, to date from the 1st inst.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

June 30th 1858

1st Lieut Julian McAllister will proceed to San Francisco and take an inventory of the public property (powder) stored in the magazine on Alcatraz Island, and will at the same time examine the armament of the fort there and report its condition, and transact other public business in San Francisco, agreeably to the direction which he may receive.⁷⁴

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 44

July 15th 1858

Artificer John Connor, for absence without leave, is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer to date from the 1st prox.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 45

August 4th 1858

⁷⁴ McAllister would later become the Arsenal Commander from 1860-64, and then again from 1867-86

Armorer Richard Chester will hereafter be mustered as carriage maker and carriage maker James McGloue as armorer.

(signed) F.D. Callender
Capt Ord Comdg
Benicia Arsenal, Cal
July 1st 1858

Order: No 46

Artificer Hurley and laborer Myer are hereby promoted. The former to armorer and the latter to artificer to date from the 1st July 1858.

(signed) F.D. Callender
Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal
August 31st 1858

Order: No 47

Post orders No 38,39,40,41 and 44 reducing enlisted men of ordnance, having inadvertently been omitted in the return for duty, are hereby rescinded and the following named will be mustered according to their respective grades, to the 16th June, 1858. Viz:

John Connor, armorer; Anthony Campbell, carriage maker; Charles Myer, carriage maker; John Diggan, blacksmith; Thomas Plunket, artificer.

(signed) F.D. Callender
Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No

Aug 6th 1858

Laborer Jacob F. Hock, having re-enlisted and hereby promoted to his old grade of master carriage maker to date from his re-enlistment subject to the approval of the chief of ordnance.

F.D. Callender
Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

Sept 1st 1858

Master armorer _____ will proceed to San Francisco and purchase supplies for the armorers shops; after transacting which business he will return to this arsenal.

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Sept 7th 1858

Regulations for Guard House

- 1st The members of the Guard will remain in the Guard house during their tours of duty. They can only leave it to go to their meals and to "rear."
- 2nd There must always be one member of the Guard at the Guard house.
- 3rd The Guard will not allow anyone to enter the Guard house except the commissioned officers. The acting 1st Sergt, the painters, and the men greasing balls.
- 4th The Guard will not allow anyone except an officer or the acting 1st Sergt to speak to the prisoners.
- 5th No prisoner will be allowed to leave the Guard house on any pretence whatever. Except to go to the "rear" without the order of a commissioned officer.
- 6th The cells must always be kept **locked**.
- 7th When a prisoner goes to the "rear" or is at work, the Guard will keep him in sight unless orders are given to the contrary by a commissioned officer.
- 8th Prisoners ordered in close confinement will not be allowed to leave the cells except by the express permission of a commissioned officer, a close stool having been provided for their wants.
- 9th The cooks will bring the meals to the Guard house.
- 10th And the Guard will supply the prisoners with water.
- 11th The man in charge of the Guard **will report** to the comdg officer or in his absence to the lieutenant on duty immediately after Guard mounting.
- 12th The same person will also report all violations of the above.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 51

Sept 11th 1858

The enlisted men will break off work on Saturday one hour before the bell rings for breaking off work at night, and fifteen minutes before "bell ring" on Saturday evening, inspection, until further orders will take place. Immediately after inspection the new Guard will be formed: and both Guards be inspected by the inspecting officer (or officers) and Guard mounting take place under his (or there) inspection.

(signed) F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 52

September 14th 1858

1st Lieut J McAllister, ordnance Dept will proceed to Fort Louis in the harbor of San Francisco and superintend the work being done on the armament of that place by the Ordnance Department, and after completing their duty will return to this port. (signed) F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 53

September 18th 1858

The commanding officer takes occasion to commend the command in orders, for their zeal, energy and executions in their ___ worthy efforts at the fire which occurred during the night of the 15th inst. Without attempting to particularize individuals further than to give one instance as a sample of the energy of the command; the conspicuous daring and efforts of blacksmith McQuade on the roof of the storehouse, actively and zealously seconded by others, to extinguish any fire that night take there, may be voted. Others efforts of the command and of hired men to the same end, on different parts of this building, and on the burning stable, are also deserving of the highest merit.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg Post

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 54

September 18th 1858

The commanding officer has not, and does not wish, unnecessarily, to restrict the command; but smoking is prohibited, and cannot be allowed except in the cases hereafter mentioned. There will be no smoking in the office, in or about the stables, or in storehouses or other public buildings, except the quarters. Men who take their dinners in the quarry, may smoke their during sereal time, at a safe distance from the blasting material, and the same permission is given to the stone cutters at work in the stone cutters yard, at a safe distance from any public building.

The men must not bring their pipes with them to the shops. The Guard will see that this order is enforced and will not allow anyone, even the commanding officer, without informing him that it is against orders, to pass through the arsenal yard with a pipe or cigar in his mouth, the presumption being that in such areas it is always lighted.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg Post

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 55

September 18th 1858

It has been brought to the notice of the commanding officer that some of the men are frequently out of their quarters at night; and return, in some instances, under the influence of liquor and worse; thus endangering the safety of the post, and disturbing their _____. This must be stopped; good men are not to be annoyed, or the safety of the post endangered by such _____ conduct.

Hereafter the men are required to be in their quarters by ten o'clock PM, and lights extinguished, and at that time or after, the lieutenant on duty will from time to time make an inspection of quarters and note the absentees.

The Guard will follow any men who may come in in the stats above described: see that they do so _____ and make no noise, and so quietly to hear, or if necessary, lock them away in the Guard house, reporting at the time to the lieutenant on duty, and the commanding officer, if the case seems to demand.

(signed) F.D. Callender
Capt Ord Comdg Post

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders:

September 27th 1858

1st Lt McAllister will have packed for issue the new model arms cal of 58, with equipments and implements, complete, for each of the companies hereafter named of _____, directed to the commanding officers thereof respectively, two muskets completed to Capt Wallers, comdg 4th infy, L. 3rd artillery Fort Umpqua _____ A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H H.Q. 4th infy. These should be packed as fast as the notch is cut in the hammers and directed to the commanding officers. Naming the letters of the compy respectively. Afterwards tho past where the companies are stationed will be added when that information is obtained. The ammunition 9,000 rounds to each compy will be added after the arms is once packed.

(signed) F.D. Callender
Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

September 28th, 1858

1st Lieut McAllister will examine and report the quantity of laboratory paper in store from actually counting or weighing. The inventory of the 30th June last calls for:

1520 lbs No 1; 1188 lbs No 2; no lbs No 3; 190 lbs No 4; 520 lbs No 5; 830 lbs No 6

He will report the quantity of paper that in his opinion will be likely to be needed for fabrication of ammunition both small arms and for cannon at this arsenal, having in view the preparation of ammunition for the forts in the harbors and the manufacturer of small arm cartridges of the new model with the elongated ball. According to Capt Dyers plan a million of cartridges of the latter will not be too many. He will also have prepared a requisition for the laboratory paper that may be needed in time to be forwarded by the next mail. (signed) F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order:

Sept 30th 1858

On and after the 1st of October next all the gun barrels which are from day to day rifled will be inspected by 1st Lieut McAllister and a suitable mark be attached to each gun. None will be packed until they are so inspected, unless in case of the absence of the Lieutenant for several days. Each day the barrels rifled the proceeding day should be inspected.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No

Sept 28th 1858

Carriage maker Charles Myer for being drunk and absent from work is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer to date from the 1st prox.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order:

Oct 14th 1858

Laborer ____ for being absent without leave from quarters ____ inspection thereof after 10 o'clock PM will be on accommodation of the lieutenant on duty, confined to the Guard house immediately after breakfast on Sunday next until bell ring on the evening of the same day, or until the same time that evening, that on other days the bell rings. His pass for tomorrow is not granted. The lieutenant on duty will see that this order is carried into effort.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order:

Oct 15th 1858

Laborer Myers' limits are extended to the fort, except on Sundays.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg Post

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order:

October 30th 1858

Muster and inspection will take place tomorrow at 9 o'clock AM. There will be no inspection this evening.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg Post

Benicia Arsenal

Order

October 31st 1858

Artificer Foohy is hereby promoted to carriage maker to date from the 31st inst.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg Post

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order

Dec 27th 1858

Laborer Benjamin Platerius is hereby promoted to the grade of artificer to date from the 1st inst.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

1859

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 1

January 25th 1859

The wagon of the commanding officer (Private property) having been badly broken on Saturday last as it was being brought around to take the military store keeper and himself on a definite and specific public errand. Viz: to examine ordnance stores in the commissary store house, will be repaired in the public shops. No material, however, will be purchased therefore on account of the public, and none on the returns will be put upon it. It is thought that under the circumstances of this case, that the services of enlisted mechanics sufficient to do the work of the repairs may be justifiably applied.⁷⁵

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

February 5th 1859

Carriage maker Jeremiah Kelly and laborer Michael Madden, for being absent from quarters and the post, after 10 AM on 4th inst contrary to existing orders, will be confined to the Guard house from 6 AM until 6 PM tomorrow the 6th inst: going to their _____, with the Guard. By order.

(signed)

J McAllister

1st Lt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 2

February 11th 1859

Master blacksmith Neenan, on the recommendation of the surgeon, is excused from Guard duty; and on his own suggestion, to work a long Saturday afternoon as the hired men do, there being plenty of work in the smiths shop in the way of sharpening the stone cutters and quarrymens tools, and also some in the way of making bottles for the roof of the new arsenal building, from inspection, except muster inspection and inspection once a month, when specially warned therefore.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

⁷⁵ "Definite" was misspelled by Callender as "defenite." The word was left as is for authenticity's sake.

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 3

February 26th 1859

Laborer Stephen Elmer for not keeping a proper watch upon one of the prisoners in consequence of which he escaped, but was subsequently recovered, and being absent about three quarters of an hour during his turn for duty as watch or Guard, without notifying the other member of the Guard, will perform one extra tour of Sunday Guard duty. The excuse that laborer Elmer gives is that he was absent for the purpose of cleaning himself after being up all night.

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 4

February 28th 1859

Laborer James Callaghan having reenlisted is hereby promoted to his former grade of armorer.

(signed)

F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg Post

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 5

March 8th 1859

Artificer Thomas Plunket for absenting himself when detailed for Guard duty, the 6th inst and remaining absent from work the following days, is hereby promoted to the grade of laborer.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 6

March 28th 1859

1st Lieut McAllister will inspect daily the work done in the laboratory and verify the statement thereof. This will be done near the close of the days work, when practicable. Particular attention will be given that the report of the work done by the "the piece" by the boys is accurate.⁷⁶

(signed) F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 7

March 28th 1859

Laborers James R. _____, John _____, John Smith, William N. Lowry, and Thomas Plunket are hereby promoted to the grade of artificer to date from the 1st instant.

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 8

March 28th 1859

[Laborer] Michael Madden are hereby promoted to the grade of artificer to date from the 1st instant.

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 9

March 30th 1859

The promotion of Thomas Plunket to artificer is hereby cancelled.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 10

April 1st 1859

⁷⁶ Beginning with log 6, certain words in logs have been erased, then rewritten in dark black ink. "Statement" in log 6 is such an example. In log 7, the first laborer's name was erased then rewritten (his last name is unfortunately illegible even after the rewrite). In log 8, the first word of the log right before Michael Madden was erased and then never rewritten; in any case, it was "laborer" before being erased.

The men in the quarry and on the new buildings who received two dollars and a half per day, from and after this date, until further orders, will receive but two dollars except the teamsters who will receive two dollars twenty five cents, the additional twenty five cents being on account of the extra work that they are expected to do in taking care of their teams out of working hours.

(signed) F.D. Callender
Capt Ord Comdg

Special Order: No 11

Benicia Arsenal Cal
April 27th 1859

1st lieutenant Julian McAllister, Ordnance Dept, has leave of absence for the period of seven days.

(signed) F.D. Callender
Capt of Ord Comdg

Order: No 12

Benicia Arsenal Cal
April 27th 1859

Laborer Edward Rathman, being a carpenter, is hereby promoted to carriage maker to date from the 1st instant. Laborer Thomas McKechire is hereby promoted to the grade of artificer to date from the 1st instant.

F.D. Callender
Capt Ord Comdg

Orders: No 13

Benicia Arsenal Cal
May 27th 1859

The following named laborers of the ordnance corps are hereby promoted to the grade of artificer from the 1st inst viz: Peter German, William McKennan,

Order: No 14

Benicia Arsenal Cal
May 27th 1859

MSK Eckerson, Ord Dept, will proceed to San Francisco in the performance of the duties of his office, and having completed his business will return to this post.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 15

June 1st 1859

Carriage maker James Foohy is hereby promoted to the grade of laborer from date.

(signed) F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 16

June 25th 1859

Laborers Charles Crawley, W.N. Janderson, and James Miggins are hereby promoted to the grade of artificers respectively to date from the 1st inst.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: 17

June 30th 1859

Military storekeeper T.J. Eckerson will proceed to San Francisco in the performance of the duties of his office, and having completed his business, will return to this post.

(signed) F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg post

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 18

June 30th 1859

Men "sick in quarters" must not leave the post without permission of the commanding officer, except to attend sick call.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 19

July 2nd 1859

Monday next being the 83rd anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America; all public labor at this arsenal, excepting the necessary Guard and other duty, will be suspended. A federal salute will be fired at sunrise and a national salute at 12 M. The Guard for the day will be doubled and good order must be maintained on the arsenal grounds during the day.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 20

July 23rd 1859

Artificer Michael Madden is hereby promoted to the grade of laborer from this date.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 21

July 30th 1859

Artificer Charles Crawley, is hereby promoted to the grade of carriage maker to date from the 1st instant.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ordn Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 22

August 5th 1859

All ordnance stores of whatever description, received into the stores houses or magazines at this arsenal, will be noted in a book kept for the purpose at the store house, whether received from officers, purchased, fabricated, or received after repair in the shops. All ordnance stores of whatever description, taken from the store houses or magazines, will also be noted in the book kept for that purpose, at the store house, whether issued to officers, issued on requisitions for current services for expenditure, or for the purpose of being repaired in the public shops.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 23

August 12th 1859

Master carriage maker Pabst and artificer German, will proceed to the fort, at Fort Point in San Francisco harbor for the purpose of lacquering the guns there and doing other work on the armaments of the fort.⁷⁷ (signed)

F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 24

Aug 24th 1859

Laborer Joshua Loggilt being a carpenter is hereby promoted to the grade of artificer to rank from the 1st inst.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order: No 25

September 12th 1859

Work in the public shops will not be undertaken except by the orders of the commanding officer. Private furniture will not be sold to the public shops to be painted, furnished or repaired; and no public material will be ____ for that purpose.

No saluted ____ will be ____ off the ____ except in cases of ____ necessity, in working hours, unless by direction of the commanding officer. The ____ ____ be sent to the commissary depot for stores for officers and others without such affiliation, and in such cases the stable man will be sent with it. The enlisted clerk or clerks and assistant being required or liable to be required on public business by the commanding officers will not be sent from the office, except upon application to the commanding officer, when that office is present in the office.⁷⁸

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 26

Sept 27th 1859

1st Lieut McAllister will inspect the battery and other ordnance stores directed to be delivered a few days ago in the wharf by order of Gen Clarke, and now being returned, and report in condition, and the articles, if any, that may be missing.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

⁷⁷ Lacquering may not be right word. The original word was spelled as "lackning."

⁷⁸ Callender's writing was again illegible. In addition, an early portion of the log containing the second sentence (private furniture) was erased and rewritten over.

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No

September 29th 1859

The following promotions are hereby made in the detachment to date from the 1st inst. Viz: artificer Joshua Leggitt to carriage maker; laborer George Schneider to artificer; laborer Edward Winter to artificer.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 27

September 30th 1859

Military storekeeper Theodore J. Eckerson Ord. Dept, will proceed to San Francisco, Cal in the performance of his duties as disbursing officer, having completed which he will return to this arsenal.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 28

October 29th 1859

The following promotions are hereby made in the detachment of ordnance, to date from the 1st inst. Viz: Charles van Bertram to carriage maker; Michael Corrgau to carriage maker.⁷⁹

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Order:

October 31st 1859

Military storekeeper Theodore J. Eckerson Ordnance Department, will proceed to San Francisco, Cal, in the performance of his duties as disbursing officer and having finished his business, will return to this arsenal.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

⁷⁹ Michael's name should not be taken at face value. Callender was writing in typical Callender style, again.

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Orders: No 30

November 30th 1859

A board of survey will convene at this arsenal at 10 o'clock AM today, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to examine and report upon the quality of fresh beef issued by the commissary dept to the enlisted mess of the Ordnance Department. Detail for the board. 1st Lieut Julian McAllister Ord Dept; Mil storekeeper Theodore J. Eckerson.

(signed) F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg

November 7th 1859

The board met pursuant to the above order, ____ both ____, and proceeded to examine a quantity of beef (11½ lbs) issued by the subsistence department to master armorer Delaney, Ordnance Department. The board found a portion of this beef ____, and the whole of it very offensive and entirely unfit for use. There being no further business before it, the board adjourned _____.⁸⁰

(signed) Theo J. Eckerson

(signed) J McAllister

M.S.K. U.S. Ordnance, recorder

1st Lieut Ordnance ____

Approved, (signed) F.D. Callender, Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 31

November 11th 1859

Hereafter, until further orders, men mustered as laborers, who are not mechanics, will not be promoted to fill vacancies in the authorized number of artifices, until they have shown themselves to be at least ordinarily good workmen in the laboratory; and any artificer detailed for the laboratory who is unwilling to work there, or fail, when working there to do the best he can, will be liable to be reduced to the grade of laborer.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Note: Laborers Costigan and Potter are detailed for the laboratory and will be generally excused from Guard, except Sunday Guard. F.D.C.

⁸⁰ Though the order for the board of survey to inspect said beef was dated the 30th of November, the results of the inspection are dated to the 7th. The following logs continue in their appropriate order. The transcriber has no explanation for this.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

November 22nd 1859

1st Lieutenant McAllister will inspect the store quarried for the contract stone cutter and see that no more work is done on them than should be properly done. Chief quarryman Gorman will be regarded as heretofore, in charge of quarrying the store for the stone cutter, and will conform to such directions as he may receive from the commanding officer or the 1st lieutenant.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 33

November 29th 1859

The following promotions in the grade of enlisted men of ordnance are hereby _____ to take effect from the 1st inst. Viz: Artificer ____ McKennan and laborers ____ Claveau and John G. Hoell to be carriage makers. Carriage maker McKennan is hereby appointed a Corporal in the detachment.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg.

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 34

December 15th 1859

Percussion caps will hereafter be packed in each bundle of rifle musket cartridges, cal. 58, and 1,500 maynard's primers with each box of 1,000 cartridges. 12 percussion caps will continue to be packed, with each bundle of sharps carbine cartridges as heretofore.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 35

Dec 31st 1859

M carriage maker Geo Wells has leave of absence until further orders.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

1860

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 1

January 10th 1860

Master builder J. Fuss will proceed to San Francisco and transact the business in reference to the purchase of material and for the construction of public buildings at the arsenal, agreeably to the verbal instructions which he has received from the commanding officer.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 2

January 10th 1860

Carriage maker Charles van Bertram for absenting himself from his work for some days in the last part of last month and first part of the present month and then being absent from the post is hereby reduced to the grade of artificer.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 3

January 25th 1860

Hereafter application for stone required from the quarry will be made to the master builder who will give the directions and the necessary orders to the chief quarryman. No stone will be quarried except by his orders or that of the commanding officer or the lieutenant.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 4

January 31st 1860

Artificer Benjamin Platerius is hereby promoted to carriage maker, on the condition that he continues to perform the duties of mess. Baker and assisting the mess cook of the detachment. Should he be relieved on his new application or otherwise, he will be again mustered as artificer, and the _____, after trial, satisfactorily, the duty of Baker, will be promoted in his place.

Laborer _____, being a carpenter, is hereby promoted to artificer, and he continues to perform satisfactorily his duty, will be hereafter promoted to carriage maker. Laborers Plunket, Potter, and

Williams are hereby promoted to the grade of artificer, respectively. The above promotions to take effect from the 1st inst. (signed) F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg

(sick leave)

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Post Orders: No 5

Feb 28th 1860

M carriage maker Wells being unable to do duty on account of ill health has a furlough of thirty days from the 1st inst.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal, Cal

Order: No 6

February 29th 1860

Artificer Higgins having delivered himself as a deserter on the 11th inst will be mustered as laborer from date ____.⁸¹

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 7

March 5th 1860

Artificer German for coming through the arsenal grounds singing in a boisterous and disorderly manner late last night is reduced to the grade of laborer. It is the duty of the Guard to notice and stop such conduct and hereafter if the Guard dose not at least make an effort to do so, the member of it on duty at the time or the member in charge of it, or both will be liable to be reduced for such failure.⁸²

(signed)

F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg

⁸¹ This is not the transcriber's inability to discern Callender's handwriting. Callender made an underline after "date" and left it blank.

⁸² Callender misspelled "does" as "dose." This is not an error on the transcriber's part. The word was left as is for authenticity's sake.

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 8

March 5th 1860

1st Lieut J. McAllister will make an inventory of the effects of carriage maker William Wilson of the detachment; deceased.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 9

March 7th 1860

Artificer Flannery being a carpenter is hereby promoted to the grade of car maker, to date from the 1st instant.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 10

March 27th 1860

Carriage maker Thees for drunkenness and leaving his work is hereby reduced to the grade of artificer. Artificer Plunket for leaving his work and the post is reduced to the grade of laborer. The above reductions to take effect on the 1st of April next.⁸³

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 10

March 27th 1860

1st Lieut McAllister will inspect the monthly fabrications in the laboratory before they are turned into store. He will see, that the ammunition is properly fabricated, and packed; with caps and primers, the bullets for small arm ammunitions, of the proper size, and properly greased and charge of proper weight; for cannon ammunition that it is properly fabricated, the charge of the proper weight.

Any considerable requisition that may be filled by fabrication in the laboratory before the end of the month will also be inspected. The man in charge of the laboratory will report to the lieutenant from time to time when any ammunition may be ready for inspection. F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg

⁸³ This log was crossed out, as well as unsigned. There are many explanations for this, but one thing is certain from the style of the handwriting: Callender does not always write the logs. It's highly probable Callender orally dictated the orders to an aide (possibly McAllister), and the latter wrote, or the aide wrote them on his own. In any case, this defunct log is left here for preservation's sake.

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 11

March 27th 1860

Carriage maker Thees for drunkenness and leaving work is hereby reduced to the grade of artificer. Artificer Plunket for leaving his work and the post is reduced to the grade of laborer. The above reductions to take effect on the first of April next.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

1st Lieut J. McAllister

Benicia Arsenal Cal

U.S Ordnance

March 27th 1860

Sir:

Endorsed herewith please find copies of letters from the chief of ordnance and Lieut Colonel Johnston in reference to the lubrication of bullets for small arms.

Please make such experiments as you may judge lest ____ to lead to the discovery of a mixture which will retain its lubricating properties longer and without being too fluid, and report to me from time to time what you may do or propose to do.

Very respectfully

Your obd servant

(signed) F.D. Callender Capt Ord

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 12

March 27th 1860

Laborer Costigan will hereafter haul with the water cart the water for the daily use of the arsenal, and go also for the mail. He will be excused from Guard except the Sunday Guard. He will go for the mail on horseback except when it may be desirable to hang something in the spring cart, when he will take the cart.

If he performs and continues to perform these duties satisfactorily he will be promoted to artificer.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 13

March 30th 1860

Laborer Dugan is hereby promoted to the grade of artificer, to date from the 1st instant. Also laborer Fegan.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 14

April 24th 1860

The prisoner Williams will be kept in close confinement until further orders. 1st Lieut McAllister will take such measures and give such directions, without increasing the Guard, as may to him seem to be necessary, until further directions from the commanding officer, to carry out the above orders.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: No 15

April 25th 1860

The following promotions in the grades of enlisted men of ordnance are hereby announced to take effect from the 1st instant, viz: artificer Charles van Bertram to be carriage maker. Laborers Costigan, Kirchner and Madden to be artificers.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: No 16

April 28th 1860

A board of survey will convene at this arsenal at 10 o'clock A.M today, or soon thereafter as practicable to examine and report upon the quantity of fresh beef issued by the commissary dept to the enlisted men of the ordnance dept. Detail for the board: 1st Lieut McAllister Ord Dept; Mil. Store keeper T.J. Eckerson

(signed)

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Proceedings of a board of survey, convened at Benicia Arsenal, Cal by virtue of the following order:

Benicia Arsenal

Orders: No 16

April 28th 1860

A board of survey will convene at this arsenal at o'c A.M today, or soon thereagtter as practicable to examine and report upon the quantity of fresh beef issued by the commissary dept to the enlisted men of the ordnance dept. Detail for the board: 1st Lieut McAllister Ord Dept; Mil. Store keeper T.J. Eckerson

(signed)

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ordnance Comdg

April 28 60 – 10 A.M.

The board met pursuant to the above order present both the members and proceeded to the examination of a quantity of fresh beef issued by the commissary dept to the enlisted men of the Ord Dept, three pounds of which they find wormy and entirely unfit for use, and the balance in very bad condition, being tainted. I having no further business before it, the board then adjourned ____.

Theodore J. Eckerson

J McAllister

M.S.K. U.S.A.

1st Lieut Ordnance

Senior member

Recorder,

Approved J McAllister 1st Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order:

May 15th 1860

Having had an explanation from M.S.K. Eckerson, it appears that he did not think that the messenger sent by the commanding officer to him about midnight of the 13th inst was really so sent, but that there was some improper design in arousing him at that time of night; he is exonerated from all blame in not complying with the messages sent, and is released from arrest.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order:

May 30th 1860

The following promotions in the grade of enlisted men of ordnance are hereby announced to take effect. Private John Williams 3rd arty transferred to Ord Dept promoted to artificer to take effect from the date of transfer. Laborer James Cahill promoted to artificer to take effect from the first inst.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order:

June 1st 1860

1st Lieut McAllister will be present at the roll call of the detachment for commencing work in the morning, and see that the members of the same are present except those excused; and that they go promptly to their work.

One of the teamsters in his turn should be ready at the "dump" to commence hauling stone at bell ringing or as near that time as practicable. The stable man, should feed the animals early in the morning, so that they may have finished their food by ringing; and he should also be on hand to assist the first and subsequent teamsters in hitching up.

The master workmen should be present in the shops at bell ringing. The time of ringing the bell will be regulated by Lieut McAllister under the direction of the commanding officer. Lt McAllister will also visit the shops and laboratory immediately, or as soon after, bell ringing, as the performance of the duties above enumerated will permit; and later in the day he will again at least once visit the laboratory, and oftener if it appears to him requisite. Care should be taken that the proper charges are used in fabricating the ammunition and that it is in every way made up and packed in the most careful manner; and that the grease for greasing the balls is mixed in proper proportions.

He will be particular to visit the paint shop to see that the painter or painters commence work promptly, in the morning, and afterwards make due progress in the same; and will generally in the afternoon visit again once or oftener, the shops.

The master workmen will be regarded as ex-officio acting Sergeants of the detachment, and will rank according to length of continuous services as master workmen. This will not interfere with their customary work in the shops or elsewhere. Services to be considered continuous when the re-enlistment has taken place within the "limits" of a month.

Artificer Patrick J. Fegan for being drunk when on sick report is reduced to the grade of laborer, having been let off a few days before for a similar offence, with a warning, that the next time it occurred, he would be reduced.

Artificer John Williams for being drunk and disorderedly in quarters, throwing a bucket of water on the bed of one of his room mates, is reduced to the grade of laborer.

(signed) F.D. Callender
Capt Ord Comdg Post

Order: Benicia Arsenal Cal
June 1st 1860

Hereafter the hired men driving carts, will have their carts ready for work at the quarry and on the grade at bell rining.

(signed) F.D. Callender
Capt Ord Comdg Post

Order: Benicia Arsenal Cal
June 1st 1860

1st Lieut McAllister will direct those men who regard themselves sick to report to him at bell ringing in the morning, when if he thinks it necessary he will direct the Sergeant to enter their names in the sick book for the action of the attending surgeon; or, he may if the case only seems to demand that, assign the man to some light duty – a man with a cut finger for example might be assigned to duty as the office as orderly, or there may be other public duties, that men not able to perform their ordinary duties, might do. The attending surgeon will be requested to mark those men for light duty, able to perform it, who present themselves to him.

Lieut McAllister will examine the morning report to see that the sick are correctly entered on it.

(signed) F.D. Callender Capt Ord Comdg
Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: June 2nd 1860

Carriage maker Flannery will proceed to the fort at Fort Point San Francisco harbor, and transact the public business, in accordance with the instructions which he has received from the commanding officer, in reference to the work being done on the armament of the fort by directions of the chief of ordnance per his letter dated August 19th 1860.

F.D. Callender
Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders:

June 8th 1860

Carriage maker John G Hoell of this detachment for disobeying an order of his commanding officer is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer. The offence committed by carriage maker Hoell is so dangerous to the efficiency of the army that the "articles of war" say whoever is guilty of it "shall suffer death" or such other punishment as "shall be inflicted upon him by the sentence of a court martial."

The command will not regard, from the commanding officers not asking a court martial in this case, it as a precedent to judge of his future action in similar cases. The regret expressed by carriage maker Hoell to the commanding officer for his offence, and the subsequent willingness exhibition by him to obey the particular order which he had disobeyed, together with his reduction to laborer, have gone towards determining the commanding officers actions in not asking for a court martial. Laborer Hoell is released from confinement.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order:

June 19th 1860

For the presentation of the public property at this arsenal in case of fire, an engine company will be organized of the hired, enlisted men and boys who are employed here; the men of the quartermasters depot are invited to join. All the hired men whose engagements with other companies will allow them are requested to join it, as all the efforts they can make to preserve the public property is due to the government who employs them.

The enlisted men and such others of the above mentioned persons who recognize the justice of this call and whose engagements will allow, will meet this afternoon at five o'clock at Benicia Arsenal and enroll themselves as an engine and hose company. A "minute" of the proceedings will be signed by the presiding officer and secretary and submitted to the commanding officer of the post for approval. No act or bylaw will be considered in force until the commanding officer shall have approved of the same by signing the "minutes" of the meeting at which it is passed.

The officers of this company will consist of a chief engineer, foreman assistant foreman, secretary treasurer and 2nd assistant foreman for the hose company. Chief engineer will be elected from the hired men, foreman and secretary from the enlisted men, and the other officers from either body of men or boys.

The chief engineer will have the same authority to report an enlisted man for bad conduct as the master builder, master mason or master armorer has now in reference to enlisted men working under their direction. Any engineers who attend a fire within the limits of the reserve will be considered under

the orders of the chief engineer – and vice versa of the company attend a fire without the reserve they are under the orders of the chief engineer of the place where the fire is situated. The chief engineer or in his absence the foreman will have power to call meetings.

The meeting after it has enrolled itself into a fire company will adapt a constitution in which the substance of the above will be embodied, pass by laws, select a name and uniform and elect officers.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: June 20th 1860

Artificer James Cahill is hereby promoted to grade of blacksmith to date from the 1st instant.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: June 25th 1860

1st Lieut J McAllister will proceed to San Francisco and transact the public business entrusted to him.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order: July 1st 1860

The commanding officer having deemed it necessary to relieve artificer Costigan from the duty of driving the water cart and going for the mail, he then said Costigan having been promoted on condition of performing satisfactorily these duties, is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order:

July 3rd 1860

Tomorrow being the 84th anniversary of the signing of the declaration of Independence of the United States of America; all public labor at this arsenal excepting the necessary Guard and other duty, will be suspended.

The citizens of Benicia having invited the command and the fire company of the arsenal to participate with them in the celebration of the anniversary, the following dispositions are made by the comdg officer; he directs the following salutes be fired under the U.S. flag from one of the hills adjoining the reservation. Viz: A federal salute at sunrise; a national salute at Meridian; a national salute at sunset.

1st Lieut McAllister is charged with the execution of the above orders; and will cause an increased Guard for the arsenal and other details to be made. The chief engineer of the fire company of the arsenal will report the company to the chief marshal of the day at the proper time.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders:

July 3rd 1860

Master builder J. Fuss will proceed to San Francisco and transact the public business in reference to the erection of the public buildings at this arsenal in course of construction agreeably to the instructions which he has received from the commanding officer.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

July 6th 1860

Some of the hired men of the arsenal in past quarters, having gone away without notice to any of the officers of the arsenal; neither to the comdg officer, the lieutenant, or the military store keeper; and having remained absent until after the time that it was necessary for the latter officer to close his accounts for the quarter, so that when they were paid the vouchers for the same, could not be included in the appropriate quarter; therefore, notice is hereby given, that men when absent from the monthly payments which will habitually as heretofore take place the 2nd or 3rd, or at latest the 4th of the succeeding month, and do not return and call for their pay before the accounts for the proper quarter are rendered, that they will have to wait for their pay until their cases can be referred to the chief of ordnance Washington; unless they give very satisfactory reasons for their absence to the commanding

officer, to be forwarded with their accounts to the chief of ordnance. Such men will of course not be again taken on the rolls of the hired men of the arsenal.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

July 9th 1860

Laborer Walsh is hereby placed in charge of the laboratory and will be respected and obeyed accordingly. If he performs satisfactorily his duties there, he will in due time according to his skill and faithfulness be promoted. 1st lieut McAllister will instruct him in his duties and in the manner of preparing such ammunition as may from time to time be ordered by the comdg officer.

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders:

July 18th

Master builder J. Fuss will proceed to San Francisco and transact the public business in reference to the creation of the public buildings at this arsenal in course of construction agreeably to the instructions which he has received from the comdg officer.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order:

July 27th 1860

The following promotions in the grade of enlisted men of ordnances are hereby announced to take effect from the first instant Viz: artificer Nicholas Thees promoted to carriage maker laborer John G. Hoell promoted to artificer.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders

August 4th 1860

Carriage maker van Bertram having made himself sick during his late leave of absence from the effects of drinking will not except under very extraordinary circumstances apply for or receive leave of absence during the next two months, and if during that time it comes to the knowledge of the commanding officer that he is drunk, or if he is unable to work on account of drink he will be reduced in grade. Carriage maker van Bertram will be released from confinement as soon as he is able to go to work.

1st lieut McAllister will discharge the hired man whom the commanding officer observes sitting down yesterday when he ought to have been at work on the windmill ditch, and when sent to the sub-overseer van Bertram was too drunk for effectual work. He will not receive credit for any work yesterday, Mr. Stone will designate the man.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

Aug 11th 1860

The enlisted men will work until bell ring at noon and evening except the following. Those men working at the new building will leave work when the bell is tapped for the teams to leave of work, and the men detailed for Guard will leave at the usual hour, is also the man who milks the company cows. On Saturday afternoon the bell will be tapped at 4 o'clock P.M. for the enlisted men to stop their work.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders:

August 29th 1860

The following promotions in the grade of enlisted men of ordnance are hereby announced to take effect from the first instant. Viz: laborer William G Drew, promoted to artificer. Laborer William Walsh promoted to artificer.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

Sept 15th 1860

1st Lieutenant J. McAllister Ordnance Department will proceed to San Francisco and transact the public business interested to him.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders:

September 22nd 1860

Carriage maker James Flannery is relieved from duty in the office. His conduct in the matter which has led to his being relieved is highly reprehensible, and receives the marked disapprobation of the commanding officer.

Laborer Zabel is detailed for such services as may be required of him by the military storekeeper, subject to such additional duties, under the orders of the comdg officer, as he may be called upon to perform. He is hereby promoted to the grade of artificer to date from the 1st instant.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

September 27th 1860

The following promotions in the grade of enlisted men of ordnance are hereby announced to take effect from the 1st instant. Viz: Artificer Kirchner who is evidently a mechanic from the excellent job, that he has made of the gutter on the new commanding officer's quarters is hereby promoted to the grade of armorer. Artificer William G Drew, promoted to the car maker.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders:

September 26th 1860

Military store keeper Eckerson, the disbursing officer of the arsenal will receive for disbursement from the commanding officer the following public funds which have been deposited to the credit of the last named officer with the asst treasurer U.S. San Francisco.

Viz: \$3,500. Three thousand five hundred dollars under the appropriation of ordnance service. 200. Two hundred dollars under the appropriation of arming the militia. #3,700. Three thousand seven hundred dollars. Funds under the above appropriation being required for disbursement in the present quarter. The amount under the appropriation of Benicia Arsenal deposited to the credit of the commanding officer likewise will be transferred when required for disbursement in the next quarters.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

September 29th 1860

There will be a monthly inspection of the command tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. All the command will be present the same as at muster.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

September 29th 1860

Carriage maker Claveau has leave of absence until the 15th of October next.

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

Oct 19th 1860

The commanding officer has the distressing duty of announcing to this command the disease of General Newman S Clark of the 6th infantry late the commanding officer of this department. The command will proceed at 10 o'clock A.M. with side arms to attend the funeral as mourners. A detail of eight men will be made to carry the coffin. A detail of five men will be made fire minute guns from the time the funeral leaves the church until it reaches the burial grounds.⁸⁴

(signed) F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

⁸⁴ Disease: Decease. Not an error on the transcriber's part.

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

Oct 27th 1860

It appears by affidavits of his father and mother that carriage maker Claveau was a minor when enlisted. These affidavits will be forwarded to the proper authority with a view of obtaining his discharge; and in the meantime Claveau is placed on furlough for three months, unless the application for his discharge is heard from before the expiration of that time, in which case his furlough will cease. In accordance with par. 1197 regulations carriage maker Claveau will not be entitled to pay.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

October 30th 1860

The following promotions in the grade of enlisted men of ordnance are hereby announced to take effect from the first instant. Viz: artificer William Walsh promoted carriage maker. Artificer _____ Zabel promoted carriage maker.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

November 2nd 1860

Master builder J Fuss will proceed to San Francisco and inspect the iron columns for the new arsenal store house reported ready for inspection.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

November 3rd 1860

Laborer Joseph Hert is hereby promoted to the grade of artificer to date from the 1st instant.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

November 21st 1860

Bvt. 2nd Lieut A.M. Randal Ordnance Department, having reported agreeably to special orders No 218 for duty at this arsenal is in conformity ____ assigned to duty at the arsenal to take effect from the day that he reported.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

November 22nd 1860

Lieut Randal will alternate with Lieut McAllister in the performance of the duties specified in post orders of June 1st 1860.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

December 1st 1860

In accordance with special orders No 218, dated War Department adjutant general's office Washington Oct 9th 1860, I hereby transfer the command of the arsenal to the ordnance officer next in rank, 1st Lieut J. McAllister.

(signed)

F.D. Callender

Capt Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

December 1st 1860

Carriage maker McBride has permission to be absent from the post from sunset until work roll call in the morning until further orders.

(signed)

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders:

December 1st 1860

The following will be substituted for Orders No 54 and post orders dated June 1st 1860. Smoking will not be allowed in the vicinity of the magazines, laboratory or stables nor in the shops. 2nd Lieut A.M. Randal will take charge of the laboratory.

(signed) J McAllister

1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No:

December 5th 1860

Artificer McKuchnie for absenting himself from the post during working hours and being drunk on the post is reduced to the grade of laborer and released from confinement. He has permission to be absent from the post from sunset until work roll call in the morning until further orders.⁸⁵

(signed) J McAllister

1st Lieut Ordnance Commanding

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

December 1st 1860

The following roll calls, signals, parades and regulations are hereby established until further orders.

Reveille: Bell 1 hour before work bell

Breakfast: 20 minutes after Reveille (3 taps of the drums)

Bell for work: Rung according to schedule

Parade of sick: At 7:30 A.M. (2 taps of the drums)

Orderly hour: From 9 to 10 A.M.

Bell at 12 ____: Dinner five minutes after (3 taps of the drum)

Bell for work: Rung according to schedule

⁸⁵ The artificer's name is mostly illegible. It could be M Kechnie, Kurchner, etc.

Detail for Guard: To stop work an hour before inspection of Guards (5 taps of the bell)

Inspection of Guard detail: (5 taps of the drum)

At 4.30 P.M. in January, November and December

At 5 P.M. in February and October

At 5.30 P.M. in March and September

At 6 o'clock P.M. during the other months

Guard mounting: Immediately after "inspection."

Bell for leaving work: Rung according to schedule

Supper: (3 taps of the drum immediately after)

Bell striking the hour from sunset until reveille,

Inspection of quarters: At 10 o'clock PM by the Sergeant of the Guard

Lights out: At 10 minutes after 10 o'clock PM (3 taps of the drums)

Sunday morning: Inspection 8.30 A.M. 5 taps of the drum.

General regulations applicable to enlisted and hired men. All the men are required to be present and commence work at the ringing of the bell and not absent themselves from their shops or work during work hours, except to go to the "rear." No talking reading or inattention to the work upon which they are engaged will be permitted.

Foremen will not allow any man laboring under the influence of liquor to go to work. No drunkenness, fighting, or disturbance will be allowed on the post. Smoking will not be allowed in the vicinity of the magazines, laboratory or stables nor in the shops or store houses. Men must manage to be present on 1st, 2nd, 3rd of the month to receive their pay for services rendered during the previous month. Hired men driving carts will have their carts ready for work at the quarry and on the grade at bell ringing. Empty carts and wagons will be driven at a trot.

Regulations for the Enlisted Men

1st Enlisted men have permission to be absent from the reserve at night until inspection of quarters at 10 O'C P.M.

2nd Men wanting leave beyond the above indulgence will apply through the 1st Sergeant for passes.

3rd "Men sick in quarters" must not leave the neighbourhood of the quarters unless they receive permission from an officer.⁸⁶

4th Men on pass must not remain on the post unless they receive permission from the commanding officer.

5th No enlisted men will be allowed in quarters during work hours except "men sick in quarters," cooks and members of the Guard.

6th No spirituous liquor allowed in quarters.

7th All lights must be extinguished at "taps."

8th Master workmen will not be required to attend drill or be subject to Guard detail except by special orders.

9th Enlisted men have permission to be absent from the post on Sunday's.

Regulations for the Guard

1st Only two men must be absent from the Guard house at the same time.

2nd When the Sergeant leaves the Guard he will designate a man by name to take charge in his absence.

3rd When a prisoner goes to the "rear" a member of the Guard will go with him and be responsible for him.

4th Any disturbance which the Guard cannot stop will be reported to the commanding officer.

5th In case of fire, the bell will be rung and a member of the Guard sent to each officers quarters to report it.

6th All violation of the post regulations will be reported to the commanding officer.

7th The Sergeant of the Guard will receive a prisoner from any officer non commissioned officer and report the fact immediately to the commanding officer.

8th The man longest of post will be sent with the sick to the Hospital at surgeon's call and will be responsible for their return.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ordnance Commanding

Benicia Arsenal

⁸⁶ The spelling of neighborhood is McAllister's, not a typo of the transcriber.

Post Orders:

December 1st 1860

The following men are appointed non-commissioned officers of the detachment and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Thomas Delaney, James Flannery, William Walsh: Sergeants.

J McAllister 1st Lieut Ordnance Commanding

Benicia Arsenal

Orders:

December 24th 1860

All work except the necessary Guard and police _____, will be suspended tomorrow.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ordnance Commanding

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

December 13th 1860

Mr Isaac Walton Plumber in the employ of the Ordnance Department will proceed from San Francisco to Benicia Arsenal and after completing his work will return to the first named place.⁸⁷

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

December 13th 1860

Mr Edward Brown assistant plumber in the employ of the Ordnance Department will proceed from San Francisco to this arsenal and after completing his work will return to San Francisco.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ord Comdg

⁸⁷ McAllister's first logs on these pages the transcriber is looking at are out of order. Immediately after the log on the 24th is a log for January 7th. The following page picks up on December 13th, then transitions to January 20th. The January logs will be presented appropriately, but the December logs are presented in the order McAllister wrote them.

1861

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

January 7th 1861

Master builder J Fuss will proceed to San Francisco and select the articles he is directed to get for the public buildings at this post and then will return to duty at this arsenal.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

Jany 20th 1861

The commanding officer is grieved to announce to the command the following reductions in grade for bad conduct.

1st Carriage makers van Bertram and Zabel for breaking their words, which they had pledged to the comdg officer and mil store keeper, are hereby reduced to the grade of "laborer."

2nd Carriage maker Thees for leaving work without permission is reduced to the grade of "artificer."

3rd Carriage maker Crawley for overstaying his leave and neglecting two opportunities of returning to his post is reduced to the grade of "artificer."

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders:

February 8th 1861

Corpl McKennan is hereby promoted to Sergt and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. The signal of the "assembly" will be made by continous taps on the drum. On the "assembly" being heard the men will assemble immediately at the Guard House, under arms. Sergt Walsh is hereby relieved from all duty except drills, and will report to the comdg officer for extra service. Artificer Pendergrass under the direction of the Sergt Delaney will have charge of the laboratory for the present.

By order of J McAllister
1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal
Order: Feby 19th 1861

Master carriage maker Hock, and Louis _____, a hired man, will proceed to Fort Point San Francisco Harbor, and after making the repairs ordered will return to this post.

J McAllister
1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal
Orders: February 28th 1861

The commanding officer is forced to discontinue the work at this arsenal, except that, necessary to complete the new arsenal store house and ours, No 1. He hopes this stoppage will last but a few days and he may receive money by the expected steamer which is now due.

J McAllister
1st Lieut Ord Comdg

*Refer to next page for two orders which should have been _____ here.⁸⁸

Benicia Arsenal
Post Order: March 20th 1861

Artificer Edward Winter is hereby promoted to the grade of carriage maker.

J McAllister
1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal
Post Order: April 1st 1861

⁸⁸ McAllister, not the transcriber, wrote this note. In any case, the next three logs are on the following page within the journal, though he could mean the two special orders on March 17th.

Laborers Zabel Leavinston and van Bertram are hereby promoted to the grades of artificer and artificier. Dugan reduced to laborer.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders:

April 4th 1861

The mess hall will be kept locked by the cooks from ½ past 6 o'clock at night, until "breakfast" drum" next morning and from "work bell" in the morning until "dinner drum" and again from work bell at noon until "supper drum." No men will be allowed in the mess hall before the signal for the meal is beaten, except the Sergeant who has charge of the mess. The non commissioned officers Guard and the cooks will report anyone violating this order to the commanding officer.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

March 17 1861

Mr. Isaac Walton plumber in the employ of the Ordnance Department from San Francisco to Benicia Arsenal and after completing his work will return to the first named place.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

March 17th 1861

Mr. Edward Brown assistant plumber in the employ of the Ordnance Department will proceed from San Francisco to Benicia Arsenal and after completing his work will return to the first named place.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

April 16th 1861

Brevet 2nd Lieut A.M. Randal is relieved from duty at this post and will obey special orders No 12 War Department Jany 14th 1861.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Post Order:

Benicia Arsenal
May 1st 1861

A furlough of thirty days is hereby granted to master blacksmith Neenan at the expiration of which he will report for duty at this post.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Special Orders:

Benicia Arsenal
May 28th 1861

In obedience to special orders No 90 Hd Qrs Dept of the Pacific – carriage maker Wm. Walsh will proceed with the following detachment of Ordnance Men, to fort at Fort Point San Francisco Harbor and report for duty to Major Wm. Austin 3rd Arty the Comdg officer.

Detachment blacksmith Theodore Cary; artificer Richard Livingston; artificer Michael Madden; artificer James McMahan; artificer Nicholas Thees. These men will take one days rations with them their blankets, overcoats and clothes, and will be ready to leave on the “Rambler” tomorrow morning.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ordnance Comdg

Special Orders:

Benicia Arsenal
May 28th 1861

In consequence of the reduction of the number of men by the detail made for Fort Point according to special orders No 90 Hd Qrs Dept of the Pacific: the Guard at the arsenal will be reduced by one man.

During the night the sentinels need not keep walking all the time they are on post, but must be standing or walking. They will be posted with their muskets. One man will be posted from 8 O’C P.M. until 4 O’C A.M. During the remainder of the tour they will be posted as sentinels without muskets, but

at regular hours and may sit down on post. Only one man must be absent "at meals" or "to the rear" at a time. All the other orders for the Guard must be strictly enforced.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Special Orders:

Benicia Arsenal

May 29th 1861

Blacksmith Cary and artificer Thees having reported sick this morning. Carriage maker Drew and artificer Pendergrass will be detailed in their places.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Special Orders:

Benicia Arsenal Cal

June 18th 1861

2nd Lieut Alanson M. Randal is hereby relieved from duty and will obey special orders No 104 Hd Qrs Dept of the Pacific: a copy of which is hereby enclosed.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Special Orders:

Benicia Arsenal Cal

June 1861

Laborer Thomas McKechnie for being drunk several times lately and drunk on Guard on the 16 of June will be confined to the post until further orders.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Special Orders:

Benicia Arsenal Cal

June 29 1861

The command will be mustered tomorrow the 30th inst at 9 O’C A.M. Special orders of May 28 1861 will be carried out in reference to the Guard.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders:

July 3rd 1861

Tomorrow being the eighty fifth anniversary of our nations birth: all public labor except the Guard and police duties will be suspended. A federal salute will be fired at sunrise 4.44 A.M.

J McAllister

1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders:

July 1st 1861

The bell for work will be rung according to the following “Time table”

| Month | Date | A.M Bell Rings | P.M. Bell Rings | Dinner time | No Days | Time each day | Time each Mo | Total |
|----------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|---------|---------------|--------------|---------|
| | 1 st to 7 th | 7.16’ | 4.51 | 45’ | 7 | 8.50’ | 61.50’ | |
| | 8 th to 14 th | 7.16’ | 4.58’ | 45’ | 7 | 8.57’ | 62.39’ | |
| January | 15 th to 21 st | 7.15’ | 5.05’ | 45’ | 7 | 9.05’ | 63.35’ | |
| | 22 nd to 28 th | 7.12’ | 5.11’ | 45’ | 7 | 9.14’ | 64.38’ | |
| | 29 th to 31 st | 7.09’ | 5.19’ | 45’ | 3 | 9.25’ | 28.15’ | |
| | | | | | | | | 280.57’ |
| | 1 st to 7 th | 7.04’ | 5.24’ | 45’ | 7 | 9.35’ | 67.05’ | |
| February | 8 th to 14 th | 7.00’ | 5.30’ | 45’ | 7 | 9.45’ | 68.15’ | |
| | 15 th to 21 st | 6.53’ | 5.38’ | 45’ | 7 | 10.00’ | 70.00’ | |
| | 22 nd to | 6.42’ | 5.47’ | 45’ | 7 | 10.20’ | 72.20’ | |

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| | 28 th | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 277.40' |
| March | 1 st to 31 st | 6.40' | 6.00' | 45' | 31 | 10.35' | 328.05' | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 328.05' |
| April | 1 st to 30 th | 6.25' | 6.00' | 60' | 30 | 10.35' | 317.30' | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 317.30' |
| May | 1 st to 31 st | 6.25' | 6.00' | 60' | 31 | 10.35' | 328.05' | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 328.05' |
| June | 1 st to 16 th | 6.19' | 6.00' | 60' | 16 | 10.41' | 170.56' | | |
| | 17 th to 30 th | 6.18' | 6.00' | 60' | 14 | 10.42' | 149.48' | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 320.44' |
| July (minus 4 th) | 1 st to 31 st | 6.16' | 6.00' | 60' | 30 | 10.44' | 322.00' | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 322.00' |
| August | 1 st to 31 st | 6.17' | 6.00' | 60' | 31 | 10.43' | 332.13' | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 332.13' |
| September | 1 st to 14 th | 6.25' | 6.00' | 60' | 14 | 10.35' | 148.10' | | |
| | 15 th to 30 th | 6.08' | 5.43' | 60' | 16 | 10.35' | 169.20' | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 317.30' |
| | 1 st to 7 th | 6.12' | 5.32' | 45' | 7 | 10.35' | 74.05' | | |
| | 8 th to 14 th | 6.08' | 5.32' | 45' | 7 | 10.30' | 73.30' | | |
| October | 15 th to 21 st | 6.16' | 5.13' | 45' | 7 | 10.12' | 71.24' | | |
| | 22 nd to 28 th | 6.22' | 5.05' | 45' | 7 | 9.58' | 69.46' | | |
| | 29 th to 31 st | 6.26' | 5.01' | 45' | 3 | 9.50' | 29.30 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 318.15' |
| | 1 st to 7 th | 6.33' | 4.54' | 45' | 7 | 9.36' | 67.12' | | 8 th |
| | 8 th To 14 th | 6.41' | 4.48' | 45' | 7 | 9.22' | 65.34' | | |
| November | 15 th To 21 st | 6.48' | 4.44' | 45' | 7 | 9.11' | 64.17' | | |
| | 22 nd to 28 th | 6.55' | 4.41' | 45' | 7 | 9.01' | 63.07 | | |
| | 29 th to 30 th | 6.57' | 4.42' | 45' | 2 | 9.00' | 18.00 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 278.10' |
| | 1 st to 7 th | 7.04' | 4.39' | 45' | 7 | 8.50' | 61.50' | | |

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| | 8 th to 14 th | 7.09' | 4.39' | 45' | 7 | 8.45' | 61.15' | |
| December | 15 th to 21 st | 7.16' | 4.41' | 45' | 7 | 8.40' | 60.40' | |
| | 22 nd to 28 th | 7.15' | 4.42' | 45' | 7 | 8.42' | 60.54' | |
| | 29 th to 31 st | 7.17' | 4.46' | 45' | 3 | 8.44' | 26.12' | |
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| Afternoon bell on every Saturday in the year, to be rung once hour in advance of the time | | | | | | | | |
| Designated by the table. | | | | Deduct for 52 Saturdays one hour each: | | | | 52.00' |
| | | | | Leaving total amount of time to average | | | | |
| | | | | (10 hours) per day, 364 days 10 hours per day | | | | 3640.00' |
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J McAllister
1st Lieut Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

July 18th 1861

Messers Conroy and Connor

Front St San Francisco Cal

Gentleman,

Please furnish "B.A." with the following stores and charge same – 18 ft of mays for sliding doors ; 4 sheaves etc for ____.⁸⁹

Very respectfully,

Your obdt servant

⁸⁹ This log was crossed out, but reprinted here for preservation's sake

Send by Rambler on Saturday 20th inst

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

August 7th 1861

Mil store keeper T.J. Eckerson will proceed to San Francisco with arms shipped to day and will report their safe arrival to Genl Summer, after he is relieved from the charge of them he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order:

August 10th 1861

As the Guard of the house of the arsenal is occupied by infantry as quarters, the following modifications in Guard duty will be necessary.

1st A watchman will be on duty every night from bell ring until after sick call in the morning – his duty will be to be out all night visiting the buildings and preserving order. If anything happens he will report immediately to the Sergeant on duty. And in case of fire he will ring the bell, and report to the officers of the arsenal.

He will go in charge of the sick to the hospital and bring them back with the sick book to the post. After this he will be excused until 10 O’C that night from all duty. On Sunday an extra man will be detailed, who will remain on duty at the post from after inspection in the morning, until relieved by the night watchman at the time of bell ring.

2nd The Sergeants and Corporal Cary will be detailed weekly for duty. They will attend to the following duties. Hoist and lower the flag. Inspect quarters at 10 O’C P.M. and report. See that the meals are properly cooked and served at the proper time by the cooks. See that the watchmen perform their duty. They will be responsible for any irregularity that may occur and can call on all to assist them if needed. The name of the Sergeant on duty will be posted in the office, and the name of the watchman will be entered in the Guard book with a report of any irregularity that may have happened.

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

August 24th 1861

Carriage maker McKennan will proceed to Alcatraz Island San Francisco Harbor and select 1000 sets of accoutrements and pack them after which he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

August 31st 1861

Master armorer _____ will proceed to San Francisco and select the files for armorer shop and then return to this post.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders:

Aug 30th 1861

The command will be mustered tomorrow at 1 O'C P.M.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders:

September 2nd 1861

Carriage maker Edward Rathman is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer from the 1st instant. And artificers Pendergrass, van Bertram and Zabel promoted to the grade of carriage maker.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders:

Sept 7th 1861

Mr H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at Benicia Arsenal will proceed to Sacramento and transact the public business with which he is entrusted after its completion he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders:

September 25th 1861

During tomorrow the 26th day of September, it having been appointed by the President of the United States as "fast day," all work except the necessary Guard and police duties will be suspended at this post.

The command will remember that it is not a holiday, but an opportunity afforded us to lament over the unhappy condition of our beloved country. We are to humble ourselves as a nation before our heavenly father, acknowledge his connecting hand, appeal to his mercy, and look to his omnipotence as the only power to help us in our time of trouble.⁹⁰

J McAllister Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders:

Sept 24th 1861

Carriage maker Wm McKennan of the Ordnance Detachment, will proceed to Alcatraz Island, and perform such duties in connection with the Ordnance stores at that post as may be required of him by the military store keeper, to whom he will report before starting. Having completed the duties he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance

Copy of the oath administered to the hired men at Benicia Arsenal. Oct 8th 1861

You do solemnly swear that you will support the constitution of the United States, and bear true allegiance to the national government.

That you will maintain and defend the sovereignty of the U.S. paramount to any and all allegiances, sovereignty or fealty you may owe to any state, county or country whatsoever: and that you will support the government against all its enemies: so help you God.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance

Benicia Arsenal

Orders:

September 28th 1861

Carriage maker B. Wollman of the Ordnance Detachment at this post, will proceed to San Francisco Cal, for the performance of duties in connection with the equipment of the companies of volunteer cavalry in that city and at the camps in its vicinity under instructions to be given him by the commanding officer. Having completed the duties required, he will return to this arsenal.

⁹⁰ This is the first log in the entire book that mentions the American Civil War.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order:

October 14th 1861

Laborer Campbell, Connor, and Schmidt are hereby promoted to the grade of artificer from the 1st instant.

J McAllister Capt Ordnance

Benicia Arsenal

Orders:

October 14th 1861

Master armorer Thomas Delaney having reenlisted is promoted to his former grade, subject to approval of the general of ordnance.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

October 13th 1861

Carriage maker McKennan will proceed to Alcatraz Island San Francisco Harbor to receive and pack the battery from light company "C" 3rd artillery, after which he will return to this arsenal.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders:

October 16th 1861

Laborer Thomas Cary having reenlisted is hereby promoted to his former grade.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

October 18th 1861

The command will be quartered in the old hospital building as soon as the volunteers leave it. Except the following enlisted men who will form a separate detachment and parade on the usual parade ground. Thomas Delaney, Jacob Y Hock, McBride, _____, Flannery, McKennan, Calaghan, Schmidt, McMahon, Connor and McKechnie. One of these men will be detailed as watchman every night. He will accompany the sick to the hospital every morning, and then will be excused from work during the day for the present. Hock and McKennan will be excused from the detail as watchman.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance

Post Orders:

Benicia Arsenal Cal

October 18th 1861

The following enlisted men are hereby appointed acting Sergeants and will be obeyed and respected accordingly: Thomas Delaney, John Downey, Patrick Fegan, Henry Kirchner.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance

Post Orders:

Benicia Arsenal

October 22nd 1861

Artificer Sanderson surrenders himself from desertion, is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance

Orders:

Benicia Arsenal

October 31st 1861

The command will be mustered today at 2 O'C P.M.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Orders:

Benicia Arsenal

November 1st 1861

Artificer Campbell is hereby promoted to the grade of carriage maker and laborer Downey to that of artificer.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Post Orders: Benicia Arsenal Cal November 1st 1861

Laborer John Downey is hereby promoted to the grade of artificer.⁹¹

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Orders: November 5th 1861

Laborer James Trisnan is hereby promoted to the grade of artificer from the 1st inst.

J McAllister

Capt Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders: November 6th 1861

Carriage maker Anthony Campbell is transferred from the detachment of single to married men. Sergeant Downey will drop him from his report.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders: November 18th 1861

Carriage maker Thomas Pendergrass and artificer James Trisnan are appointed acting Sergeants of the detachment. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Acting Sergeant Henry Kirchner is hereby reduced.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

⁹¹ This log was crossed out, but reprinted here for preservation's sake.

Post Order:

Nov 18th 1861

Artificer John Downey is hereby promoted to the grade of carriage maker to date from the 1st instant.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Orders:

December 4th 1861

Artificer Mees is hereby promoted to the grade of car maker from thw 1st inst. Laborer Kelly is hereby promoted to the grade of artificer from the 1st inst. Laborer Schmidt is hereby promoted to the grade of artificer from 3rd inst, date of his reenlistment. Blacksmith Hitcher joined from desertion is hereby reduced to the grade of laborer.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Orders:

December 9 1861

1st Lieut J.M. Roper 2nd Cavalry Cal Vols will perform the duties of post adjutant. And Sergt Thos Delaney, Ordnance Detachment, the duties of Sergt major until further orders.⁹²

By order of Capt J. McAllister.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders:

December 9 1861

The adjutant will keep a roster of officers including himself and detail one as "officer of the week" to march on every Sunday morning at Guard mounting. The "officer of the week" will inspect the

⁹² Delaney first's name Thomas is often abbreviated. Most of the abbreviations throughout this entire transcript have been left in their original format, including those that don't even make sense. Also, Roper's last name is illegible, it could be 'Rufus,' 'Ropis,' etc.

Guard before it marches on and will govern himself daily by what is prescribed in the regulations for the "officer of the day." His attention is requested to paragraphs 393 to 396 in Army Regulations.

The "officer of the week" may leave the post for purposes of drill, without application to the comdg officer. If he wishes to absent from the post during tour of duty on Private business, he may do so with permission of the comdg officer, on procuring another officer to take his sword.

Policing of company quarters, stables, will be left to the special direction of the company commander.

Guard will be mounted daily at 9 A.M. near the Guard house. After the Sergt Major reports the Guard formed, the "officer of the week" will inspect it, and then order the Sergt of the Guard to march it on.

Sunday morning inspection will be at 9 A.M. and Guard mounting after inspection.

Orderly hour at 9 A.M. daily except Sundays at _____.

By order of Capt McAllister

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

Dec 15 1861

Asst surgeon J.C. Short having reported for duty in accordance with spl order No 229 from Hq Qrs Dept Pacific he will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of Capt J McAllister

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

Dec 16 1861

Surgeon's call will hereafter be at 8 O'clk A.M. . The pick of the command will be reported at that time. At the hospital, which is established in the west end of the cavalry barracks.

By order of Capt J McAllister

J.M. Roper

Benicia Arsenal
Post Order: Dec 21 1861

Artificer Madden and Schmidt are hereby promoted to the grade of car makers to date from the 1st instant.

By orders Capt J McAllister
J.M. Roper
Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal
Special Order: Dec 23 1861

Lieut J.M Roper Co "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vol is hereby granted care of absence from the post, extending three days from this date.

By order Capt J.McAllister
J.M. Roper
Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal
Special Order: Dec 27th 1861

Surgeon J.C. Short is hereby granted leave of absence from this post extending seven days from this date.

By order Capt J McAllister
A.W. Zlau

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Act Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order:

Dec 27th 1861

Lieut Roper has his leave of absence extended one day. By order Capt J McAllister

A.W. Zlau

2nd Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Act Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order:

Dec 30 1861

The troops of this command will be mustered tomorrow (31st) at 10 O'C A.M.

By order Capt J McAllister

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order:

Dec 31 1861

The enlisted men of this command are excused from all duty tomorrow (New Years) save the necessary police and Guard duty. The hired men of the ordnance Dept may work or not as they choose.

By order Capt J McAllister

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav C.V. Post Adjt

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Benicia Arsenal

Special Order:

Jan 1st 1862

Asst surgeon J.C. Short is granted leave of absence for seven days. By order Capt D.A. DeMerritt
Arm of Post

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

(*Here should appear a special order, which is inserted out of its proper order on the 3rd page forward)

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order:

Jan 2nd 1862

Lieut A.W. Zlau 2nd Cav Cal Vols is granted leave of absence for seven days. By order Capt
DeMerritt Arm Post.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order:

Jan 7th 1862

Carriage maker Platerius is hereby reduced to the grade of artificer, for unmilitary conduct – the
reduction to take effect from the 1st inst. By order Capt J. McAllister

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order:

Jan 7th 1862

Captain D.A. DeMerritt 2nd Cav Cal Vols is hereby granted leave of absence from the post for seven days. By order Capt J. McAllister.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order:

Jan 13 1862

Asst surgeon J.C. Short is granted leave of absence for one day.

J.M. Roper

1st Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Comdg Post

Instructions for the Picket Guard

- I. The new Guard will load their arms before the old Guard is marched off. And the old Guard will turn over to the new Guard all the ammunition in their boxes.
- II. All firing of pieces within the ordnance grounds is positively forbidden, except in case of alarm, an attack, or a fire breaking out during the night near the magazine.
- III. No vessel or boat will be allowed to land at or approach near the warf or beach in front of the magazine.
- IV. At "retreat" sentinel No. 2 will be placed, and he will suffer no one to approach his post until they shall have been examined by the commander of the Guard.
- V. No one but the commanding officer of ordnance, the ordnance "officer of the day" and the ord. Sergeant will ever be permitted to approach or enter the magazine.
- VI. No smoking is permitted except in or at the Guard house.
- VII. No more than three of the Guard will be absent from their post at any one time, and after dark, no one will be absent under any pretence.
- VIII. The Guard will not take orders or instructions from any person except the commanding officer of ordnance, or the ordnance "officer of the day."

By order Captain J. McAllister

Chief Ordnance Pac. Dept Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

J.M. Roper

January 13 1862

1st Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

Jany 15 1862

Carriage maker Winter is reduced to the grade of artificer, on account of being unable to attend to the duties of cook and baker for the detachment. The reduction is to take effect from the 1st inst. By order Capt J. McAllister.

J.M. Roper

1st Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order:

January 17 1862

Sergeant William L. Campbell, C "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols is hereby ordered to repair to "Camp Alirt" and report to Col C. Sims, in compliance with spl. Order No. 7 Hd Quars Dept Pacific. By order Capt J. McAllister.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Spl Order

Jan 1st 1862

Sergeant Alfred Norton C "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols is hereby ordered to repair to "Campt Alirt" and report himself to Col C Sims, in compliance with spl. Order No _____ from Regimental Head Quarters. By order Capt D.A. DeMerritt, Comdg.

J.M. Roper

(*This order should have appeared on the 3rd page back)

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

(Copy)

Benicia Arsenal

Company Order:

Jan 21st 1862

Corporal Timothy G. Marion is hereby reduced to the ranks, the reduction to take effect from this date.

D.A. DeMerritt

Captain C F 2nd Cav Cal Vols

Approved, J. McAllister, Capt Ordnance Comdg

(A new copy) J.M. Roper, Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order:

January 25th 1862

The commanding officer having noticed several violations of the post regulations regarding smoking. The following order is published for the guidance of all persons whatsoever within the ordnance reservation. No smoking will be allowed in or about any of the corrals stables, storehouses, shops or laboratory. And will not be permitted near the laboratory or carpenter's shops than a line dividing the street in front of the cavalry quarters, nor on that street above the storehouses or below the blacksmith's shop. By order Capt J. McAllister, Capt Ord Comdg.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav C.V. Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal Cal

January 23rd 1862

Proceedings of a board of survey convened at Benicia Arsenal Cal this 23rd day of January 1862, in compliance with the following order.

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Jan 23rd 1862

Post Order:

A board of survey to consist of Lieut James M Roper, C "F" 2nd Cavalry Cal Vols will meet today at 12 O'CK P.M. to examine into, and report upon the condition of the fresh beef this day issued by the A.C.S. to Capt DeMerritt, C "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols. By order Capt J McAllister.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

The board met pursuant to the above order and having carefully examined the beef submitted it, finds as follows. That one hundred & thirty two pounds – being the entire quantity this day issued to C "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols – is stale, putrid, totally unfit for use.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Spl Order

Feby 4th 1862

Captain D.A. DeMerritt, C "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols is hereby granted leave of absence for one day. By order Capt J McAllister.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Spl Order

Feby 6th 1862

Lieut J.M. Roper, C "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols is hereby granted leave of absence for two days. By order Capt J McAllister.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Spl Order

Feby 10th 1862

C "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols will be paraded for general inspection, tomorrow 11th inst - at 9 o'clock. By order Capt J. McAllister.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Spl Order

Feb 11th 1862

All absentees from roll call and every violation of good order and military discipline will be reported to the Comdg officer. By order Capt J McAllister.

Aug. W. Stan

2nd Lt 2nd Cav C.V. Act Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Spl Order

Feb 10 1862

Lieut J.M. Roper 2nd Cav C.V. is hereby granted leave of absence for one day. Lieut A.W. Stan will act as post adjutant during the absence of Lieut Roper. By order Capt J McAllister.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Special Order

Benicia Arsenal

Feb 19 1862

Laborer Albert A Houston Ordnance Dept will be drummed out of service at half past one o'clock today, in compliance with S.O. No 5 1862 from Head Quars Dept Pacific. By order Capt J McAllister.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Spl Order

Benicia Arsenal

Feb 20th 1862

The night watchman on duty at the ordnance buildings will report daily at, or immediately after. Retreat to the Officer of the Day for orders. By order Capt J McAllister.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Spl Order

Benicia Arsenal

Feb 26 1862

Asst surg J.C. Short has leave of absence for one day. By order Capt D.A. DeMerritt.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order

Feb 21st 1862

Tomorrow being the anniversary of Washington’s birth day – it will be celebrated at this post by a dress parade at 10 o’clk and by the firing of a National Salute at 12 M. By order Capt J McAllister.

J.M. Roper.

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Feb 26 1862

Proceedings of a board of survey convened at Benicia Arsenal this 26th day of February in compliance with post order, establishing the same. All members being present, the board proceeded to examine carefully the beef submitted to it and report as follows.

That one hundred thirty two (132) pounds, being the entire quantity this day issued to Co “F” 2nd Cav Cal Vols by the A.C.S. at this post, is unfit for use, being stale, putrid, it is therefore recommended that it be thrown away and that fresh beef be furnished to the troops in its place. Respectfully submitted,

(signed)

D.A. DeMerritt

Capt 2nd Cav Cal Vols

(signed)

Aug. W Stan

2nd Lieut 2nd Cav Cal Vols

Approved: A true copy, J.M. Roper, Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Feb 27 1862

Proceedings of a board of survey convened at Benicia Arsenal this 27th day of February, in compliance with post order establishing the same. All members being present, the board proceeded to examine carefully the beef submitted to it and reports as follows.

That sixty (60) pounds of the beef issued this day to Co "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols by the A.C.S. at this post, is unfit for use, being stale and putrid, it is therefore recommended that it be thrown away and that fresh beef be furnished to the troops in its place. Respectfully submitted,

(signed) D.A. DeMerritt
Capt 2nd Cav Cal Vols
(signed) Aug W. Stan
2nd Lieut 2nd Cav Cal Vols

Approved, A true copy J.M. Roper Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Spl Order Benicia Arsenal
Feb 27 1862

The troops of this command will be mustered and inspected tomorrow – 28th inst, at 10 o'clk A.M. By order Capt J McAllister.

J.M. Roper
Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Spl Order Benicia Arsenal
Feb 28 1862

Capt D.A. DeMerritt 2nd Cav Cal Vols has leave of absence for seven days from this date. By order Capt J McAllister.

J.M. Roper
Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Spl Order Benicia Arsenal
Feb 28 1862

Asst surgeon J.C. Short has leave of absence for day from date. By order Capt J McAllister.

J.M. Roper
Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

March 3rd 1862

In compliance with special order No 33 from Head Quars Dept of Pacific – Private Charles M. Grout Co “F” 2nd Cavalry C.V. is dishonorably discharged from the service. He will immediately turn over to the 1st Sergt of the Company all the government property in his charge, and leave the post without delay. By order Capt J McAllister.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Spl Order

Mar 4 1862

A board of survey to consist of Capt D.A. DeMerritt and Lieut A.W. Stan C “F” 2nd Cav Cal Vols is hereby appointed to examine and report upon the condition of the potatoes issued to the command, and if they shall decide them to be unfit for use, they shall be returned to the A.C.S. who will issue of good potatoes in their stead. By order Capt McAllister.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav C.V. Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Spl Order

Mar 4 1862

Lieut J.M. Roper is hereby granted leave of absence from the post for seven days. Lieut Stan will be acting post adj. By order Capt McAllister.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

March 7th 1862

In compliance with orders Hd Quars Dept Pacific dated March 4th 1862 – Lieut James M. Ropes and Sergt Welch Co. F 2nd Cav Cal Vols – will proceed to San Francisco today in the steamer “Rambler” with their horses, arms and equipment and report for duty to Major H. Leonard – the a.a.q.m. at this depot will furnish the necessary transportation. By order Capt J McAllister.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order:

March 7th 1862

Lieut Aug W. Stan Co “F” 2nd Cav Cal Vols is hereby appointed Post Adjutant and will relieve Lieut James M. Ropes. By order Capt J McAllister.

J.M. Roper

Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

March 23rd 1862

Proceedings of a board of survey convened at Benicia Arsenal this 23rd day of March in compliance with Post Order establishing the same. All members being present the board proceeded to examine carefully the beef submitted to it and report as follows.

That eighty (80) pounds of the beef issued this day to Co “F” 2nd Cav Cal Vols by the A.C.S. at this post is unfit for use. Being stale and putrid it is therefore recommended that it be thrown away and that fresh beef be furnished to the troops in its place. Respectfully submitted,

(signed) David A DeMerritt

Approved

Captain C “F” 2nd CavCal Vols

(signed) August W Stan

2nd Lt Co “F” 2nd Cav Cal Vols

Benicia Arsenal

March 25th 1862

Proceedings of a board of survey convened at Benicia Arsenal this 25th day of March in compliance with post order establishing the same. All members being present the board proceeded to examine carefully the beef submitted o it and report as follows.

That ninety (90) pounds of the beef issued this day to C "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols by the A.C.S. at this post is unfit for use. Being stale and putrid it is therefore recommended that it be thrown away and that fresh beef be furnished to the troops in its place. Respectfully submitted,

(signed) David A DeMerritt

Approved

Captain C "F" 2nd CavCal Vols

(signed) August W Stan

2nd Lt Co "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order

March 29th 1862

Laborer William McKennan is hereby promoted to his former grade of carriage maker from the date of his re-enlistment.

Benicia Arsenal

Spec Order

Mar 31st 1862

Capt D.A. DeMerritt C "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols has leave of absence for five days from this date. By order Capt J McAllister.

A.W. Stan

2nd Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Spec Order

April 1st 1862

Asst surg J.C. Short has leave of absence for five days from this date. By order Capt J McAllister.

A.W. Stan

2nd Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Spec Order

April 4th 1862

Sergant J.A. Contell C "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols is hereby ordered to take Private T.G. Marion C "C" 7th Rgt Cav U.S.A. and will proceed to San Francisco in the steamer _____ today and will deliver him to

the provost martial as an order ____ Wright. After which he will return to this post. The a.a.q.m. at this depot will please furnish transportation. By order Capt J McAllister.⁹³

A.W. Stan

2nd Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Spec Order

April 4th 1862

Asst surg J.C. Short has his leave of absence extended one day. By order Capt J McAllister.

A.W. Stan

2nd Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Spec Order

April 5th 1862

In compliance with orders from Hd Quars Dept Pacific dated April 3th 1862 – Private Helney R Miller C “F” 2nd Cav Cal Vols will proceed to San Francisco today in the steamer – and will report to the commanding officer at Capt Alirt for duty. The a.a.q.m. at this depot will please furnish transportation. By order Capt J McAllister.

A.W. Stan

2nd Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Spec Order

April 12th 1862

Thair will be detailed each day for Guard duty, one non-commissioned officer and four Privates. The detail will be made from C “F” 2nd Cav Cal Vols. Instructions for the Guard:

- I The comander of the Guard will remain with his Guard during his ture of duty. Except for meals, when he will appoint a sutiable one to take charge during his absence.
- II The comander of the Guard will remain up during the night. Not more than two of the Guard will be absent at any one time.

⁹³ August W. Stan, now writing the logs, is not the greatest speller, but his words are left intact for authenticity's sake.

III No 7 will be posted at the arsenal building from 5 o'clock A.M. until 7 o'clock P.M. when he will be posted frunt of the Guard house. By order Capt J McAllister.

A.W. Stan

2nd Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders

April 14th 1862

Private G.C. Manning of Co "F;" 2nd Cavalry Cal Vols wile proceed to Alcatraz Island in the steamer "Rambler" today and take in charge Private James Roberts of Co "J" 5th Infantry Cal Vols and deliver him up to the comdg officer of Alcatraz Island Harbor of San Francisco, in obedience to general orders from Head Qrs Dept of the Pacific April 2nd 1862. After which he will return to this post. The a.a.q.m at this depot will please furnish transportation. By order Capt J McAllister.

A.W. Stan

2nd Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders

April 21th 1862

Sergant A.N. Runnyan C "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols is hereby reduced to repair to Camp Alirt and report to Col C Sims in compliance with spl orders Hd Quars Dept Pacific April 19th 1862. The a.a.q.m. at this depot will pleas furnish transportation. By order Capt J McAllister.

A.W. Stan

2nd Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

April 21th 1862

Capt David A DeMerritt Co "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols has leave of absence for two days from this date. By order Capt J McAllister.

A.W. Stan

2nd Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders

April 22th 1862

Men sick in quarters must not leave the post without permission of the commanding officer or asst surgeon. By order Capt J McAllister.

A.W. Stan

2nd Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders:

April 23rd 1862

- I There will be no drill this afternoon for the cavalry company.
- 2nd The whole company will be turned out for police, they will police the cellar under the mess hall and kitchen and the ground around their quarters. Sergt Delaney of the Ordnance Detachment will give them lime to sprinkle in the cellar.
- 3rd Asst surgeon Short will inspect the cellar and the grounds around the quarters and report their condition to the commanding officer tomorrow morning.
- 4th Men will not be allowed to commit any nuisance, they will use the sink in the old quarry entirely.
- V Men on sick report will not leave the post unless they have a written pass from the surgeon countersigned by the commanding officer. By order Capt J McAllister.

A.W. Stan

2nd Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

April 23th 1862

Sergt Contell with two Corp and eighteen Private Co "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols with nine horses and equipments will repair to San Francisco and report at the provost marshals office for duty as ____ ord Hq Quars Dept Pacific April 22th 1862. The a.a.q.m. at this depot will furnish transportation for the troops and horses. By order Capt J McAllister.

A.W. Stan

2nd Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders

April 28th 1862

Artificer Edward Lyons is hereby appointed a Corporal in the detachment of ordnance at Benicia Arsenal.

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders

April 28th 1862

The following ordnance men are detailed to proceed to Vancouver Depot in compliance with instructions received from the general of ordnance dated Ordnance Office Washington Feb 28th 1862. Artificer and Corporal Edward Lyons carriage maker William G. Drew, blacksmith James Cahill, laborer William Brady and Robert Wilson.

Corporal Lyons will command the detachment and report himself and it to military storekeeper T.J. Eckerson, comdg Vancouver Depot, on his arrival at Vancouver. Mrs. Wilson will accompany the detachment.

Benicia Arsenal

Specl Order

May 5th 1862

Lieut A.W. Stan Co "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols has leave of absence for three days from this date. By order Capt J McAllister.

A.W. Stan

2nd Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

May 15th 1862

Sergt L.T. Sanburn and three Privates Co "F" 2nd Cav Cal Vols are hearby ordered to proceed to San Francisco today, in compliance with orders from Hd Quars Dept Pacific dat May 14th 1862, and report to the Dept Provo Marshals for duty at camp Alirt. The a.a.q.m. at this depot will pleas furnish transportation. By order Capt J McAllister.

A.W. Stan

2nd Lt 2nd Cav Cal Vols Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Orders

May 27th 1862

Corporal Billings and five Privates will take the horses which were ordered to be taken to San Francisco by direction of general Wright Comdg Depot to that city and deliver them to Capt Oggder Q.M. U.S. Army, after which they will return to this post.

(signed) David A DeMerritt

Cpt Co "F" 2nd Cav U.S. C.V. Comdg Post

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

June 2nd 1862

Surgeon J Campbell Short U.S. Army having reported that three of the men left as invalids by the 3rd Regiment of Cal Vols at his hospital are ready to return to duty. The acting asst quartermaster will furnish the necessary transportation to enable these men to report at "Camp Halleck" Stockton Cal where the Head Quarters of their regiment is established.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders

June 10th 1862

According to orders received from Head qrs Dept of the Pacific dated June 10th 1862, Captain DeMerritt Company "F" 2nd Cavalry C.V. will proceed to San Francisco tomorrow in the steamer "Rambler" and report to the commanding officer at Presidio. The acting asst qr master will furnish the necessary transportation.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

June 19th 1862

Master armorer Delany will perform the duties of acting 1st Sergeant John Downey now in _____, until further orders. By order.

(signed) J Campbell Short

Asst surgeon U.S. Army Comdg Benicia Arsenal

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order

June 28th 1862

Private Ferregan Co "C" 3rd Infantry C. Vols having sufficiently recovered to join his regmt. J.C. McCarty M.S.K. and a.a.q.m. will furnish him with the necessary transportation for himself and luggage to camp Halleck (near Stockton) Cal. By order.

(signed)

J Campbell Short

Asst surgeon U.S. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders

July 3rd 1862

Tomorrow is the 86 anniversary of the day on which our Nation cast off the loading strings of an oppressive mother and asserted its right and capacity to act for itself. The celebration of the day at this time should cause the reflecting patriot to remember the blood and treasure which our forefathers offered freely to maintain the position they had claimed and of their success under innumerable difficulties. It should further remind us of our duty as citizens and soldiers and nerve us for the effort which we are now making to transmit to our children the inheritance left us by those generations.

All work at the arsenal and depot, except the necessary Guard and police duties will be suspended during the day. A national salute will be fired at 12 M and a federal salute at sundown.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders

July 9 1862

Carriage maker Downey is relieved from duty as a Sergeant in the detachment, and is hereby graded as artificer from the 1st inst.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

July 9th 1862

H.L. Thompson clerk in the ordnance dept at Benicia Arsenal, will proceed to San Francisco and transact the public business with which he is entrusted after its completion he will return to this post.

(signed) J McAllister
Capt Ordnance Comdg

Special Order Benicia Arsenal
June 11th 1862

Master carriage maker B. Wollman will proceed to Martinez, Cal, and inspect the leather at the tannery for the ordnance dept on April 8th May 10th and June 12th 1862, when the tanners will be ready to deliver the leather ordered for the public service.

(signed) J McAllister
Capt Ordnance Comdg

Special Order Benicia Arsenal
July 11th 1862

Master carriage maker B. Wollman will proceed to San Francisco Cal and select leather for the ordnance dept, after its completion he will return to this post.

(signed) J McAllister
Capt Ordnance Comdg

Special Order Benicia Arsenal
July 14th 1862

H.L. Thompson clerk in the ordnance dept at Benicia Arsenal Cal, will proceed to San Francisco and transact the public business with which he is entrusted after its completion he will return to this post.

(signed) J McAllister
Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

July 21st 1862

I certify that the following articles of hospital property viz 3 blankets, 3 sheets, 2 pillow ticks, 3 pillow slips, 1 bed sack, 1 bed pan and hair mattress used in a tent on the ordnance reserve appropriated to smallpox patients were on or about the 25th of February 1862, burnt or otherwise destroyed under my direction with the approbation of the commanding officer to prevent the further extension of the contagion.

(signed) J Campbell Short

Asst surgeon U.S.A.

(Order) The destruction of the above named articles is approved. J McAllister Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order

July 30th 1862

Artificer Edward Winter is hereby promoted to the grade of car maker from the 1st inst.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order

Aug 3th 1862

Artificer James Trisnan is hereby promoted to the grade of car maker to take effect from the 1st inst.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

August 8th 1862

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at Benicia Arsenal Cal will proceed to San Francisco Cal and transact the public business with which he is entrusted after its completion he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders

Aug 26 1862

In accordance with genl order No 89 dated war department July 26th 1862, the following token of respect will be paid to the memory of ex President Martin van Buren on the 27th inst. All work will be suspended. The flag will be flown at half mast during the day. A federal salute will be fired at dawn. Half hour games during the day. And a national salute at sunset. The command will be paraded at 10 O'C A.M. to have the order of President Lincoln read. By order.⁹⁴

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Post Order

Benicia Arsenal

August 26 62

Artificer Adam Schmidt is hereby promoted to the grade of car maker and laborer Charles Gregor to artificer to date from the 1st instant.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Post Order

Benicia Arsenal

Aug 29 1862

The command will be mustered 9 O'C A.M. on the 31st instant.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Post Order

Benicia Arsenal

September 8th 1862

⁹⁴ Martin van Buren, 1782-1862, secretary of state under Andrew Jackson 1829-31, later vice president under Jackson 1833-37, subsequently President of the United States 1837-41

A board of survey to consist of asst surgeon J.C. Short U.S.A. is hereby appointed to meet at 10 O'C A.M. the 9th inst, or as soon thereafter as practicable at the Qr Mrs. Dept Benicia, to examine certain sets of harness. Received by mil storekeeper J.C. McCarty., Qr Mrs Dept per Lieut J.B. Gately Regl. Qr Mr 3rd Regt Infy Cal Vols. The board will compare the harness with the invoices of Lieut Gately and report any discrepancy in regard to quantity and quality according to paragraph 1019. Revised regulations.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order

Sept 9 1862

In compliance with section 3 of genl orders No 77 War Dept Adjut Generals Office Washington July 11 1862, the enlisted men of ordnance will be designated and mustered as follows. Master workmen as Sergeants. Car makers, armorers, and blksmiths as Corporals. Artificers as Privates 1st class, and laborers as Privates 2nd class. Corporals Trisnan and Fegan are appointed acting Sergeants in the detachment.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Proceedings of a board of survey convened at quarter masters Dept of Benicia Arsenal in accordance with the following order.

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order

September 8th 1862

A board of survey to consist of asst surgeon J.C. Short U.S.A. is hereby appointed to meet at 10 O'C A.M. the 9th inst, or as soon thereafter as practicable at the Qr Mrs. Dept Benicia, to examine certain sets of harness. Received by mil storekeeper J.C. McCarty., Qr Mrs Dept per Lieut J.B. Gately Regl. Qr Mr 3rd Regt Infy Cal Vols. The board will compare the harness with the invoices of Lieut Gately and report any discrepancy in regard to quantity and quality according to paragraph 1019. Revised regulations.

(signed)

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

The board met at 1 O.C. P.M. pursuant to the above order and upon examination, comparing the harness with their invoices from Lieut Gately, the following discrepancies in regard to quantity were noticed: the invoices call for thirty sets of wheel (mule) harness, while there were but twenty six found on inspection. Also sixty sets of lead (mule) harness, while there were but fifty five of incomparable sets. There were found three sets of lead harness, one set of wheel and a portion of another set, four bridles

and no collar. The invoice does not state the condition of the harness, but the greater portion of it needs repair, and one whole set which was tacked instead of served will require complete reconstruction. The board is unable to ascertain where or in what manner the discrepancy between the invoice and the actual receipt occurred, as the harness was returned from Placerville Cal, but the responsibility certainly does not rest with the receiving officer.

(signed) J Campbell Short
Asst surgeon U.S.A
Member of the board

Approved (signed) J McAllister Capt Ordnance

Benicia Arsenal
Post Order Sept 13th 162

Having heard that assistant surgeon J.C. Short is appointed a member of a board to meet on the 15th inst he is hereby ordered to report himself at Head qrs Dept of the Pacific.

J McAllister
Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal
Post Orders September 22nd 1862

Asst surgeon J.C. Short having returned to duty from detached service, asst surgeon A.J. _____ is hereby relieved from the temporary duty to which he was assigned and will report himself at H Qrs Dept of the Pac.⁹⁵

J McAllister
Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal
Special Order October 24th 1862

H.L. Thompson clerk in the ordnance dept of Benicia Arsenal Cal will proceed to Sacramento Cal and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after its completion he will return to this post.

⁹⁵ There was a log written on the 20th of September, but it was crossed out, cancelled, and not worth writing here. The previous log on the 13th, dated 162, is also presented as is; McAllister wrote 162 instead of 1862.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order

Oct 31st 1862

The command will be mustered at 2 O'C P.M.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order

November 17th 1862

1st class Private Patrick Conor is hereby reduced to 2nd class Private from the 1st November 1862.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

Dec 16th 1862

1st class Private John Downey Ord Dept transferred to Vancouver Depot. He will report to mil S.K. T.J. Eckerson Ord Dept at that post. Private Downey will report to provost Guard this evening, and tomorrow morning will obtain transportation by applying to capt R.W. Kirksham a.q.m. San Francisco Cal.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

Dec 16th 1862

Corpl Henry Kirchner Ord Dept will proceed to San Francisco and select certain material and tools in accordance with the directions he has received from me. After performing this duty he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

December 15th 1862

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at Benicia Arsenal will proceed to San Francisco Cal and transact the public business with which he entrusted. After its completion he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order

December 17th 1862

1st class Private Gregor is hereby promoted. Corporal Trisnan, Walsh, and Gregor are appointed acting Sergeants in the detachment.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

December 30th 1862

Sergeant and master carriage maker Jacob F Hock will proceed to fort at Fort Point and report to Major T.J. Andrews Comdg. He will examine into the nature and extent of the repairs necessary to render certain carriages fit for service and after acquiring all the information requisite he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order

December 30th 1862

1st class Private Richard Livingston is hereby promoted to a Corporal from the 1st prox. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. 2nd class Private Nicholas Thees is hereby promoted the 1st inst. 2nd class Private John Meade is hereby promoted from the 1st prox.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order

Dec 30th 1862

The command will be mustered at 8½ O'clock tomorrow the 31st inst.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

December 31st 1862

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal, will proceed to San Francisco and transact the public business with which he is entrusted. After its completion he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

1863

San Francisco

Thursday, Jan 8, 1863

City Items⁹⁶

Patriotic Fund – The following are the names of subscribers at the Benicia Arsenal to the Sanitary Fund, received yesterday, by the Committee:

| Benicia Arsenal Commissioned Officers | \$\$\$ Amount subscribed |
|---|--------------------------|
| Captain Julian McAlister, Ordnance Commanding | 50 |
| Assistant Surgeon J Campbell Shorb | 25 |
| Rev. (Reverend?) James Cameron | 100 |
| Total | \$175 |
| Ordnance Soldiers | |
| Thomas Delany | 10 |
| Jacob F Hock | 10 |
| Michael Madden | 5 |
| Charles van Bertram | 5 |
| David D Potter | 20 |
| Adam Schmidt | 5 |
| John Glyndon | 5 |
| Peter Hitchon | 5 |
| Charles Gregor | 5 |
| Henry Kirchner | 5 |
| Richard Livingston | 17 |
| John McDonald | 5 |
| Edward Winter | 5 |
| Peter Duggan | 5 |
| Michael Leonard | 5 |
| Nicholas Thus | 5 |
| Robert McBride | 5 |
| William Walsh | 5 |
| James Flannery | 5 |
| George Schneider | 5 |
| Charles Hirseman | 5 |
| William M Sanderson | 10 |
| Thomas Pendergrass | 5 |
| William Kelly | 10 |
| John Meade | 5 |
| James Trisnan | 5 |
| Thomas Carey | 5 |
| Gustavus Zabel | 5 |

⁹⁶ This is a newspaper clipping that was glued to the page. If any corrections of the men's names throughout this journal are to be made, this clipping should be referred to extensively. Abbreviated names will be written out in their entirety if known. Edits to names were made by whoever glued the clipping on – those edits will be followed.

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|-------------------|--------|
| Anthony Campbell | 2.50 |
| James Gallagher | 20 |
| Patrick Connor | 10 |
| Total | 224.50 |
| Employees | |
| John C. Stone | 10 |
| C.S. Palmer | 5 |
| James McGlone | 2 |
| H.L. Thompson | 10 |
| August von Arx | 100 |
| James Hawarth | 5 |
| James Caffrey | 2 |
| Louis Bido | 2 |
| James Shields | 5 |
| Bernhard Hollman | 10 |
| H. Henderson | 2.50 |
| Richard Carr | 2.50 |
| John Young | 3 |
| Jeremiah Collins | 10 |
| John S Doty | 5 |
| William F Joyner | 10 |
| N.H. Garretson | 5 |
| George Poor | 25 |
| William B Hubbard | 25 |
| Michael Cain | 2 |
| William S Burch | 10 |
| John Gome | 10 |
| David Gorman | 5 |
| Walter Broderick | 2.50 |
| Paul Scoles | 2 |
| William Laughlan | 1 |
| Peter Downey | 1 |
| Peter Smith | 2 |
| John Kerrins | 2 |
| James Smith | 2 |
| Thomas Moran | 2.50 |
| Michael Quigg | 2 |
| Terence Reynolds | 2 |
| Simon Keeffe | 2 |
| James Berry | 2 |
| William Wogan | 2 |
| Michael Clarkson | 2 |
| Thomas A McDevitt | 10 |
| Eugene Bandel | 10 |
| Joseph Petit | 10 |
| Louis Kirchner | 10 |

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Louis Rosine | 5 |
| James Croghan | 2 |
| William Hyde | 2 |
| John Downing | 2 |
| Henry Christie | 2.50 |
| William Dougherty | 2 |
| Thomas Foley | 2 |
| Simon Hollahan | 2 |
| Michael Heffernan | 2 |
| George O'Neill | 5 |
| F.P. Burch | 50 |
| Christopher Dunn | 2 |
| Joseph Doody | 5 |
| John Moran | 2 |
| Patrick Brady | 2 |
| Patrick McAdams | 10 |
| John Keough | 2 |
| Patrick Cost | 2 |
| John Kelly | 5 |
| Daniel Rally | 2 |
| James Manny | 2 |
| John Kenny | 2 |
| James Killigan | 2 |
| David Murphy | 2.50 |
| Thomas Farrell | 5 |
| Joseph A Buckingham | 10 |
| William McDonald | 2 |
| S.S. Nichols | 5 |
| John J Moloney | 2 |
| Matthew Diamond | 2 |
| James Brennan | 5 |
| John Phalan | 5 |
| Total | \$486 |
| Total amount subscribed | \$885.59 |

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order:

January 13th 1863

During Sergeant Delany's absence from the post, Corporal Flannery will act as Sergeant major of the post.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

February 5th 1863

It having been reported to the commanding officer that Frank Miller who was lately a hired man of the Ordnance Department, is seeking an opportunity to commit "a breach of the peace" on the government preserve, the said Frank Miller is hereby forbidden to enter on the arsenal grounds and will be warned off by the sentinels. If he has any communication to make to the commanding officer he will make it in writing.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

February 5th 1863

Acting Sergeant major Thomas Delany will be in command of the detachment. Sign the morning report, make out the countersign etc, be responsible for the police and order of the post. He will inspect the Guards twice during the tour of duty, once between four o'clock and six o'clock P.M. and once between twelve P.M. and four A.M.

During the absence of the commanding officer and the asst surgeon from the arsenal, both being ordered away on temporary duty by order from Hd Qrs Dept of the Pacific, superintendant John C. Stone will have entire charge of all the work going on at the arsenal and of all the working force.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders

February 6th 1863

Asst surgeon J Campbell Shorb, U.S. Army, will hold himself in readiness to obey the order a copy of which inclose for his use.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

February 6th 1863

The commanding officer accepts the following apology from George Poor, the master carpenter, and he is hereby returned to duty.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

(Copy)

Benicia Arsenal

January 28th 1863

Captain Julian McAllister, Comdg Benicia Arsenal

Sir,

If you are aware a disturbance occurred within the reservation, on Monday last, in which I was a party, concerned. This I truly regret and, chiefly, because such conduct wears the appearance of disrespect for you and disregard of your regulations. Nothing could have been further from my thoughts, I feel too deeply the uniform _____ of your conduct to me and the many obligations I am under to you. _____ I stopped one moment for consideration this thought would have restrained one, but upon the sudden impulse of passion I acted in a manner for which I desire sincerely to apologize. I trust you will overlook this my first offence which I assure my subsequent conduct shall prove, should occasion offer, to be my last.

Respectfully,

Your obt servant,

(signed)

George Poor

Benicia Arsenal

Order

February 21st 1863

The 22nd of February falling on Sunday the celebration ordered will be postponed until Monday the 23rd instant.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

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|---|--------------------------------|
| | Benicia Arsenal |
| Post Order | February 28 th 1863 |
| The command will be mustered at 4½ O'clock P.M. today. | |
| | J McAllister |
| | Capt Ordnance Comdg |
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| | Benicia Arsenal |
| Order | April 9 th 1863 |
| 1 st class Private Nicholas Ebers is hereby reduced to 2 nd class Private from the 1 st instant. | |
| | J McAllister |
| | Capt Ordnance Comdg |
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| | Benicia Arsenal |
| Post Order | April 16 th 1863 |
| <p>This day being appointed by the President of the United States, as a fast day. The Ordnance Detachment at this post will perform their police duties, but none others. My men will remember to regard the day as one set apart for fasting and prayer, and although work is suspended, they will abstain from all kinds of festivity noise or boisterous mirth. Profanity should be discountenanced by every one especially on such a day as this, as our whole nation is now calling on God to help us in our time of trouble.⁹⁷</p> | |
| | J McAllister |
| | Capt Ordnance Comdg |
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| | Benicia Arsenal |
| Post Order No | April 17 th 1863 |
| <p>Colonel Black commanding Benicia Barracks who is responsible for the safety of the magazines, having called the attention of the commanding officer of this arsenal to the number of cattle on the ordnance reserve, and to the impossibility of avoiding false alarms, he has examined the subject carefully, and has come to the conclusion that the priviledge of keeping cows granted to persons living on the Government Reserve is simply to enable them to supply their families with milk. This privilege has been used with the taut consent of the officers, in such a way as to afford the men opportunities of selling butter and milk this is not right, and it has proved so for an examination the commanding officer</p> | |

⁹⁷ Another rare reference to the American Civil War. The President has yet to be referred to as Lincoln.

finds that this privilege has been abused. It is very natural for every man to wish to make money but the must use legitimate means. It was never intended to turn any Government Reserve into a milk and butter ranch for the benefit of certain individuals of the command. He now finds that is it necessary for him to interfere in this matter, which he has hitherto left to be regulated by the good sense of the men themselves. Therefore the number of cows to be kept by each individual will be restricted to a number adequate for the above purpose.

Each of the commissioned officers, and the mens mess will have the privilege of keeping three cows as sufficient for their use. Each married man, enlisted or hired living on the post, can keep one milk cow for the use of his own family.

If anyone considers this allowance insufficient to supply milk for the persons living in his family, he will report the fact to the commanding officer who will give him if he thinks his representations correct, a written permission to increase the number of his annuals. One months time is allowed to persons to reduce their number in accordance with this order.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Order

Benicia Arsenal

April 29th 1863

The command will be mustered at 10 O'C A.M. tomorrow the 30th instant.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Special Orders No

Benicia Arsenal

May 19th 1863

Mr. August van Arx, master armorer in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal, will proceed to San Francisco and select two sets of armorers small tools, after which he will return to this arsenal.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No

June 20th 1863

First class Pvt John Williams is promoted to Corpl. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Second class Pvt John H Pearson is promoted to Pvt 1st class. The above promotions to take effect from the 1st instant.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order

August 8th 1863

1st class Pvt Michael Leonard is promoted to Corpl. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. 2nd class Privates Brady, Clark, Ebers, _____, and Gilroy promoted to Pvs 1st class. The above promotions to take effect from the 1st instant.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders No

August 19th 1863

Sergeant William McKennan of the Ordnance Detachment at this post will proceed to Sacramento Cal and examine the ordnance stores which were turned over to adjt genl Wilm C Kibble of the State of Cal, after which he will reutn to this post.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders

August 31st 1863

The command will be mustered at 1½ O'C P.M. today.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders

August 31st 1863

2nd class Privates Joseph Keenan, William Fitzpatrick and Charles Ryan are promoted to Pvts 1st class to take effect from the 1st Sept 1863.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order

Sept 5th 1863

In accordance with the application of Mil S.K. T.J. Eckerson commanding Vancouver Arsenal, and with the consent of the genl commanding the Dept. the following enlisted men of ord are transferred to Vancouver Arsenal: Corpl Charles Gregor acting Sergt; Corpl Charles van Bertram; 1st class Pvt Richard Livingston; 2nd class Private Charles Hirsemann.

The detachment will be furnished with quarters at provost Guard San Francisco from upon arrival in ____ until Monday next – when they leave for Vancouver.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No

October 15 1863

Assistant surgeon J Campbell Shorb U.S.A. will proceed to San Francisco in compliance with special orders No 233, Head Quarters Department of the Pacific dated San Francisco Cal October 12th 1863, and after transacting the business for which he is detailed he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No

October 26th 1863

Corporal Flannery Ordnance Department will proceed to San Francisco Cal and transact the public business he is entrusted with, after which he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders

Oct 31st 1863

The command will be mustered at 1½ O'C P.M. today.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Orders

Dec 31st 1863

The command will be mustered at 10½ O'C A.M. today.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

1864

Benicia Arsenal

Orders

Jan 19th 1864

2nd class Private George Wolf is hereby promoted to the rank of Private 1st class to date from the 1st instant.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders

Jan 29th 1864

Acting Sergeant Walsh will take charge of the detachment and will perform the duties heretofore performed by acting Sergeant Trisnan. Corporal Madden will take charge of the laboratory.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders

Feb 1st 1864

Acting Sergeant Walsh will detail the ranking Corpl to take charge of each working party, and will visit the detachments several times during the day to see they are at the work assigned them.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders

March 28th 1864

Second class Private John Klein is promoted to Private 1st class from the 1st instant. Corporal Nicholas Ebers is reduced to Private 1st class from the 1st instant.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders

April 11th 1864

1st class Privates Charles Ryan and William Fitzpatrick are detailed as teamster. They will be promoted to Corporal from the 1st instant.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders

May 7th 1864

1st class Privates Joseph Keenan and Patrick Brady are promoted to the rank of Corporals from the 1st inst.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders

May 15th 1864

1st class Private John Meade is promoted to the rank of Corporal from the 1st instant.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

May 28 1864

The Guard will not allow Wm Melrose to come on the post on any pretence until further orders.

J McAllister

Capt Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 1

May 31st 1864

In accordance with the orders of War Dept, I assume command of this arsenal. Capt McAllister will turn over to me all property funds appertaining to the arsenal.

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 2

June 1st 1864

Superintendent J.C. Stone, Sergt Thomas Delany and Corpl James Flannery will proceed without delay to make an inventory of all the property on and at this arsenal, compare the same with the return, and report the result to the commanding officer, and the condition of said stores.

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 3

June 2nd 1864

Hereafter no more cows or dogs will be kept on the ordnance reserve without permission of the commanding officer.

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

June 3rd 1864

Captain Julian McAllister, Ordnance Department, is hereby relieved from duty at this arsenal.

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

June 4th 1864

C.S. Palmer, master blacksmith in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal, will proceed to San Francisco Cal and select certain materials for the ordnance dept at this arsenal, after the completion of this duty he will return to this post.

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order

June 6th 1864

J.C. Stone, superintendent at Benicia Arsenal and Sergeant William McKennan of Ord Corps will proceed this afternoon to Benicia to inspect and report upon (100) one hundred saddles (complete) and (100) one hundred saddle bags reported made by Mr. J.L. Billings, saddler at Benicia, in accordance with aggrievement.

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order

June 8 1864

Hereafter the hired mechanics borne on the rolls of this arsenal, as master workmen, will have charge of the respective shops in which they are employed, subject to such orders and instructions as they may, from time to time, receive from the superintendent of works at this arsenal.

Lieut Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order

June 8 1864

During the absence of the comdg officer of the arsenal, the superintendent and senior Sergeant will report to assistant surgeon J.C. Shorb. In any emergency, assistance may be called for from the comdg officer of Benicia Barracks.

Lieut Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No

June 14th 1864

The working hours fixed for this arsenal are established as well for the enlisted men as those who are hired.

These regulations will be strictly observed and any neglect of the same will be reported to the commanding officer immediately by any non-commissioned officer or superintendent under whose notice the infraction shall care.

All ordnance men are cautioned to treat with proper respect the officers and non commissioned officers over them.

Any infractions of regulations and orders at this arsenal will be met with the most prompt decided actions on the part of the commanding officer.

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders

June 13th 1864

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal, will proceed to San Francisco Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted. After its completion he will return to this post.

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 4

June 28 1864

The following rules and regulations are published for the government of the arsenal Guard, and will be closely followed and obeyed.

The duty of the Guard is not only to protect public property but also to preserve order and secure obedience to rules and regulations. Any non-commissioned officer or Private of said Guard will report to this senior on duty any irregularities which may come under his notice.

Sentinels will commence hailing in the morning when it becomes so dark that at one hundred and fifty paces the face cannot be seen distinctively enough to recognize the person.

A person approaching a sentinel should be hailed when twenty paces from him and permitted to approach him as near as eight feet in order that the countersign may be given in a low tone. But one person at a time will thus advance.

Should the sentinel at any time after the hailing hour discover any person in the vicinity of his post or the public buildings not having the countersign he will detain said person and call for the Corporal of the Guard.

Close attention to instructions and orders and the utmost vigilance will be required of all sentinels.

The non-commissioned officers will instruct properly the men of the Guard and enforce close obedience to instructions, visiting the sentinels, on each relief at least twice during the two hours tour.

One non-commissioned officer must always be on the alert at the Guard house.

Men of the Guard will not be permitted to leave the vicinity of the Guard house for longer than ten minutes except in case of sickness when the fact will at once be reported to the comdg officer of the arsenal.

All neglect of duty and violation of orders by members of the Guard or of the arsenal detachment will be reported by the senior non-commissioned officer of the Guard to the comdg officer of the arsenal before Guard mounting.

The sentinel at No 1, posted at the front gate, will not permit drunken or disorderly persons nor loose cattle and horses to enter the arsenal grounds: persons not suspicious in appearance will be allowed to pass without the countersign until on business with the officers of the post to whom they will be accompanied by a non-commissioned officer of the Guard, unless they have a written permit from the comdg officer, when they will be reported by the non-comd officer of the Guard to the comdg officer.

Sentinel No 2, posted near the main arsenal, whilst following the general regulations for sentinels, will be responsible for the safety of said arsenal and the public buildings in its vicinity. He will not permit them to be entered after the closing of the same in the evening without the person wishing to enter having the countersign. On any suspicious circumstances attracting his attention he will at once call for the Sergeant of the Guard, and be prompt to protect his charge. No vessels will be allowed by him to land or anchor within 150 yards of the arsenal grounds.

On perceiving any vessel desirous of landing he will notify the Corporal of the Guard who, with a file of men, will proceed to the wharf and if said vessel is loaded with government stores will permit the landing reporting the same to the comdg officer. No person will be allowed to land except such as are necessary to moor the vessel, until the consent of the comdg officer is obtained.

The picket or sentinel near the magazines will have for their principal duty the protection of the magazines and public buildings and stores in their vicinity. After the closing of the work in the evening

they will permit no person to approach said magazines without the countersign. During the day no person unaccompanied by Sergeant McKennan, or not having a pass from the comdg officer, will be permitted to enter, no vessels will be allowed to anchor within 150 yards of the arsenal grounds nor any boat to land thereon except in charge of known officers, or the men of this command.

(signed) R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg Arsenal

Post Orders No 8

Benicia Arsenal
June 30th 1864

The command will be mustered at 4½ O'C P.M. today.

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Post Orders No 9

Benicia Arsenal
July 2nd 1864

Next Monday being the 88th anniversary of the declaration of Independence of the United States of America, on that day all public labor except the necessary police and Guard duty will be suspended at this arsenal. A national salute will be fired at 12 O'C P.M.

Post Orders No 10

Benicia Arsenal Cal

August 3rd 1864

Tomorrow being set apart by the President as a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer, the public shops at this arsenal will be closed and all work at the post will cease, except the necessary Guard and police.⁹⁸

(signed) R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Commanding

⁹⁸ Another obscure reference to the American Civil War, which by now had devolved into trench warfare in certain theatres.

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 11

August 9 1864

Until further orders no persons, not known to be officers of the United States, will be permitted to visit or loiter in the vicinity of the public buildings, without permission of the commanding officer of the arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Commanding

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 12

August 30th 1864

The command will be mustered at 1½ O'C P.M. tomorrow the 31st instant.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 13

September 7th 1864

A salute of one hundred guns will be fired at this arsenal at Meridian, in commemoration of the recent victories gained by the Navy and Army of the United States at Mobile and near Atlanta Georgia.⁹⁹

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 14

October 7th 1864

Until further orders the Sergeant of the new Guard will report to the commanding officer of the arsenal immediately after Guard mounting.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Commanding

⁹⁹ Battle of Mobile Bay, Georgia: Admiral Farragut seals the last of the Confederate ports in the Gulf of Mexico. Atlanta, defended by General Hood, fell to General Sherman after a four month siege. These victories greatly boosted the morale of Union Forces.

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order

Oct 10th 1864

2nd class Private Anthony Campbell having re-enlisted in the detachment is hereby promoted to Corporal to date from re-enlistment.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 16

October 11th 1864

Extract of War Department Special Order, No 294, of September 5th 1864, confirming the resignation of assistant surgeon J Campbell Shorb U.S.A. having been received at this post. The said assistant surgeon J Campbell Shorb, U.S.A. is accordingly hereby relieved from duty at this arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lieut Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 17

October 13th 1864

In the event of any building or property, within the limits of the ordnance or quartermasters reserve, taking fire the fact will be immediately reported to the officers in command; and two black cartridges fired successively, from the field piece.

The Guard, except the sentinels, will be marched to the east side of quarters No 1, and the Sergeant of the same will report to the commanding officer of the arsenal. In case of riot or apprehended attack the commanding officer will at once be notified, and the detachment and Guard under arms, except the sentinels, will be marched to a point in front of the west door of the arsenal.¹⁰⁰

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg Arsenal

¹⁰⁰ Union Forces on the west coast were understandably stricken with a "siege mentality," wary of Confederate insurgents who might try and annex military bases within California.

Benicia Arsenal

Laboratory Regulations

July 19th 1864

No smoking allowed in or in the vicinity of the buildings, nor will matches be carried on the persons of any of the workmen.

But two barrels of powder will be permitted to remain in the laboratory at one time. Should any powder remain after preparing ammunition it will be returned to the magazine with completed ammunition.

The floors of the laboratories will be frequently swept and sprinkled. Should any powder fall upon the floor it will be immediately moved.

The superintendent of the laboratories before closing the same in the evening will inspect the buildings and see that all doors and windows are securely fastened before turning over the keys of the same.

No persons will be permitted to enter the laboratories except on business or by permission of the commanding officer.

Order and cleanliness will be strictly enforced in the laboratory buildings.

The superintendent of the laboratories will be held accountable for the enforcement of these rules.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg Arsenal

Benicia Arsenal

Commanding officers signals by bell front of quarters No 7

October 19th 1864

One stroke - call on office; two strokes – call on arsenal; three strokes – call on stables; four strokes – call on laboratory; five strokes – call on Mr. Stone.

Night Signal

One stroke – call on watchman; two strokes – call on Sergt Guard. Continuous ringing for the assembly of the detachment and Guard under arms in front of commanding officers quarters. Corporal Flannery will answer call on office; Sergeant McKennan will answer call on arsenal; George O’Neill will answer call on stables.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order

August 16 1864

Master armorer Eugene Bandel and armorer Fred W Lerch will proceed to San Francisco Bay and sight the guns at Fort Point, Presidio, Alcatraz, Angel Island and Blacks's Point, according to instructions given.

(signed) R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Chif Ord Officer Dept Pacific

Benicia Arsenal

Orders

October 28th 1864

The mechanics and laborers employed at this arsenal are required to be prepared to commence work at the ringing of the bell for that purpose, and not to be absent from their occupations during working hours longer than ten minutes at a time, without permission from the commanding officer.

The names of all employes arriving after the ringing of the bell for commencement of work will be reported to the commander of the arsenal by superintendent of shops and those arriving fifteen minutes late will be only credited with three-fourths of a day, unless satisfactory excuse be given to commanding officer and the time made up.

The engine in the work shops will be stopped five minutes prior to the ringing of the bell for discontinuance of work.

It is hoped that all those employed at the arsenal will feel the necessity of a close observance of the regulations of the post.

The sentinels will not be removed from their posts in the morning until the work shops and arsenal are in the charge of the master workmen or the ringing of the bell for commencement of work.

(signed) R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Commanding

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders No

November 18th 1864

Until further orders the night sentinels of the Guard at this arsenal, not posted during the day, on week days, will be continued on their respective posts during the day on Sundays.

(signed) R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Commanding

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No

November 22 1864

The enlisted men of the Ordnance Detachment quartered in the barracks, will be present every night in their quarters at 9.30 O'clock P.M., and will not be absent therefrom, between that hour and bell ringing in the morning, for longer than ten minutes without permission of the commanding officer.

Lights in the barracks will be extinguished at 10 O'clock Pm.

The senior non-commissioned officer will be responsible for the strict obedience of these orders, and will report all violations of the same.

All orders now in force inconsistent with the above order are hereby revoked.

Corporal Charles Ryan of the Ordnance Detachment at this arsenal, is, for drunkenness and gross disorderly conduct, hereby reduced to the grade of 2nd class Private; to take effect from the 22nd instant.

1st class Privates Nicholas Ebers and John Klein to be Corporals; and 2nd class Private Peter Dugan to be Private 1st class; to date fro the 22nd instant.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order

October 21 1864

Mr. Wm Sulton, clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal, will proceed to San Francisco, Cal and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will rejoin this post.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order

November 5th 1864

Mr. Wm Sulton, clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal, will proceed to San Francisco, Cal and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will rejoin this post.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order

Dec 1st 1864

First class Private John Magin of the Ordnance Department at this arsenal is hereby promoted to the rank of Corporal; to date from December 1st 1864.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order

December 21st 1864

By authority of the Chief of Ordnance, of date November 16th 1864, Corporal Wm Walsh of the Ordnance Detachment t this arsenal is hereby promoted to the rank of Sergeant to date from October 1st 1864. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order

December 24 1864

Tomorrow being Christmas day the work shops will be closed and no work except the necessary police duties performed. The Ordnance Detachment have permission to be absent during the day when not on police duty.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

1865

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 1

January 2 1865

The non-commissioned officer in charge of the Guard will see that no _____ is committed by the sentinels or any other persons, in the vicinity of the Guard house and other public buildings at the arsenal. The Sergeant of the Guard will be held strictly responsible for the proper observance of this order.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 2

January 4th 1865

During the absence of the commanding officer, Mr. Stone, superintendent, will transmit to the Sergeant of the Guard the order left with him.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order, Special No 3

February 20th 1865

Mr G.H. Child, clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal will proceed to San Francisco Cal and transact the public business with which he entrusted, after which he will return to this post.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg Post

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 4

February 21st 1865

In addition to the mark placed upon boxes prepared for shipment, and required by circular No 63 series of 1864 the date to correspond with date of invoice shall be distinctly marked upon such packages and if different invoices bear the same date the numbers of the invoices, a series of which will be made must me added to the date thus: "January 2nd 1865, invoice No 2."

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No 5

Feb 21st 1865

The 22nd February being the anniversary of the birth day of the Father of this country and to enable all to properly celebrate this great day the work shops at this arsenal will be closed and the Guard and police duties only be performed.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order No 6

February 25 1865

Mr G.H. Child, clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal will proceed to San Francisco Cal and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will return to this post.

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No 7

Feb 25th 1865

A national salute of thirty five guns will be fired this day at 12 O'clock P.M. in honor of the restoration of the Flag of the Union over the battered walls of Fort Sumpter.¹⁰¹

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 8

March 1st 1865

2nd class Private John Mangin having enlisted in the detachment is hereby promoted to Corporal to date from enlistment.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

¹⁰¹ General Sherman's advance through the Carolinas forced the exhausted Confederate defenders to abandon Charleston. Confederate forces under Major T.A. Huguenin evacuated the city and fort on the 17th of February, and the Union officially took control of the long fought over fort on the 22nd.

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 9

March 25th 1865

Mr G.H. Child clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal will proceed to San Francisco Cal and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will return to this post.

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Orders No 10

March 25th 1865

Eugene Bandel, machinist in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal will proceed to San Francisco Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted; after which he will return to this post.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Commanding

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 11

April 6th 1865

A salute of a hundred guns will be fired today at 12 O'C, in in honor of the capture of the city of Richmond from the hands of the insurgents.¹⁰²

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

¹⁰² Richmond, Virginia, the capital of the Confederacy. The President of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis, and his cabinet fled the city on the 1st of April. The following day, General Grant captured the city. Small sidenote, it should be noted that it was Jefferson Davis, as secretary of war during the 1850s, that first thought of using camels to traverse the deserts of the American West. For a more comprehensive understanding of the series of events that led to there being camels within the city of Benicia California, consult with the curator of the Benicia Camel Barn Museum.

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No 12

April 18th 1865

On the 14th of April 1865, a day never to be forgotten by the American people, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, fell by the hand of an assassin.

The heart is oppressed with grief, horror, and amazement in the contemplation of an act so ruthless and so momentous in its consequence.

A single blow has sent from our midst the just, the true, and noble representation of a free people.

We have to console us, in this terrible bereavement, the growing fruits of his noble and unselfish labors, the remembrance of his many virtues, and the consciousness that the name and renown of Abraham Lincoln will fill one of the mightiest pages in the book of history; and in the hearts of his countrymen; and of all lovers of true liberty, of all _____ and of all nations.

Tomorrow, amid the tears and bitter regrets of a bereaved people, will be borne to its last resting place, the bruised casket which once held the spirit of Abraham Lincoln. Although far distant from these our countrymen let us join with them in paying this last tribute of love and respect, and may we not hope, that, joined with the galaxy of the mighty men of the past, and America's sons, he may aid in inspiring our thoughts, and shaping the destinies of this our loved country.

On the morrow, half-hour guns will be fired, between sunrise and sunset, the flag displayed at half mast, and work discontinued at this arsenal.¹⁰³

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 13

April 26 1865

Mr G.H. Child clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal, will proceed to San Francisco Cal and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will return to this post.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

¹⁰³ The assassination of Abraham Lincoln by actor and Confederate sympathizer John Wilkes Booth on the 14th of April, 1865, at Ford's Theatre in Washington D.C, was part of a larger plot to also murder Secretary of State William Seward and Vice President Andrew Johnson. Booth's accomplices, George Atzerodt and Lewis Powell, failed in eliminating their respective targets.

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 14

May 15 1865

All vessels laden with government stores desirous of landing at the arsenal wharf will be permitted to do so during the day or night, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the Guard reporting promptly to the comdg officer of the arsenal in each case during the day; and in the morning in the case of vessels arriving during the night.

No respectably dressed and well behaving citizen will be prevented walking through the grounds of the arsenal during the day time. All orders or parts of orders conflicting with the foregoing are hereby rescinded.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 15

May 27th 1865

Mr G.H. Child clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal will proceed to San Francisco Cal and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will return to this post.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 16

May 31st 1865

Tomorrow, the 1st of June, being set apart by the President as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer, the public shops at this arsenal will be closed, and, all labor at the post, excepting the necessary Guard and police, suspended.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col of Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 17

June 2nd 1865

By authority of the Chief of Ordnance, of May 8th 1865, Corporal Anthony Campbell of the Ordnance Detachment at this arsenal is hereby promoted to the rank of Sergeant; to date from April 1st 1865. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col of Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 18

June 13 1865

_____ Stone, Child, and McKennan, are appointed to take the annual inventory for this arsenal, which they will please complete by the time filed by regulations.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 19

June 13 1865

All vessels arriving with or coming for government stores will be permitted to land at the arsenal whard. The arrivals will be reported by the Sergeant of the Guard during the day; and those arriving at night with a number of men onboard excluding the force of the Guard, will be reported immediately to the commanding officer. Vessels arriving at night will be approached by the Sergeant of the Guard and file of men. The Sergeant will carefully ascertain the character of the vessel.

All peaceable and well behaved citizens will be permitted to walk in the grounds of the arsenal dusk. Visitors to officers' quarters and mens' quarters will not be molested until after ten o'clock, when the countersign, or permission by an officer, or Sergeant of the Guard, or proper representation, will be required.

All post orders conflicting with the above are hereby repealed.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders No 20

June 20th 1865

The Sergeants of the Guard will see that no dogs belonging to members of the Guard, or following the same be permitted to enter or remain in the arsenal grounds. Any violations of this order will be promptly reported to the commanding officer.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col of Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 21

June 28th 1865

Mr G.H. Child clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal will proceed to San Francisco Cal and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will return to this post.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 22

June 27th 1865

Corporal Charles van Bertram of the Ordnance Detachment at this post is in addition to his present duties, assigned to the charge of the enlisted men in quarters, and the mess. He will accordingly relieve Sergeant Wm Walsh, of said detachment, who will turn over to him the property and funds, pertaining thereto, in his charge.

Corporal Klein will assist Corporal van Bertram in the discharge of these duties. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col of Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 23

June 28 1865

Sergeant Gustavus Zabel, being senior Sergeant of the Ordnance Detachment at this arsenal, will take charge of receive and issue the clothing to the enlisted men of the same. And make ____ the Morning Reports and countersigns. All orders conflicting with the above are hereby repealed.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col of Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 24

July 3rd 1865

On the 4th of July, the anniversary of the Independence of the United States, a national salute of thirty five guns will be fired at Meredian. During the day the workshops and store houses will be closed, and the Guard and police duties alone performed.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col of Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 25

July 28th 1865

Mr G.H. Child clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal will proceed to San Francisco Cal and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will return to this post.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 26

August 2nd 1865

The marking of names, letters or figures, on buildings, fences or other property within the limits of the Arsenal Reserve is strictly forbidden. Superintendents and the non-comm'd officers of the Guard will promptly report all infractions of this order to the commanding officer.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 27

August 8th 1865

Sergeant Campbell as senior non-commissioned officer will have charge of the Detachment of Ordnance. As the services of Corporal van Bertram are required in the work shops, Corporal Klein will have immediate superintendence over the Ordnance men, and take charge of the mess.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No 28

August 24th 1865

Until further orders sentinel No 2 will not commence hailing till 11 O'clock P.M.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No 29

Aug 29th 1865

The senior Ordnance Sergeant of the Detachment will read to the Detachment after master the rules and articles of war, and continue to do so at the expiration of every six months.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 30

August 30 1865

1st Lieut William A Marye, Ordnance Department, having reported at this arsenal in obedience to War Department Special Order 303 of 1865, is assigned to duty. Lieutenant Marye will act as adjutant of the post and have a general supervision over all property in store.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col of Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 31

Aug 31st 1865

The command will be mustered at 12½ P.M. this day.

W.A. Marye

1st Lieut of Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No 32

Sept 5th 1865

Immediately after the discontinuance of work at the arsenal in the evening the night sentinels will be posted. The sentinels will not be removed from their posts in the morning until the workshops and arsenal are in charge of the master workmen.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 33

Sept 18th 1865

The attention of the commanding officer has been called to frequent rude and unsoldierlike conduct on the part of members of the Guard and sentinels on duty at this arsenal, in staring at, in the most gross manner, and frequently addressing persons, passing near their posts, whom no orders or regulations require them to notice.

This conduct has become a perfect nuisance to all citizens, is grossly unmilitary, and is not excusable in the newest recruits who have been brought up in a civilized community, and must and shall be abated.

The non-commissioned officers of the Guard will be held strictly responsible for the prompt suppression of this rudeness, and will see that the sentinels walk their posts regularly and comply strictly with the regulations of the service and post.

Any violation of these instructions will be promptly reported to the commanding officer. The sentinel or member of the Guard will be disarmed, stripped of his belts, and placed in close confinement.

All persons treated with rudeness, or in any way molested by soldiers or employes connected with this arsenal, will confer a favor on the comdg officer by reporting the case to him.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 34

September 29 1865

1st Lieut Wm A Marye will receive and receipt for the Ordnance Stores in store at this arsenal at the end of the present month and issue the same on orders of the commanding officer of the arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col of Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 35

Oct 2nd 1865

Lt Wm A Marye, U.S. Ordnance, Benicia Arsenal

Sir,

You will please proceed to Alcatraz Island tomorrow and count and examine the barrels of powder there stored belonging to this arsenal and on your return report the result of your inspection to the comdg officer of this arsenal.

Very respectfully, your obdt servt,

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No 36

Oct 2nd 1865

Sergeant Anthony Campbell is appointed actg Sergeant Major of the post, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 37

October 21st 1865

In accordance with the spirit of instructions from the Ordnance Office of June 8th 1865, to comdg officer of this arsenal, Lieut W.A. Marye will proceed on this evenings boat to San Francisco and be prepared, on the following morning, to receive at Forts in Bay of San Francisco, the arms,

accoutrements, ammunition, pertaining to the 8th regiment of Cal Vols; and such other Ordnance Stores as may be ordered to be turned over to him by proper authority, giving to the officers responsible for the property the proper receipts, the stores will be then packed and turned over to the quartermaster for transportation to the Benicia Arsenal.

Lieut Marye will request of the commanding officers of the posts visited such assistance as he may require. This duty being performed, Lieut Marye will return to this command.

(signed) R.A. Wainright

Lt Col of Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 38

Oct 31st 1865

The command will be mustered at 11½ A.M. today.

W.A. Marye

1st Lieut of Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Orders No 39

October 21st 1865

A _____ armorer in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal, will proceed to Presidio Fort Point and Alcatraz Island in the harbor of San Francisco, Cal, and pack the arms to be received from troops to be mustered out of service, after its completion he will return to this post.

(signed) R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 40

November 13th 1865

2nd class Private Hanibal C Hackett, having enlisted in the Detachment is hereby promoted to 1st class Private, to date from enlistment.

(signed) R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 41

November 20th 1865

Private Frederick W Peirce having enlisted in the Detachment of Ordnance at this arsenal is hereby promoted to 1st class Private, to date from enlistment.¹⁰⁴

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 42

Nov 23rd 1865

The Guard at the arsenal will until further orders be constituted as follows.

One Ordnance soldier during the day for the public buildings south of the laboratory including the same.

Two Ordnance soldiers for the same duty by night serving alternately from dusk to sunrise when they will be relieved by the day Watchman.

Two citizens, night watchman for the public buildings north of laboratory to be stationed most of the time near magazines and store houses and to go on duty at dusk alternately, until sunrise.

The watchmen will be under ___ Deal who will be held responsible for the faithful performance of this duty.

On inspection of the Detachment of Ordnance under arms, and also of the quarters occupied by them will be made by the post adjutant on every Sunday at 9 A.M. by order of the Lieut Colonel Commanding.

(signed)

W.A. Marye

Post Adjt

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 43

November 27 1865

John Kirchner saddler in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal, will proceed to San Francisco, Cal, and select the materials as per memorandum given.

¹⁰⁴ The private's last name could also possibly be "Purce" or "Pierce." The problem with reading old cursive is the numerous loops that succeed one another constantly.

(signed) R.A Wainright Lt Col Ordnance

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 44

Dec 5th 1865

Corporal C van Bertram for disobedience of orders is hereby reduced to the grade of 2nd class Private of Ordnance. By order of Col R.A. Wainright Comdg.

W.A. Marye

Lieut of Ord and Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 45

Dec 6th 1865

After the discontinuance of work in the evening, one stroke of the bell at the comdg officers quarters will be the signal for the Corp of the Guard will report to the Comdg Officer. By order of Col R.A. Wainright.

W.A. Marye

Lieut of Ordn and Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 46

Dec 22nd 1865

Until further orders 1st Lieut Bvt Capt W.A. Marye will _____ the rules of arsenal.¹⁰⁵

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 46

December 6th 1865

Tomorrow, December 7th, being set apart by the President as day of national thanksgiving and prayer, the public shops at this arsenal will be closed and all labor at the arsenal, except the necessary Guard and police duties, suspended. By order of Colonel Wainright.

W.A. Marye

Lieut of Ord and Post Adj

¹⁰⁵ This particular log was partially erased, on purpose. What was contained in the rather short log is documented here. Most likely the order was nullified, as the next log is marked as the 46th order.

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No 47

Dec 22nd 1865

Until further orders 1st Lt and Bvt Capt W.A. Marye will perform the duties of assistant quarter master and assistant commissary of subsistence at this arsenal, and will receipt for such Qr masters and commissary stores as may be required for the use of this arsenal. By order of Colonel Wainright.

W.A. Marye

Lt Ord Bvt Capt U.S.A. Post Adjt

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 48

December 30th 1865

The command will be mustered at 10 O'clock A.M. tomorrow. By order of Colonel Wainright.

W.A. Marye

Lt Ord Bvt Capt U.S.A Post Adjt

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No 49

December 31st 1865

Tomorrow being New Years day the workshops will be closed and no work, except the necessary Guard and police duties performed. By order of Colonel Wainright.

W.A. Marye

Lt Ord Bvt Capt U.S.A Post Adjt

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Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No 50

January 2nd 1866

1st class Private Hannibal C Hackett and Frederick W Peirce are hereby promoted to the rank of Corporal, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. 2nd class Private Joseph Gibson promoted to 1st class Private. The above promotions to take effect from the 1st inst. By order of Colonel Wainright.

W.A. Marye

1st Lieut Ord Bvt Capt U.S.A Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 51

Feb 2nd 1866

Hereafter in addition to the roll call of company at bell ring in the morning, the roll will be called at 9 P.M. by the senior N.C. officer on duty at the barracks; at 9½ P.M. the lights at the barracks must be extinguished and all men in their beds. All absentees or lates at roll call will be reported to the comdg officer; all applications for passes _____ from any duty must be handed in to sen serg before 8 A.M, __ submitted by him to Comdg officer. By command of Col R.A. Wainright.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt U.S.A Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 51

February 3rd 1866

Armorer Eugene Bandel will proceed to the battery at San Jose Point Cal, and attach the sights to the rifled guns at that point. After performing this work he will return to Benicia Arsenal. Armorer Bandel will report to the Comdg Officer of the battery and exhibit this order. By command of Col R.A. Wainright.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt U.S.A. Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 52

Feb 7th 1866

1st Lieut and Bvt Capt W.A. Marye will proceed to Fort Point and Alcatraz Island San Francisco Bay and superintend the placing in position for proof the 15 in guns received per the requirements of the Ordnance Manual except that the battering shot weight 450 lbs will be used in lieu of the shell. The

guns should be placed upon the ground and sufficient elevation given them before firing to prevent much recoil.

After the performance of the duty assigned Bvt Capt Marye will return to Benicia Arsenal and report to the commanding officer the result of the proof. By command of Col R.A. Wainright.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt U.S.A. Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 53

Feb 21st 1866

Tomorrow being the anniversary of Washington's birthday all work at this arsenal will be suspended except the necessary police and Guard duty.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 54

Feb 24th 1866

2nd class Private Charles van Bertram is hereby promoted to the rank of Corporal to date from the 1st inst. By command of Col R.A. Wainright.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt U.S.A. Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 55

February 24th 1866

Brevet Captain W.A. Marye, Ordnance Department, having on his return from San Francisco, reported the guns not in readiness for proof and having performed certain duties required of him at this arsenal, will proceed to Fort Point on the 26th and complete the work assigned to him by Post Orders No 52. By command of Col R.A. Wainright.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt U.S.A. Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 56

March 4th 1866

Corporal Hanibal C Hackett is hereby promoted to the rank of Sergeant 1st class Private. George Wolf promoted to Corporal to take effect from the 1st inst. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. By command of Colonel Wainright.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt U.S.A Post Adj

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 57

March 12th 1866

1st Lieut Bvt Capt W.A. Marye is relieved from duty as acting adjutant of this arsenal.

Holding the positions of acting military storekeeper asst Qr Master and asst commissary of the duties appertaining to said appointments.

As the military duties and detail of the arsenal being under the eye and immediate control of the commanding officer they will not be interfered with by any one of this command.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 58

March 16th 1866

Tomorrow St. Patrick's Day the shops at this arsenal will be closed, and all labor at the arsenal except the necessary Guard and police duties suspended.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 59

March 16th 1866

The commanding officer of this arsenal will be absent on duty until Monday evening next. During his absence the ordinary detail not be changed and no requisition will be acted upon, which are now unapproved or ordered by him, except in case of pressing necessity.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 60

March 23rd 1866

On Saturday evening next 1st Lieut and Bvt Capt W.A. Marye will proceed to San Francisco having in charge Private John Callahan of the Ordnance Detachment whom on his arrival at the city he will turn over to the provost Guard of the same for safe keeping.

On the following morning the prisoner Callahan will be taken to the Presidio by Capt Marye and turned over to the commanding officer for trial by court martial.

Bvt Capt Marye will then hold himself in readiness together with the witnesses in Private Callahans case to appear before the court about to convene at the Presidio.

The court having no further need of there services, Capt Marye will return to the arsenal with the witnesses belonging to the command and report by letter to the commanding officer.

During the absence of the actg mil storekeeper and a.a. commissary subsistence the commanding officer will afford such assistance as may be required in the performance of these duties, Sergeant Anthony Campbell and John Mangin witnesses before the court will accompany Bvt Capt Marye.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 61

March 21st 1866

The acting asst qr master Benicia Arsenal will furnish the necessary transportation to carry out the requirements of arsenal order No 60.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 62

March 29th 1866

On the arrival of Captain Mr Q Morris asst qr master Benicia Depot Captain W.A. Marye will report to him the failure of his clerks to furnish the required transportation for himself and party to San Francisco and also the disregard of his requisitions for said transportation made in accordance with special orders from Department Head Qrs and in compliance with arsenal orders No 60 and 61 and cause this business to be settled before receiving the qr masters property about being turned over to him and report the result to the commanding officer of this arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 63

April 2nd 1866

2nd class Private Thomas Hogan is hereby promoted to 1st class Private to date from the 1st inst.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Orders No 64

April 5th 1866

A board of survey to consist of J.C. Stone, Wm McKennan, and James Flannery, employes at this arsenal will convene at 1 o'clock P.M. today, or as soon thereafter as practicable to examine and report upon the condition of certain Ordnance Stores received from the East, and reported unserviceable, by 1st Lieut and bvt Captain W.A. Marye, acting M.S.K. of Ordnance.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 65

April 11th 1866

On Friday next Sergeant H.C. Hackett and Private Gustavus Osterhouse will with prisoner Private Denis McCarthy proceed to Presidio of San Francisco where Private McCarthy will be turned over to the commander of said post in accordance with the instructions of the Department Commander.

The acting assistant quartermaster Benicia Arsenal will please furnish the necessary transportation for this detachment to San Francisco by the Suisun Boat and make such arrangement as will prevent any delay in San Francisco.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 66

April 12th 1866

Sergt H.C. Hackett and Private Gustavus Osterhouse will return to this arsenal after performing the duty assigned to them in arsenal order No 65. The a.a.q.m. Benicia Arsenal will please furnish the necessary transportation.¹⁰⁶

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 66

April 13th 1866

1st class Private Thomas Hogan will accompany Sergeant H.C. Hackett instead of Gustavus Osterhouse, as ordered in arsenal order No 65.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 67

April 16th 1866

The following roll calls, signals, parades and regulations are hereby established until further orders. Reveille – one hour before bell ring; retreat – at bell ring in the evening; _____ - 9'clock P.M.; assembly of the Guard – 5 minutes before 8 O'clock A.M.; breakfast call – half an hour before bell ring; dinner call – 12 O'clock M; sick call – 8½ o'clock A.M.; drill call – 1 o'clock P.M. The Guard will mount at ___ o'clock A.M. until further orders.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

¹⁰⁶ This order was crossed out, but is kept here for preservation's sake. The following order supercedes it.

Arsenal Order No 68
Benicia Arsenal
April 30th 1866
The command will be mustered at 11 AM this day.
(signed) R.A. Wainright
Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Arsenal Order No 69
Benicia Arsenal
May 1st 1866
1st class Private Joseph Gibson is hereby promoted to Corporal.
(signed) R.A. Wainright
Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Arsenal Order No 70
Benicia Arsenal Cal
May 9th 1866
On Friday next Corporal Frederick W Peirce and Private George E Thomas will with prisoner Gustavus Osterhouse proceed to Presidio of San Francisco where Private Osterhouse will be turned over to the instructions of the Department Commander. This duty being performed Corporal Peirce and Private Thomas will return to this arsenal.
The acting asst qr master Benicia Arsenal will please furnish the necessary transportation for this detachment to San Francisco by the Suisun Boat and make such arrangement as will prevent any delay in San Francisco.
(signed) R.A. Wainright
Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A Comdg

Arsenal Order No 71
Benicia Arsenal
May 10th 1866
The three senior non comd officers in the barracks will for the present control the expenditures and furnishing of the table, provisions and ____ for the ordnance mess. The senior non comd officer will preside at the table and will at once check all disorderly conduct at the same and if necessary report all infractions to the comdg officer.
(signed) R.A. Wainright Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 72

May 14th 1866

The following enlisted men of the Ordnance detachment are hereby promoted to 1st class Privates to date from the 1st inst. Viz: Peter Hitchon; John Bush; John Shannon; Henry D Schmidt; John A Pele; Henry Woden; Edward Maloy.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 1

May 18th 1866

In accordance with the desires of the commander of the Department of California 1st Lt W.A. Marye Bvt Capt Ord Dept will proceed to Camp Union Sacramento Cal and receive and receipt for the Ordnance and Ordnance stores to be turned in at that place by officers of volunteer organizations and will cause the same to be properly packed and forwarded to this arsenal.

Having performed the ____ mentioned duty Bvt captain Marye will return to this arsenal. As soon as the arms are ready to be turned in Bvt capt Marye will inform the commanding officer of this arsenal when a competent person will be sent to Camp Union as assistant.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 73

May 18th 1866

So much of arsenal order No 72 May 14th as announced the promotion of Private John Shannon is hereby revoked.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 74

May 22nd 1866

The promotion of Private Peter Hitchon as announced in arsenal order No 72 May 14 is hereby revoked.

(signed) R.A. Wainright Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 75

May 22nd 1866

The following enlisted men of the Ordnance Detachment are hereby promoted to 1st class Private to date from the 20th inst. John Bradley, Rufus Colton, Martin Ahern, ____ C Thomas.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 76

May 26th 1866

Hereafter any enlisted man of this command confined for drunkenness or any violation of regulations or arsenal orders will not be allowed to leave the arsenal reserve within ten days after his release from confinement without special permission from the comdg officer.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

May 28th 1866

Bvt Capt W.A. Marye should be at this post Camp Union, going up in this evenings boat and remain there until all the arms from the volunteer organizations to be there mustered out shall have been turned in to him unless otherwise ordered by proper authority. During the absence of Bvt Capt Marye the commanding officer of the arsenal will attend to qr master and commissary business of the arsenal.

Bvt Capt Marye

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

1st Lt Ordnance Benicia Arsenal

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Orders No 2

May 28 1866

Mr. August von Arx, master armorer at this arsenal will report to and proceed with 1st Lieut and Bvt captain W.A. Marye, Ord Dept by this evenings boat to Camp Union, Sacramento, Cal, and aid him in receiving Ordnance stores from volunteer organizations ordered to be mustered out at that place. When Bvt Captain Marye can dispense with his services he will return to this arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Order No 3

June 11th 1866

1st Lt and Bvt Captain W.A. Marye a.a.c.s. Benicia Arsenal will proceed to San Francisco in order to comply with Par 992 Rev U.S. Army Regulations, having complied with the requirements of said par, he will return to this arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Orders No 4

June 6th 1866

Mr. Adam Schmidt laborer at this arsenal will proceed to Camp Union Sacramento Cal, and aid Bvt Capt W.A. Marye Ord Dept in receiving Ordnance stores from volunteer organizations ordered to be mustered out at that place, after its completion he will return to their arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order 77

July 3rd 1866

On the 4th July the anniversary of the Independence of the United States, a national salute of thirty six guns will be fired at Meridian. During the day the work shops and store houses will be closed, and the Guard and police duties alone performed.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order 78

July 5th 1866

1st class Private Thomas Hogan for absence without leave is hereby reduced to the grade of 2nd class Private of Ordnance.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 79

July 6th 1866

1st class Private John Bradley and Henry D Schmidt for absence without leave are hereby reduced to the grade of 2nd class Private of Ordnance.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 80

July 6th 1866

Until further orders no enlisted man of the Ordnance Detachment will leave the arsenal grounds without special permission from the commanding officer.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Orders No 6

June 28th 1866

Mr August von Arx master armorer at this arsenal will proceed to Camp Union near Sacramento, Cal, and aid Bvt Capt W.A. Marye Ord Dept in receiving Ordnance Stores from volunteer organizations ordered to be mustered out at that place. After its completion he will return to this arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Orders No 7

June 28th 1866

Adam Schmidt laborer at this arsenal will proceed to Camp Union near Sacramento, Cal, and aid Bvt Capt W.A. Marye Ord Dept in receiving Ordnance Stores from volunteer organizations ordered to be mustered out at that place. After its completion he will return to this arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 81

July 10th 1866

In respect to the memory of the late Lieut General Winfield Scott half hour guns will be fired from sunrise to 1 o'clock P.M. tomorrow, the flag will be kept at half mast during the day the company will be paraded at 10 A.M. and the Guard and police duties alone performed.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 82

July 12th 1866

A board of survey to consist of J.C. Stone, James Flannery and Eugene Bandel, employes at this arsenal, will convene at 1 o'clock P.M. today, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and examine and report upon certain Ordnance stores received at this arsenal from mil storekeeper Frederick Whyle of Ordnance (invoice dated at Washington Arsenal April 23, 1866) between which stores and their invoice the actg mil storekeeper at this arsenal, report discrepancies in numbers.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 83

July 21st 1866

On Monday next Corporal Frederick W Peirce and Private George C Thomas will with prisoner John Callahan proceed to Presidio of San Francisco where Private Callahan will be turned over to the commanding officer for trial by court martial.

Corporal Peirce will then hold himself in readiness as a witness in Private Callahan's case to appear before the court about to convene at the Presidio.

The court having no further need of his services, Corporal Peirce with Private Thomas will return to this arsenal.

The acting asst qr master Benicia Arsenal will please furnish the necessary transportation for this detachment by the Suisun boat to San Francisco.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 84

July 23rd 1866

Private Frederick Kuhn will accompany Corporal Frederick W Peirce instead of Private George C Thomas as ordered in arsenal order No 83.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 85

July 26th 1866

1st Lieut Bvt Captain W.A. Marye acting asst qr master Benicia Arsenal will receive and receipt to the commanding officer for the clothing left on hand by deserters from the Ordnance Detachment at this arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 86

July 28th 1866

Eugene Bandel, armorer in the Ordnance Dept at this arsenal, will proceed to Fort Alcatraz, San Francisco Harbor, and report to the commander thereof, in compliance with the request contained in the letter of that officer, of July 10th, 1866, to affix sights to the 10" and 15" _____ guns at that post. This duty being performed he will return to this arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 87

Aug 7th 1866

The following enlisted men of the Ordnance Detachment are hereby promoted to 1st class Privates to date from the 1st inst: James J Cox, Thomas Laurence.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 88

August 6th 1866

A board of survey to consist of the commanding officer, will convene at this post at 10 o'clock A.M. today, or as soon as practicable, and examine and report upon discrepancies which the acting military storekeeper 1st Lieut Brevet Captain W.A. Marye, reports between the invoice of Captain Wm H Jordan, 9th U.S. Infantry, of date June 28th, 1866, and the stores as received at this arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col of Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 89

August 6th 1866

A board of survey to consist of the commanding officer, will convene at this post at 10 o'clock, A.M. today, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and examine and report upon discrepancies which the acting military storekeeper 1st Lieut Brevet Captain W.A. Marye, reports between the invoice of military storekeeper Frederick Whyte of Ordnance, of date April 23, 1866, and the stores as received at this arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col of Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 90

Aug 10th 1866

Sergt H.C. Hackett will with prisoner Frederick Kuln and Thomas Murphy, proceed to Point San Jose Cal, where Private Kuln and Murphy will be turned over to the comdg officer agreeable to instructions from Dept Hd Qrs. This duty been performed Sergt Hackett will return to this arsenal. The quartermasters Dept will please furnish the necessary transportation for this detachment by the Suisun boat this morning.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 91

August 2nd 1866

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal will proceed to San Francisco Cal and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will return to this arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 92

August 21st 1866

A board of survey to consist of the commanding officer, will convene at 9½ o'clock AM today, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and examine and report upon the condition of the roofing state just arrived at and invoiced to this arsenal from New York, by Bvt Col S Crispin, of Ordnance, on 28th March 1866, a quantity of which Bvt Captain W.A. Marye, acting mil storekeeper, Benicia Arsenal, reports to have been broken when received.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 93

August 30th 1866

A board of survey to consist of the commanding officer, will convene at this post at 8.30 o'clock A.M. today, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and examine and report upon discrepancies which the acting military storekeeper, Bvt Captain W.A. Marye, reports between invoices (not dated), of Bvt Lt Col Edward B Williston, Captain 2nd U.S. Artillery, and the Ordnance stores enumerated therein, as received at this arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col of Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 94

September 3rd 1866

Corporal Frederick W Peirce and Private George C Thomas will with prisoners George King and H.W. Williams, proceed to Point San Jose, where said prisoners King and Williams will be turned over to the commanding officer, agreeably to instructions from Dept Head Quarters. This duty being performed,

Corpl Peirce and Private Thomas will return to this arsenal. The quartermasters Dept will please furnish the necessary transportation for this detachment by the Suisun boat this morning.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col of Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Arsenal Order No 95

Sept 21st 1866

1st class Private Thomas Laurence for absence without leave is hereby reduced to the grade of 2nd class Private of Ordnance.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 96

October 11th 1866

1st class Private Michael O'Connors is hereby promoted to 1st class Private of Ordnance to date from the 1st inst.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 97

October 12th 1866

2nd class Privates John Shannon and John G Kuhlman are hereby promoted to 1st class Privates of Ord to date from the 1st inst.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 98

October 9th 1866

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal will proceed to San Francisco Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will return to this arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 99

October 22nd 1866

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal will proceed to San Francisco Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will return to this arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 100

October 30th 1866

The command will be mustered tomorrow at 11 o'clock A.M.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 101

November 5th 1866

Until further orders Sergeant Hackett Corporals Peirce and Wolf will control the expenditures and furnishing of the table, provisions for the Ordnance mess, and post the condition of the funds at the end of the month.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 102

November 9th 1866

Until further orders the watchmen will allow any person who may require the services of the Bull to leave their cow inside the Ordnance reserve for one hour.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 103

November 17th 1866

A board of survey to consist of the commanding officer (no other available officer being present) will convene at this arsenal at 9½ o'clock A.M. today, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and examine and report upon the quantity and condition of the Ordnance stores received at this arsenal from Lieut Col Chas O Wood, 8th Inf C.V. per his invoice of the 16th October 1865, and from Captain H.L. Street, 2nd Cal Cavalry, per his invoices of 5th March and 18th May 1866.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 104

November 28th 1866

Tomorrow November 29th, being set apart by the President as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer, the public shops at this arsenal will be closed, and all labor at the arsenal, except the necessary Guard and police duties, suspended.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 105

November 30th 1866

A board of survey to consist of the commanding officer (no other available officer being present) will convene at this arsenal at 10.15 o'clock A.M. today, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and examine and report upon the quantity alleged to have been found between the invoices of Bvt Maj Chas O Wood, 9th U.S. Infantry, of date 25th October 1866, and the stores enumerated therein as received at this arsenal.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 106

December 4th 1866

Corporal Charles van Bertram for absence without leave is hereby reduced to the grade of 1st class Private of Ordnance.

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Arsenal Order No 107

December 5th 1866

Until further orders the Guard will mount at 7½ o'clock A.M.¹⁰⁷

(signed)

R.A. Wainright

Lt Col Ord Bvt Col U.S.A. Comdg

¹⁰⁷ Wainright's final post order.

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No 108

Dec 23rd 1866

Is it my painful duty to announce to this arsenal the death of its commanding officer Lt Col R.A. Wainright, U.S. Ordnance Corps, Bvt Col U.S.A. In respect to the memory of deseased all work, except the necessary police duties, will be suspended tomorrow at this arsenal. The funeral will take place on Tuesday morning at 10 A.M. The Ordnance company will be formed at 9¼ A.M. in front of quarters by ranking Sergeant. All employees at the arsenal and all friends are invited and earnestly requested to attend the last sad rites of a gallant soldier and accomished gentleman.

The command devolving upon me, all existing orders will be enforced.

(signed) W.A. Marye

1st Lt Ord Bvt Capt U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No 109

Dec 24th 1866

Tomorrow being Christmas day all work (except the necessary police duties) will be suspended at this arsenal.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order 110

Dec 30th 1866

The command will be mustered at 8 A.M. tomorrow.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order 111

Dec 31st 1866

Tomorrow being New year's Day all work (except the necessary police duties) will be suspended at this arsenal.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt Comdg

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Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order No 1

Jan 28th 1867

1st class Pvt Charles van Bertram is hereby reduced to the grade of 2nd class Private for absenting himself without leave on 27th inst.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order No 2

Feb 20th 1867

Corp Jos Gibson is hereby appointed acting company quartermaster Sergeant. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

In obedience to instructions from Dept Hd Qrs prisoners Morgan and Laurence, Guarded by the witnesses in their cases, will be sent today by Suisun boat to San Francisco and thence to their destination Alcatraz Island. When relieved by the judge Hd vocale, to whom they report on their arrival, the witnesses will return without delay to their proper station.

The 22nd inst being the anniversary of Washington's birthday, all work (except the necessary police duties) will be suspended at this arsenal.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt Comdg

Muster order for 28th Feb 12 M

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order No 3

Mar 5th 1867

The privilege heretofore extended to Pvt Cox of being absent from company roll call is hereby rescinded, he having availed himself of the privilege to absent himself from his duties without permission. Pvt Cox will hereafter attend the work roll call with the company.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order No 4

April 2nd 1867

A board of survey to consist of the commanding officer, he being the only commissioned officer at the post, will assemble at 3 P.M. today to examine and report upon the quality of fresh beef supplied to the troops by the A.C.S. received by him from contractor _____ by Suisun boat today.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Order No 5

April 29th 1867

The command will be mustered at 8½ A.M. tomorrow.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 6

June 15th 1867

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal will proceed to San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will return to this arsenal.

W.A. Marye

Lt Ord Bvt Capt U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 7

June 29th 1867

The command will be mustered at 9 A.M. tomorrow.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 8

June 30th 1867

The funeral of 1st class Private Rufus Colton, U.S. Ordnance, will take place at 2 P.M. tomorrow. The Ordnance Detachment will be relieved from all fatigue duty during the day, and will be paraded in front of quarters by senior con-commd officer, at 5 minutes before 2 P.M. and will be marched by him to place of burial. The deceased will be buried with military honors. Corporal Price will command the escort. The citizen employes of the arsenal will be permitted to attend.

W.A. Marye

Brvt Capt U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 9

July 1st 1867

The annual inventory of Ordnance Property in store at this arsenal on 30th June 1867 as required by par 1456, Revised Regulations of the Army, will be taken under the direction of the Superintendent and completed as soon as possible.

W.A. Marye

Brvt Capt U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 10

July 1st 1867

No other commissioned officer being present at the post, the commanding officer will take the inventory of effects of Private Rufus Colton, (required by 95th article of War, in presence of and assisted by Sergeant H.C. Hackett and Corporal F.W. Peirce. Sergeant Hackett and Corporal Peirce will estimate the money value of effects of deceased. These effects will be given to Private Geo E Thomas for his use and benefit, as directed by last will and testament of deceased.

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 11

July 3rd 1867

Tomorrow being the anniversary of the Independence of the United States, a national salute of 37 guns will be fired at Meridian, under the supervision of the commanding officer. All work will be suspended at the arsenal and the necessary police and Guard duty alone performed.

The enlisted men not on duty will be allowed to be absent during the day, except from 11½ A.M. to 12½ P.M. when they will be present to fire salute. _____ roll call will take place at 10 P.M.¹⁰⁸

W.A. Marye

Bvt Capt U.S.A. Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 12

July 6 1867

In accordance with Special Orders No 184, dated Hd Qrs of the Army Adjt Genls Office April 11th 1867, I hereby assume command of Benicia Arsenal. All post orders and regulations are continued in force for the present.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 13

July 10 1867

By authority received from the Chief of Ordnance dated June 3rd, 1867, the duties of mil storekeeper will be performed by Capt W.A. Marye, Ordnance Dpet, until further orders.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 14

July 15th 1867

Sergeant Anthony Campbell of the Ord Det of this arsenal is hereby appointed as actg Sergt Major of the post. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

¹⁰⁸ Marye's final order as arsenal commander before an old face resumes control.

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 15

July 15th 1867

Sergt Hackett is relieved from duty in the office, besides his present duties he will superintend all working parties of enlisted men.

The old Guard at Bell Ring P.M. will police around quarters Nos 1 and 2, raking the gravel walks, watering the plants and pumping the water at quarters Nos 1 and 2.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 16

July 18th 1867

Hereafter until further orders the assembly of the Guard will be 5 minutes before 8 o'clock A.M. The Guard will mount at 8 o'clock A.M. Sick call will be at 8½ o'clock A.M.

Bvt Col and Maj of Ord Comdg

List of prices to be charged by post tailor for altering army clothing for enlisted men. Established at Benicia Arsenal July 18th 1867.

| | |
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| For altering and refitting uniform coat all over | 4.00 |
| For altering and refitting uniform trowsers | 2.00 |
| For shortening trowsers without shaping bottoms | 2.25 |
| For shortening trowsers and shaping bottoms | 2.75 |
| For altering size of trowsers in waist | 2.25 |
| For altering coat collar and shaping same | 2.50 |
| For altering size of coat in waist | 2.75 |
| For shortening coat sleeves | 2.50 |

The tailor will furnish no material except thread. (Approved) Bvt Capt U.S.A.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 17

July 20th 1867

Corpl Frederick W Peirce of the Ordnance Detachment at this arsenal will proceed to San Francisco and obtain recruits for the detachment at this arsenal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 18

July 22 1867

Corpl F.W. Peirce of the Ordnance Detachment at this arsenal, will proceed to San Francisco, Cal, by Suisun Boat today, as special messenger in charge of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores destined for Walmington, Cal. On his arrival at San Francisco, he will report to Major Jas T Hoyt, quartermaster at that place, of the readiness of these stores for _____ by Los Angeles steamer leaving San Francisco on 23rd instant. The quartermaster Department will please furnish Corpl Peirce with the necessary transportation.¹⁰⁹

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Memorandum Order

July 22nd 1867

Mr J.C. Stone will have charge of all the hired men at the arsenal.

David Gorman is appointed foreman of outdoor laborers. He will receive \$3.00 per day.

T Deal is appointed watchman of the Northern portion of the Arsenal Reserve. He will not leave the post without permission of the commanding officer, and will make his rounds continuously from 11 P.M. until day light. He will receive \$3.00 per day.

James Mallin is appointed forage master. Besides his other duties he will have charge of the stables at quarters No 1. He will receive \$2.50 per day.

Joseph Wlesh will have charge of the stables at quarters No 2, and besides the above he will perform all the police duties appertaining to quarters No 2 which are not performed by enlisted men. He will receive \$2.00 per day.

¹⁰⁹ "Walmington" is the most likely transcription, but as always, words with successive loops are difficult to read properly.

Ole Nelson will police at quarters No 1 for two hours every morning and then report to the man in charge of the store house for duty, except on Saturday when he will police all day. He will receive \$2.00 per day.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 19

July 26th 1867

Pvt John Hartman of the U.S. Ordnance will proceed to San Francisco this day by the Suisun boat and report to Corpl Frederick W Peirce of the U.S. Ordnance in the city. The quartermasters Dept will furnish the necessary transportation.

W.A. Marye

Capt of Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Orders 20

August 7th 1867

Capt G.H. Dimpfel Qr Masters Dept will furnish transportation for Sergt Jas B Lyons, Co "L" 1st Cav from this pst to San Francisco, Cal on public services.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

(copy of order received)

Head Quarters Rectg Dept

Camp Reynolds, Angel Isl Cal

Order No 125

Aug 6th 1867

Pursuant to authority contained in special instructions from Head Qrs Dept of Cal of Aug 5th 1867. Acting Sergt Maj Jas B Lyons, Co "L" 1st Cav will proceed by todays boat to Benicia Barracks, Cal, in charge of Private John Callahan, Ord Corps, whom he will deliver to the commanding officer of Benicia Arsenal, at that post, and afterwards, without delay, rejoin his detachment.

Sgt Lyon will apply to Bt Major Hoyt, A.Q.M. in San Francisco, Cal for transportation. By order of Col John H King, 9th Inf, Bt Maj Genl.

(signed)

Leonard Hay, 1st Lieut and Adjt 9th Inf and post

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 21

Aug 13th 1867

The following roll call signals, parades and regulations are hereby established until further orders.

Reveille, roll call, at one hour before bell ring.

Breakfast call half an hour after reveille.

Fatigue call for work in the morning at bell ring.

Assembly of Guard detail 5 minutes before 8 o'clock A.M.

Guard mounting at 8 o'clock A.M.

Surgeon call at 8½ o'clock A.M.

Fatigue call recall from work 11½ o'clock A.M.

Dinner call at 12 o'clock M

Fatigue call for P.M. work at bell ring.

Fatigue call recall from work half an hour before bell in the evening.

Retreat at evening bell ring (roll call)

Supper call immediately after retreat

Tattoo roll call at 9 o'clock P.M.

Taps roll call at 10 o'clock P.M.

Drill calls at present immediately after fatigue call in the morning and one hour and a half before retreat in the evening.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 22

August 17th 1867

2nd call Private Joseph Kelly is hereby appointed acting corporal in the Ordnance Detachment. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister Bvt Col and Major of Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 23

August 19th 1867

Corporal George Wolf and Private John Bradley are detailed for duty at the hospital. Private Crowley is relieved from duty at the hospital and is appointed acting corporal in the detachment. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 24

August 20th 1867

Corpl Fred W Peirce and Private John Harlman of the Ordnance Detachment at Benicia Arsenal on recruiting service in San Francisco, will close the rendezvous on Saturday next the 24th inst and after settling up their public business will return to this arsenal. The quartermasters Dept will please furnish the necessary transportation.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 25

August 20th 1867

Private Michael O'Connors is relieved from Guard duty and will report to Mr. Stone. Pvt O'Connors is excused from all roll calls except "reveille" and "tattoo." Privates Davis and Anderson when not on Guard will report to Mr. Stone for duty in the shops.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 26

August 20th 1867

William McKennan asst storekeeper at this Arsenal will proceed to Fort Point this evening and examine into an alleged deficiency of Ord and Ord Stores shipped from Benicia Arsenal to Bvt Capt S.B. McIntre and on his return to this arsenal will report the result to the commanding officer.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No 27

August 21st 1867

Privates Mack and Preffiths are relieved from all roll calls except "reveille" and "tattoo" and for the present will be relieved from Guard duty, they will report to Mr. Stone.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 28

August 21st 1867

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal, will proceed to San Francisco, Cal and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will return to this arsenal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Maj Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 29

August 28th 1867

Until further orders Corporal Gibson is relieved from Guard duty, and in addition to his other duties he will take charge of the boats belonging to the arsenal and he in readiness for duty with the same when required.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 30

August 29th 1867

The command will be mustered and inspected on Saturday next the 31st inst at 3 O'clock P.M. The hospital will be inspected and mustered immediately _____.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 31

August 29th 1867

Par No. 1 of post orders No 2 relative to Corporal Gibson is hereby revoked. 1st class Private James G Cox for disobedience of sergt Hackett's Order is hereby reduced to the grade of 2nd class Private to date from the 1st prox. The following enlisted men are hereby promoted to the grade of 1st class Privates, to date from the 1st prox. Viz:

Daniel Crowley, Patrick Walsh, Charles Anwarter, Ole Nelson, Michael Lipp, Onoch Olsen, Richard ____, John Hartman, John M Pfounder, Maurice Hurley, John Mack, Joseph Kelly, Thomas Priffiths and John L Bright.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No 32

August 29th 1867

Hospital Steward Paul F Holtz having reported for duty at the hospital, Corpl Wolf is hereby relieved and will report for duty in the company. Pvt Davis and Anderson are hereby relieved from duty in the shops and will do duty in the company.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No 33

Aug 29th 1867

Pvt Patrick Walsh is hereby promoted a lance corporal in the Detachment of Ordnance at this post and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 34

September 3rd 1867

In obedience to general orders No 70 Hd Qrs Army Adjut Genls Office Washington July 23rd 1867, a gun will be fired at sunrise and another at sunset.

J McAllister Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Order No 35

Sept 17th 1867

Sergt H.C. Hackett, Corpl Peirce and Corpl Gibson will take prisoners Robert McKey and John McGrath to the Presidio of San Francisco where said prisoners McKey and McGrath will be turned over to the commanding officer for trial by Court Martial. Sergt Hackett, Corpl Peirce and Corpl Gibson will report to Captain J.G. Ramsay, judge advocate of the court martial as witnesses, when dismissed by the judge advocate they will return to this post.

The Qr Masters Dept will please furnish the necessary transportation by the Suisun boat tomorrow.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Special Orders No 36

September 19th 1867

Master armorer August von Arx will open, examine, and report upon the condition of twenty five boxes of the breech-loading muskets just received at this arsenal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal

Post Orders No 37

September 21st 1867

Hospital Steward Paul Holtz will proceed with as little delay as possible to Alcatrazes Island and comply with instruction contained in Par. 2 Special Orders No 220, Head Qrs Dept of California, dated September 19th 1867.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 38

September 23rd 1867

Corpl George Wolf is hereby relieved from duty in the Detachment and will report to Doctor Halbrook as acting hospital Steward.

J McAllister Bvt Col and Maj Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 39

September 30th 1867

Corporal Daniel Crowley will take Charles van Bertram a discharged soldier of the Ord Detachment at Benicia Arsenal. Sick in Hospital at Benicia Barracks, to San Francisco and report to the medical director Dept of California. After performing this duty Corporal Crowley will return to this post. The Qr M Dept will please furnish the necessary transportation.

(signed)

Geo H.A. Dimpfel

Capt Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 40

October 5th 1867

Company Drill will commence on Monday.

October 7th 1867 – The recall from work will be sounded at 3.45 P.M. and the drill call at 4 P.M. The Guard will attend drill except the ranking non-commd and the sentinel on duty at the gate. While drills continue, the sentinels on post Nos 1 and 2 will be relieved at 1 O'clock P.M. and reposted at 5.30. The reliefs will be posted as follows:

At Gate

1st relief, 8 to 10 A.M., 4 to 6 P.M., 8 to 10 P.M., 2 to 4 A.M. – 8 hours.

2nd relief, 10 to 12 A.M., 6 to 7 P.M., 10 to 12 P.M., 4 to 6 A.M. – 7 hours

3rd relief, 12 to 2 P.M., 7 to 8 P.M., 12 to 2 A.M., 6 to 8 A.M. – 7 hours

3rd relief if post No 1 from 2 to 3 P.M.

3rd relief if post No 2 from 3 to 4 P.M.

Posts at Nos 1 and 2

1st relief, 8 to 10 A.M., 5.30 to 6.20 P.M., 8 to 10 P.M., 2 to 4 A.M. – 6h 50'

2nd relief, 10 to 12 A.M., 6.20 to 7.10 P.M., 10 to 12 A.M., 4 to 6 A.M – 6h 50'

3rd relief, 12 to 1 P.M., 7.10 to 8 P.M., 12 to 2 P.M., 6 to 8 A.M. – 5h 50'}

1 hour each at Gate from 2 to 4 P.M.

} 6h 50'

J McAllister Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 41

October 11th 1867

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal will proceed to San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will return to this arsenal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 42

October 11th 1867

The following promotions are hereby made in the Ordnance Detachment at this Post, to date from the 1st inst.

Corporal Joseph Gibson to be sergeant, subject to the approval of the Chief of Ordnance. Actg Corporal Patrick Walsh to be Corporal, and 2nd class Private David H Cowan to be 1st class Private and Actg Corporal. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 43

October 16th 1867

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this Arsenal, will proceed by this mornings boat to San Francisco, Cal ,and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will return to this arsenal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 44

October 17th 1867

Hospital Steward Gilman Carman having reported at this post in the pursuance of Special Orders No 173, current series, from Hd Qrs Mil Div of the Pacific, will report to acct asst surgeon Chas E Holbrook, for duty at the hospital. On being relieved by Hospital Steward Carman, Corpl Geo Wolf will return to duty with his company.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Orders No 45

October 22nd 1867

Actg asst surgeon M.W. Fish, U.S. Army, having reported for duty at this Arsenal, will relieve actg asst surgeon Chas E Holbrook at this post. On being relieved, actg asst surgeon Holbrook will proceed to obey special orders No 244 Hd Qrs Dept of Cal of Oct 19, 1867.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 46

October 25th 1867

At the request of Captain W.A. Marye, actg O.S.K. at this arsenal, a board of survey, to consist of Captain Geo H.A. Dimpfel, M.S.K. Quartermaster Dept, and actg asst surgeon M.W. Fish, U.S.A., is hereby appointed to meet at this post at 11 O'clock A.M today, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and examine into and report upon an alleged discrepancy in numbers between the invoices of Capt H.A. Brigham, O.S.K. of date Aug 31 1867, and the property enumerated therein as actually received at this arsenal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 47

Oct 25th 1867

Henry Kirchner, blacksmith in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal, will proceed to San Francisco, Cal, this evening and select certain materials for use at this arsenal in accordance with verbal instructions given him by the commanding officer. Having performed this duty he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 48

October 30th 1867

Company drills will be discontinued until the arrival of Uptons tactics from the East, when it will be commenced and continued until the Deatachment is perfected in drill.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 49

October 30th 1867

The command will be mustered at 1 O'clock P.M. tomorrow: after which the quarters and Hospital will be inspected. Recall from morning work will be sounded at 11 A.M.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 50

November 1st 1867

The following promotions are hereby made in the Ordnance Detachment at this post.

Corpl Frederick W Peirce to be Sergeant, subject to the approval of Chief of Ordnance. 1st class Private Daniel Crowley to be Corporal. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 51

Nov 4th 1867

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this Arsenal will proceed by this mornings boat to San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 52

November 6th 1867

A board of survey to consist of Captain W.A. Marye, Ord Dept U.S.A. and actg asst surgeon M.W. Fish, U.S.A. will convene at Benicia Depot Cal at 11 O'clock A.M. today, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to enquire into and fix the responsibility of certain property appertaining to the Q.M. Dept.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Order No 53

November 11th 1867

The enlisted men who wish passes, must notify the 1st sergeant in the morning before 8 O'clock. After that time no passes will be granted unless some circumstances have occurred which render the absence of the man or men from the post necessary in the case application can be made to the commanding officer.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 54

November 12th 1867

The following extract from circular No 20, dated Ordnance Office, Washington, October 9th 1867, is published for the benefit of all concerned:

"In order to carry out the spirit and intention of this Order, (Genl Orders No 88, Hd Qrs Army, A.G.O. Sept 21 1867) the use of public springwagons or riding vehicles, except for public purposes, will be discontinued at all Ordnance stations."

“In special cases where it may be absolutely necessary to have a wagon for carrying the mail, and other messenger purposes, a suitable plain wagon may be retained; but such wagon, or any other public vehicle or animal at the station, will not be used for any private purpose whatever. The reception of this circular will be specially acknowledged.”

(signed) A.B. Dyer
Bvt Major General, Chief Ord”
J McAllister
Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Post Order No 55

Benicia Arsenal Cal
November 11th 1867

The commanding officer, in presence of Captain W.A. Marye of Ordnance and Captain Geo H.A. Dimpfel, M.S.K. and a.a.q.m. will take an inventory of the effects of 2nd class Private Martin Flannery, deceased, in accordance with the provisions of the 95th article of War.

J McAllister
Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Post Orders No 55

Benicia Arsenal Cal
November 21, 1867

Post order No 22, current series, appointing Private Joseph Kelly act Corporal, is hereby revoked. 1st class Private John Shannon, for drunkenness, is reduced to 2nd class Private, to date from the 1st inst. 1st class Private John M Pfander is appointed Acting Corporal. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. 2nd class Privates Hugh P Harte and John Pinello, are promoted to 1st class Privates, to date from the 1st inst.

J McAllister
Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Post Orders No 57

Benicia Arsenal Cal
November 22nd 1867

The following promotions are hereby made, to date from the 1st instant: 2nd class Privates Charles Smith, Patrick Meehan, Thomas Olsen, David Buck and William H Kent to be Privates of 1st class.

J McAllister Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 58

November 19, 1867

Captain W.A. Marye is hereby arrested: he will report himself to the judge advocate of the Court Martial Organized at Benicia for his trial.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 59

November 22 1867

The arrest of Captain W.A. Marye, Ordnance Dept, is hereby suspended until further orders: he will, however, confine himself to the Government Reserve.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 60

November 25th 1867

A board of survey to consist of Captain W.A. Marye , Ord Dept and actg asst surgeon M.W. Fish, U.S.A. will convene at Benicia Depot, Cal, at 11 O'clock, A.M. today, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to determine the cause and extent of damage to certain clothing, camp and garrison equipage, for which Capt Geo H.A. Dimpfel, M.S.K. and A.A.Q.M. is responsible.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 61

November 27 1867

Tomorrow, the 28th inst, having been appointed by the Chief Executive of the State as a Day of Thanksgiving, all work at this post, except the necessary Police and Guard duties, will be suspended from reveille to retreat. The following hired men, if they wish to absent themselves from work, will make a personal application to the commanding officer: the clerks; forage master; watchman; policemen; Welch and Glyndon, and stableman Callaghan.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 62

November 27 1867

In compliance with Special Orders No 275, Head Quarters Department of California, dated November 25 1867, Captain Geo H.A. Dimpfel, is hereby relieved from duty as actg asst Quartermaster and actg commissary of subsistence and will turn over to Captain W.A. Marye, Ord Dept, A.A.Q.M. and A.C.S. the following quartermaster and commissary property and stores; also, the books and stationary on hand; and orders.

All the clothing for issue to Ordnance Men;

All flags and halliards;

All drum ____ and heads;

One team of six mules; (picked out)

Two wagons, two sets of harness for six mules, hatters, etc;

One water cart;

Lumber for flooring stables;

21.420 lbs barley}

29.400 lbs hay} Forage to last to July 1st 1868

14.224 lbs Straw }

He will dispose of the remainder of stores on hand in accordance with the instructions he may receive from Department Head Quarters. Captain Marye will select the best teamster and retain him and the Q.M. clerk in his employ until further orders.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 63

Dec 5 1867

In accordance with instructions from Department Head Quarters Capt G.H.A. Dimpfel, will send the (46) forty six horses and mules now in his charge to Angel Island, Cal by the Suisun Boat tomorrow, and turn them over to Lieut Leonard Hay, A.A.Q.M. at Angel Island. He will send three men, Smith, Conners, and McMahan, with the animals, to take care of them. When they have performed this duty they will return to this post.

J McAllister Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 64

December 5th 1867

All the public animals at the post will be kept in the large Qr Master stable. The superintendent of work will have stallroom sufficient for nineteen animals, floored over, seven belonging to Qr Master Dept and twelve to Ordnance Department.

James Mallin is detailed to have charge of the stables and will sleep there, relieving the present employe of the Qr Master.

No matches or open light, such as candle or lamp, will be allowed, but a lantern must be used. Smoking in the stables is prohibited. The stableman will not absent himself from the post except with permission of the commanding officer. A copy of II and III paragraphs will be posted in stables.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 65

December 7th 1867

Sergt H.C. Hackett, Sergt Periece, Corpl Crowley, and Prvts Mack and Stevens, will take prisoner Thomas Kearney to the Presidio of San Francisco when said prisoner, Thomas Kearney, will be turned over to the commanding officer for trial by Court Martial. Sergts Hackett and Peirce, Corpl Crowley, and Privates Mack and Stevens, will report to Bvt Major Calef, Judge Advocate of the Court, as witnesses. When dismissed by the Judge Advocate they will return to this post. The qr masters Dept will furnish the necessary transportation by the Sacramento boat today.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Orders No 66

December 6th 1867

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this Arsenal will proceed by this mornings boat to San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after which he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 67

December 12th 1867

Mr. Ferdinand Smith clerk in the Q.M. Department, will proceed by tomorrows boat to Angel Island, Cal. Having charge of the Q.M. stores, which he will turn over to Lieut Leonard Hay, A.A.Q.M. at Angel Island, having completed this duty he will return to this post. The Q.M. Dept will furnish the necessary transportation.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 68

December 16th 1867

The superintendent of workmen will have the buildings vacated by Capt G.H.A. Dimpfel, swept out and cleaned by enlisted men and fastened up, keeping the keys in his office, except of the grain and hay shed.

No fire-arms will be used on the reserve, except by permission of an officer.

The gates on the west side, except the main gate, will be permanently fastened up and ditches will be dug across the roads.

The exterior fence of the entire reserve, will be carefully mended, and notice given to all citizens living in the vicinity to keep their hogs and cattle away from the government grounds.

No hogs will be allowed to run on the reserve, and citizen employes wishing to keep cows, must apply for permission to the commanding officer.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 69

December 18 1867

The following promotions are hereby made to take effect from the 1st instant.

Actg Corporal David H Cowan and John M Pfander to be Corporals; they will be obeyed and respected accordingly. 2nd class Privates William McLeod, Alexander Frier, Thomas Stutterd, James Henry, Edward D Hagen, Frederick Williams, Augustus Throhan, and Edward L Elwood, to be Privates of 1st class.

J McAllister Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 70

December 18 1867

The enlisted men of this command are hereby strictly forbidden to bring inside of the Government Reserve, or to keep in their possession, any spirituous or other intoxicating liquor.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 71

December 19th 1867

Sergt H.C. Hackett and Corpl David Crowley, U.S. Ord will take 2nd class Private John Smith, U.S. Ord to Alcatraz Island, Cal, per Suisun boat on the 23rd inst and deliver him to the commanding officer, for trial. They will report themselves to Lieut T.M. Ring, 2nd U.S. Arty Judge Advocate of the Court Martial. After they are retrieved by the judge advocate they will return to this post.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 72

December 24 1867

Tomorrow, the 25th inst being Christmas Day, all work at this post except the necessary Police and Guard duties, will be suspended from reveille to retreat.

W.A. Marye

Capt of Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 73

December 30th 1867

The command will be mustered at 3 O'clock P.M. tomorrow; after which the quarters and Hospital will be inspected.

W.A. Marye

Capt of Ordnance Comdg

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Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Orders No 1

January 3rd 1868

H.L. Thompson Clerk in the Ordnance Department at this Arsenal, will proceed by this mornings boat to San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted after which he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 2

January 3rd 1868

1st class Private Martin Ahern, is hereby reduced to the grade of 2nd class Private, to date from the 1st inst.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 3

January 6th 1868

A school for the instruction of the non-commissioned officers of the company is hereby established under Captain W.A. Marye. The recitations will be daily (Sundays excepted) and at such hours as the instructor may designate. Such privates of 1st class may be selected by the commanding officer, will be admitted to the school. The instruction will be practical as well as theoretical, and the course of instruction will be as follows:

1st Uptons Tactics, including the school of the soldier, school of the company, and Bayonet exercise.

2nd The Articles of War

3rd So much of Army Regulations as relates to duties of enlisted men

4th Field artillery tactics, including so much as relates to the manual of the piece, and mechanical maneuvers.

A weekly report of recitations, embracing progress and proficiency, will be made to the commanding officer.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Special Orders No 4

January 16th 1868

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal, will proceed by this evenings boat to San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted after with which he is entrusted, after which he will return to this arsenal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 5

January 20 1868

1st class Private Jogn Pinello, U.S. Ordnance, is hereby promoted to Corporal, to date from the 1st insant. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 6

January 21 1868

Private Robert Stevens, Ord: Detachment, is hereby detailed as nurse in Hospital. He will report to A.A. Surgeon M.W. Fish, forthwith.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 7

January 25th 1868

In accordance with the request of Lieut Edwin S Curtis, 2nd Arty, appointed judge advocate of the general court martial ordered to convene at the Presidio of San Francisco on Monday, 27th inst, 2nd class Private Henry W Allerman, of the Ordnance Detachment at this arsenal, will proceed by boat this evening to the Presidio of San Francisco, reporting as a witness, to Lieut Curtis, on his arrival at that post, said court having no further need of his services, he will return to the arsenal. The Qr Mr Dept will furnish the necessary transportation.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 8

January 28th 1868

Hereafter until further orders the field music at this post will practice one hour each day – Sundays excepted – from 9 o'clock A.M., until 10 O'clock A.M., after which they will go to their respective duties.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 9

January 30th 1868

Company drill will commence Saturday, February 1st 1868.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 10

February 5 1868

In accordance with the request of Lieut Edwin S Curtis, 2nd Arty, judge advocate of the general court martial now in session at the Presidio of San Francisco, Cal, 2nd class Private Henry W Allerman, of the Ordnance Detachment at this Arsenal, will proceed by boat this evening, to the Presidio of San Francisco, reporting, as a witness to Lieut Curtis, on his arrival at that post. Said court having no further need of his services, he will return to this arsenal. The Q.M. Department will furnish the necessary transportation.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 11

February 5th 1868

Mr H.L. Thompson, clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal, will proceed by this evenings boat to San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted after which he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 12

February 14 1868

1st class Private Charles Smith is hereby reduced to Private of 2nd class, to date from the 1st inst, for not properly attending to his work.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 13

February 21 1868

Tomorrow being the anniversary of Washington's birthday, all work by the enlisted men of this command, except the necessary Guard and police duties, will be suspended. A Federal Salute will be fired at 12 O'clock M. The detail for which will be made by Captain W.A. Marye.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 14

February 28th 1868

The command will be mustered tomorrow at 1½ O'clock P.M., after which the quarters and Hospital will be inspected.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 15

March 2nd 1868

1st class Private John Mack and Thomas Olsen are hereby reduced to 2nd class Privates of Ordnance. 2nd class Privates George E Shaffer, Richard Pries, William D Philippson, John McGrath, 1st Marcus Levinson, Leopold Kormick, John Maguire, Henry W Allerman, and Henry von Glahn, are promoted to Privates of the 1st class, to date from the 1st inst.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 16

March 1st 1868

2nd Class Private John Bradley, U.S. Ordnance, is hereby relieved from duty as cook in Post Hospital, and will return to duty with the Detachment. 2nd class Private Peter Hitchon, U.S. Ordnance, is detailed for duty as cook in Post Hospital. He will report to actg asst surgeon M.W. Fish, without delay.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 17

March 4th 1868

Mr H.L. Thompson, clerk in the Ordnance Department at this arsenal, will proceed to San Francisco, Cal, by this mornings boat, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, on the completion of this duty he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 18

March 7th 1868

Hereafter a book will be kept by the 1st Sergeant, called a "delinquency book." Each non-comd officer will report at night to the 1st Sergeant, the names of all men who have not worked properly, those who have been in attentive at drill or indifferent in the manner of performing any duty. All offences against Rules and Articles of War, regulations and post orders will be scored against the men in this book.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 19

March 7th 1868

The custom which has hitherto existed of electing a non-commissioned officer to take charge of the mess, is hereby abolished. The 1st Sergeant of the Company will have charge of it, under the supervision of the Captain of the Company.

J McAllister Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 20

March 9th 1868

Sergt Joseph Gibson and Privates Hartman, Anwarter, Lipp and Elwood, will take prisoner John W Braun, U.S. Marines, (alias John Smith U.S. Ordnance) to Mare Island Navy Yard, by boat, this morning, and upon arrival at the Navy Yard, Sergt Gibson will turn the prisoner over to the Comdg Marine Officer, taking his receipt for the same. After completing this duty, Sergt Gibson and the men detailed to accompany him will return to this Arsenal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 21

March 11th 1868

Hereafter Tattoo will be sounded as follows: during the months of March and April, at 9.30 P.M., May, June and July, at 10 P.M., August and September, 9.30 P.M., October, November, December, January and February at 9 P.M.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 22

March 11th 1868

In compliance with instructions received from Dept Head Quarters, Sergt Joseph Gibson, and Private Henry van Glahn, U.S. Ord will take charge of 2nd class Private Edward Bryan, U.S. Ord and proceed with him by tomorrow's boat, to Fairfield, Cal, and upon arrival at that place, will report to Judge T.M. Swan, County Judge, in order that Private Bryan may be examined before him. Having completed this duty, Sergt Gibson and the men in his charge will return to this post. The Q.M. Dept will please furnish the necessary transportation.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 23

March 14th 1868

Corporal John M Pfander is hereby reduced to Private of 1st class. 1st class Private William H Kent is reduced to Private of 2nd class. The above reductions are to date from the 1st inst.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 24

March 14th 1868

2nd class Private Louis C Blurn, is appointed Private of 1st class, to date from the 5th inst, the date of his enlistment. 1st class Private Louis C Blurn, is hereby appointed actg Corporal and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 25

March 16th 1868

1st class Private Louis C Blurn is hereby appointed a Corporal of Ordnance, to date from 5th inst, date _____, and is also made an acting Sergeant, he will be respected and obeyed according to the latter rank. 1st class Private Henry van Glahn is hereby made an acting Corporal and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. 2nd class Private John McGrath (2nd) is hereby promoted to Private of the 1st class, to date from the 1st inst.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 26

March 17th 1868

Sergeant Fred W Peirce and Corporal Henry van Glahn Ordnance Detachment will proceed by the evenings boat to San Francisco, Cal in search of deserters. On the completion of this duty Sergeant Peirce and Corpl van Glahn will return to this post. The Quartermaster Department will please furnish the necessary transportation.

J McAllister Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 27

March 20th 1868

In accordance with par I Special Orders No 37 of March 16th, from Head Quarters Department of California Corporal Crowley of the Ordnance Detachment at this Arsenal will take charge of Private Edward Bryan, of said detachment and proceed with him by boat this morning to Presidio of San Francisco, Cal, and there turn him over to the surgeon in charge of the Genl Hospital. Having performed this duty he will return to this arsenal. The Quartermasters Department will please furnish the necessary transportation.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 28

March 30 1868

Company drill will be discontinued on and after the 1st proximo. There will, however, be a squad drill, at the same hours, through the week, except Sundays.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 29

March 30 1868

2nd class Privates Robert McKey, Augustus Drunkerley and Daniel Drislane, one promoted to Privates of the 1st class, to take effect from April 1st 1868.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 30

April 1st 1868

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this Arsenal will proceed by this mornings boat to San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, on the completion of this duty he will return to this arsenal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 31

April 6 1868

2nd class Private Ralph B Stanley, U.S. Ord is hereby promoted to Private of 1st class. 1st class Private Ralph B Stanley is promoted to Corporal and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 32

April 10 1868

Sergeant Joseph Gibson of the Detachment of U.S. Ordnance at this Arsenal, will proceed by this morning's boat to San Francisco, Cal and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after completing this duty, he will return to this post. The Quartermasters Department will please furnish the necessary transportation.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 33

April 27th 1868

Acting Corporal Henry van Glahn, is hereby promoted Corporal, to date from the 1st March 1868. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. 2nd class Private John Shannon is promoted to Private of the 1st class, to date from May 1st 1868.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 34

April 29 1868

The command will be mustered tomorrow at 11 O'clock A.M. after which the quarters and Hospital will be inspected.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 35

May 4th 1868

Mr H.L. Thompson, clerk in the Ord Department at this arsenal, will proceed by this mornings boat to San Francisco, Cal and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, on the completion of this duty he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 36

May 9th 1868

1st class Private Leopold Kormick, is hereby reduced to Private of the 2nd class, to date from the 1st inst. 2nd class Private Thomas Olsen is promoted to Pvt 1st class from 1st inst.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 37

May 13th 1868

A board of survey to consist of the Comdg officer and actg asst Surg M.W. Fish, U.S.A. will convene at 11 O'clock A.M. tomorrow, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to examine into and report upon discrepancies in numbers found between an invoice of Ordnance Stores of Bvt Lt Col E.V. Gumner, 1st Cavalry of date April 20, 1868, and the actual quantities received at this Arsenal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 38

May 14th 1868

Sergeant Frederick W Peirce, U.S. Ord Dept will proceed by the government steamer "McPherson," to San Francisco, Cal in charge of the Ordnance stores for Kenai, Dept of Alaska, and will turn over to Captain J.T. Hoyt, A.Q.M., U.S.A the invoices of the same. After completing this duty he will return to this post. The Q.M. Dept will please furnish the necessary transportation for Sergt Peirce to return.

J McAllister Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 39

May 14th 1868

Constable Jeremiah O'Donell, of Benicia, having executed civil process on the Government Reserve without first applying to the commanding officer, will not be permitted inside the reserve. The sentinel at the gate, and all others, will stop him and report his presence to the comdg officer and get the permission of said officer before he is allowed to enter or to execute any writ.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 40

June 5th 1868

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this Arsenal, will proceed by this mornings boat to San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he entrusted, on the completion of this duty he will return to this Arsenal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 41

June 9th 1868

1st class Private John Shannon is hereby reduced to the grade of 2nd class Private to date from the 1st inst.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 42

June 10th 1868

A board of survey to consist of the commanding officer and actg asst surg M.W. Fish, U.S.A. will convene at 11 O'clock, A.M. tomorrow, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to examine into and report upon a discrepancy in numbers between the invoice of Maj E Ingersall, M.S.K. and P.M. at the Springfield Armory, of date 18th November 1867, and the stores enumerated therein, as received at this arsenal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 43

June 11th 1868

2nd class Private George K Allen is hereby promoted to the grade of Private of the 1st class, to date from the 1st inst, and is created a lance Corporal in the Detachment. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 44

June 15th 1868

At his own request Corporal John Pinello, being a member of the Band unable to perform Guard duty, is hereby reduced to Private of the 1st class, to date from June 1 1868.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 45

June 29 1868

The following named enlisted men are detailed on extra duty in Post Hospital, to date from the dates set opposite their respective names:

2nd class Private Charles Warne, from May 1st 1868; 2nd class Private John Mack, a June 1st relieving; 2nd class Private Peter Hitchon

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 46

June 29 1868

The command will be inspected and mustered tomorrow at 3 O'clock P.M. after which the Post Hospital will be inspected.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 47

June 29 1868

The company officers will take charge of the Guard duty at this Arsenal. They will see:

That the Guards are properly mounted and relieved;

That the duties required from non-commd officers and privates are strictly performed;

That the sentinels not only know their orders, but execute them;

That the Guard is inspected at least once between tattoo and reveille, and at such other times as the officer in charge deems necessary;

That his name and the times of such inspections are entered on the Guard report.

The Sergeant of the Guard will report to the said officer for orders. If the officers relieve each other daily the designation will be, as usual, "officer of the day," if they prefer the duty to be a weekly one, "officer of the week." The presence of the officer will not be required at Guard mounting, unless he thinks it necessary occasionally to superintend it. Whenever this officer wishes to leave the post between tattoo and reveille, he will ask one of his brother officers to take charge during his absence.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 48

July 1st 1868

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this Arsenal, will proceed by this morning's boat to San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, on the completion of this duty he will return to this Arsenal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 49

July 3rd 1868

Tomorrow being the 92nd anniversary of the day on which the Declaration of Independence was signed, it will be celebrated at this post by the firing of a Federal Salute at sunrise, and a National Salute at Meridian.

The citizens of Benicia have obtained permission to hold their celebration in the old Hospital building, and the employes and troops are invited to be present. The company of Ordnance will escort the procession of citizens to and from Benicia.

No work but the usual Guard duty will be performed.

J McAllister

Bvt Col U.S.A. Maj Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 50

July 7th 1868

1st class Private George K Allen and Joseph Kelly are hereby promoted Corporals, to date from the 1st inst. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. 2nd class Privates Edward Morgan and James T Fay are promoted Privates of the 1st class to date from the 1st inst.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 51

July 7th 1868

Bvt Major G.W. McKee, 1st Lieut of Ordnance, will proceed without delay to make an inventory of all the property on hand at this Arsenal, compare the same with the return, and report the result to the commanding officer, and the condition of said stores, in order that a proper "Annual Inventory" may be made out. If he wishes assistance he will call upon William McKennan, in charge of the store houses, and the superintendent of work.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 52

July 9 1868

In virtue of Special Order No 102 from Head Quarters Department of California, dated July 7 1868, Bvt Major George W McKee, 1st Lieut of Ordnance, will relieve Captain W.A. Marye, U.S. Ordnance, on the 31st inst of his duties as Acting Assistant Quartermaster and Acting Commissary of Subsistence. Capt Marye will turn over to Major McKee, the funds, property, books and papers pertaining to the Quartermaster and Subsistence Department.

J McAllister Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 53

July 11th 1868

In compliance with general orders No 25 dated Head Quarters of the Army, Adjutant General's office, Washington, June 3rd 1868, all work will be suspended on Monday July 13th 1868, except the usual Guard duty, Police and regular office duties and issuing of stores.

The command will be paraded at 10 A.M. and the officer of the Day will carry out the above general orders, calling on the Captain of the Company for details for firing the Salutes.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 54

July 20th 1868

Acting Sergeant Louis C Blurn is hereby promoted to Sergeant, to date from the 1st inst, subject to the approval of the Chief of Ordnance. Corporal Henry van Glahn is appointed acting Sergeant; they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Corporal George K Allen, and 1st class Privates James Henry, Alexander Freir, and Frederick Williams, are hereby reduced to Privates of the 2nd class to date from 1st inst.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 55

July 20th 1868

A board of survey to consist of the commanding officer and Bvt Major George W McKee, will convene at 10 O'clock A.M. tomorrow, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to examine into and report upon a discrepancy in numbers between the stores invoiced to this post on the 20th Dec 1867, and the amount of said stores received from the Frankford Arsenal, PA.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 56

July 21st 1868

1st class Private John Maguire is hereby made an acting Corporal in the Detachment. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 57

July 23 1868

2nd class Private John Mack, reported on the sick book as sick in Hospital, having on several occasions left the Hospital without proper authority, is not permitted to leave the Hospital hereafter without the express permission of the Commanding Officer. Should he attempt to do so, the Hospital Steward will place him in close confinement and lock him up every night. The acting asst surgeon will see that this order is carried out.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 58

July 27 1868

Corporal David H Cowan and 1st class Private Michael Lipp, are hereby reduced to the grade of Privates of the 2nd class to date from the 1st inst, the former for being drunk and guilty of disorderly conduct, and the latter for being drunk and resisting the non-comd officers in the discharge of their duty.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 59

July 31 1868

Captain W.A. Marye, comdg the Company of Ordnance will form a Fire Company from the enlisted men and hired men living on the reserve.

Two afternoons in each month will be appropriated for drill. The men must not only become acquainted with Fire Engine and hose, but also with the fire apparatus in the shops and that in the old Guard house in Ordnance ____.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 60

July 29 1868

On and after the 1st proximo the bell for work will be rung at 7 A.M. and 2 P.M., for leaving work at 12 M and 5 P.M. on each day of the week.

The commanding officer, on his own responsibility, will continue the present rate of pay. He expects the mechanics and hired laborers to earn their pay by giving more assiduous attention to their work; if he is disappointed in this, the pay of the operatives will be reduced proportionately to the number of hours employed.

The above is but a temporary arrangement. In issuing and receiving stores these hours cannot be regarded, but the men must be cheerful in giving their assistance out of work hours, in these emergencies.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 61

July 31 1868

The enlisted men, and hired men and families living on the reserve, will be vaccinated. The Company Commander and actg asst surgeon are charged with the execution of this order.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 62

Aug 3rd 1868

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this Arsenal, will proceed by this mornings boat to San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted after its completion he will return to this Arsenal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 63

August 15 1868

There being considerable dissatisfaction among the members of the Band, it will hereafter be under the charge of Bvt Major George W McKee. All applications for the services of the Band will be made to Major McKee, who will make the necessary arrangements.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 64

August 17 1868

1st class Private Thomas Olsen is hereby reduced to Private of 2nd class, to date from the 1st inst. 2nd class Privates Christian Rosen and George Aitken are hereby promoted to the grade of Privates of the 1st class, to date from the 1st inst.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 65

August 18 1868

The following orders received from Head Quarters are published for the information of this Command, together with the action of the Commanding Officer there on:

Head Quarters of the Army, Adjutant Generals Office

General Orders No 46

Washington, July 15, 1868

The following orders, received from the War Department, are published for the government of all concerned:

Congress, having enacted, June 25, 1868, "that eight hours shall constitute a days work for all laborers, workmen and mechanics now employed or who may be hereafter employed, by or on behalf of the government of the United States, and that all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

All officers of the Army, and others in the military service, having civilian laborers, workmen and mechanics under their charge will be governed accordingly.

The hours should be so regulated as to agree as far as possible with the hours established in civil work in each locality.

Watchmen, clerks, messengers and others, whose time may be necessary at any or all hours, are not considered to be embraced within the terms of the law.

In cases of great necessity, as in military operations, where men are on extra duty, they must perform the necessary service regardless of hours, but in estimating their extra duty pay eight hours will be counted as a working day."

Extra hours of men on extra duty pay will be required only in case of urgent public necessity.

By command of General Grant,

(signed)

E.D. Townsend,

Assistant Adjutant General

In pursuance of the above orders the bell will be rung for work at 7 A.M. and 1 P.M. and for leaving off work at 12 M and 4 P.M. The following men, in accordance with this order, "whose services may be necessary at any or all hours are not considered to be embraced within the terms of the law," superintendent of work; clerks; engineer; policemen of shops; assistant to Ord storekeeper; watchmen;

forage master; mail man; gardeners; laborer and boy assisting in receiving and issuing stores. The above will occupy themselves as heretofore. The following decision of the secretary of War is published for the information of all concerned:

“Gen Schofield decided in the case of government employes at Rock Island, IL, that the eight hour law recently passed by Congress does not mean ten hours pay for eight hours work. Workmen under the control of the War Department shall receive pay in proportion to the number of hours they work.”

In pursuance of the above the pay of the following men will regulated as follows:

Master armorer: \$4.00 per day of 8 hours

Machinist: \$4.00 per day of 8 hours

Carpenters: \$3.20 per day of 8 hours

Asst carpenter: \$2.00 per day of 8 hours

Blacksmith: \$3.20 per day of 8 hours

Saddler: \$2.40 per day of 8 hours

Finsmith: \$2.40 per day of 8 hours

Painter: \$2.40 per day of 8 hours

Laboratorian: \$2.00 per day of 8 hours

Foreman of laborers: \$2.40 per day of 8 hours

Laborers: \$1.60 per day of 8 hours

Extra time over and above the days work will be credited to the workmen and paid for by the Government at the above rates until further orders are received from Washington. Men who wish to work extra time will notify the superintendant of work each day, and must obtain the permission of the Commanding Officer in every case, unless they make a general application to that effect. Working time must be divided into quarter days, half days, three quarter days, days and day and quarter.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 66

August 26 1868

2nd class Private Charles Wilson, U.S. Ord will proceed by this mornings boat to Alcatraz Island, Cal and report to Bvt Major J.H. Lord, Judge Advocate of the General Court Martial convened at that Post: his attendance being required as a witness before said court. On the completion of this duty he will at once return to this post. The Q.M. Dept will please furnish the necessary transportation.

W.A. Marye

Capt of Ordnance Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 67

September 3rd 1868

The following promotions, to date from the 1st instant, are hereby made in the Ord Detachment at this Arsenal. Acting Corporal John Maguire, to be Corporal; he will be obeyed and respected accordingly. 2nd class Private John Hand, to be Private of the 1st class.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 68

Sept 4th 1868

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this Arsenal, will proceed by this mornings boat to San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted, after its completion he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 69

September 7 1868

Machinist Eugene Bandel, an employe of the Ordnance Department at Benicia Arsenal, Cal, will proceed to Fort Stevens, Oregon, and take the necessary tools for fixing arcs and indices and sights on guns. He will attach these appendages to all the guns at this fort, and then examine those at Cape Disappointment, Washington Territory, and refix any of the sights of the guns which are out of order. After completing this work he will return to this post. This order is given by virtue of Special Orders No 103, Hd Qrs Devision of the Pacific, of July 11, 1868.

J McAllister

Bvt Col U.S. Army Senior Ord officer in Division of Pacific

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 70

September 9 1868

In the event of any building or property within the limits of the Government Reserve, taking fire, the Guard will be paraded at the Guard house. The Sergeant of the Guard will fire two blank cartridges successively from the field piece and at the same time will send three messengers, one to report the fact to the Commanding Officer, another to Officer of the Day, and the third to the First Sergeant of the Company who will immediately rouse the men in quarters and have the "Assembly" sounded. In case of a fire in the town of Benicia, or in the vicinity of the post, the Sergeant will report the fact to the Commanding Officer who will give the necessary orders about the engine.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 71

September 14 1868

Corporal Ralph B Stanley is hereby reduced to the grade of Private of the 1st class, for absence without leave; the reduction to date from the 8th inst.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 72

September 16 1868

Hereafter with further orders, 1st class Private John Pinello will have the immediate charge of the Band; will enforce discipline, and see that all orders are strictly obeyed; that the members are present at band practice, and will report the absentees to the Officer of the Day. He will report to the Commanding Officer any irregularities of conduct that may occur when the Band is absent from the post; but, while enforcing all orders pertaining to the discipline of the Band, he will not interfere with its musical instruction.

2nd class Private George Ewerlie is hereby promoted to Private of the 1st class, to date from the 1st inst.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 73

September 17 1868

Sergeant Frederick W Peirce, U.S. Ord will proceed, with 2nd class Private Charles Wilson, U.S. Ord, by Vallejo steamer tomorrow morning, to San Francisco, Cal, and report to Bvt Brig General W Seawell, superintendent of Recruiting Service; in order that Private Wilson may have an opportunity of enlisting in the artillery or infantry arms of the service, as he may elect, in accordance with SO No 189, Hd Qrs of the Army, A.G.O. August 8, 1868. Should Private Wilson fail to enlist, Sergt Peirce will return with him at once to this Arsenal. Sergeant Peirce will show this order to General Seawell, and hand him the package entrusted to his care. The Q.M. Department will please furnish the necessary transportation.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 74

September 18 1868

A board of survey, to consist of Bvt Major G.W. McKee, 1st Lieut of Ordnance, and actg asst surgeon M.W. Fish, U.S. Army, will convene at this post at 11 O'clock A.M. today, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to examine into and report upon the quantities and condition of the Ordnance and Ordnance stores enumerated in the following invoices, as actually received at this Arsenal, viz:

Invoice of Bvt Major Frederick Mears, dated July 23, 1868

Invoice of Bvt Brig Genl J Irvine Gregg, dated July 25, 1868

Invoice of Lieut Alfred Morton, dated August 15, 1868

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 75

September 19 1868

1st class Private John Pinello is hereby promoted to Corporal, to date from the 1st instant. He will have charge of the Band, and his orders, while the Band is absent as well as present at the Post, will be obeyed in every particular.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 76

September 23 1868

The following named enlisted men, composing a detachment of Ordnance detailed for temporary duty at Fort Point, Cal, will hold themselves in readiness to leave for that post about the latter part of the present month, under the Command of Captain W.A. Marye:

Sergeant Peirce; actg Sergeant van Glahn; Corporal Kelly; 1st class Private O'Connors; 1st class Private Nellsn; 1st class Private Hartman; 1st class Private Hurley; 1st class Private Hagen; 1st class Private Elwood; 1st class Private Pfander; 1st class Private Meehan; 1st class Private McKey; 1st class Private Drunkerley; 1st class Private Drislane; 1st class Private Fay; 1st class Private McLeod; 2nd class Private Cawden; 2nd class Private Cowan; 2nd class Private Lipp; 2nd class Private Hessian; 2nd class Private Smith 2nd; 2nd class Private Ross; 2nd class Private Putnam; 2nd class Private Weber.

When the above named men are relieved from Guard duty, the Guard will consist of one non-commissioned officer and five privates, to be posted on Posts Nos 1 and 3, during the following hours. Viz:

No 1 from 8 A.M. to 8 A.M. three men; No 3 from 6 P.M. to 6 A.M. two men. But the guard will remain at the Guard House until they are relieved by the next Guard.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 77

September 28 1868

2nd class Private Patrick Maloney is hereby detailed to accompany the Detachment ordered to Fort Point, Cal per Post Orders No 76, for duty at that post, in lieu of 1st class Private Pfander, relieved.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 78

September 29 1868

2nd class Private Hnery D Johns is hereby detailed for duty with the Detachment ordered to Fort Point, Cal, in lieu of 1st class Private Fay relieved.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 79

September 29 1868

In order to carry out instructions of the Chief of Ordnance dated 14th July, 1868, Captain William A Marye, Ordnance Department, will proceed to Fort Point, San Francisco Harbor, Cal taking with him a detachment of twenty five (25) men of the Ordnance Company at this post, with rations for one day; and the machines and implements necessary to perform the work. He will apply to the Quartermaster at Presidio, to have the forty (40), X inch Rodman guns and carriages transported from the Ordnance yard to the parade of the Fort. Rations, quarters at the fort, and fuel will be furnished by the proper officers at the Presidio.

He will dismount the twenty eight (28) 42 inch guns on wooden carriages in lower tier, and mount as many of these in their tier as there are embrasures. He will mount twelve (12) X inch Rodman guns in lower tier. He will mount twenty eight (28) X inch Rodman guns in second tier. He will dismount and skid the guns and carriages in the "ten gun battery." He will raise the XV inch Rodman guns and put one (1) fort of additional height to the skidding which they now occupy. He will superintend the work and keep the time of painters I send down. He will apply for all the material and additional labor he may require, to me at this Arsenal. Should the Government steamer "McPherson" not come to convey Capt W.A. Marye and party to the harbor of San Francisco, the quartermasters Department will please furnish the necessary transportation.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 80

October 2 1868

So much of Post Orders No 77, as details Private Maloney for duty with the detachment at Fort Point, Cal is hereby revoked. He will remain at this Arsenal, until further orders.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 81

October 2 1868

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this Arsenal, will proceed by this evenings boat to San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he entrusted, after its completion he will return to this Arsenal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 82

October 5th 1868

Private James T Fay is detailed as one of the Detachment of ordnance at Fort Point: he will report to Captain Marye, commanding the Detachment, immediately. The Quartermaster will furnish the necessary transportation.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 83

October 7th 1868

The following "time table" will regulate the hours for work at this Arsenal for the present month:

| Month | Date | A.M. Bell rings | P.M. Bell rings | Dinner time | Total hours | Bugle sounds | Total days |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| October | 1 st to 18 th | 6.45' | 3.30' | 45' | 8 | 5.30 P.M. | 1¼ |
| October | 19 th to 24 th | 6.36' | 3.21' | 45' | 8 | 5.21 P.M. | 1¼ |
| October | 25 th to 31 st | 6.40' | 3.25' | 45' | 8 | 5.20 P.M. | 1¼ |

J McAllister Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 84

October 8th 1868

The gun will be fired at evening, at the following hours, during the present month, at which time the hired men will quit work: from the 1st to 18th at 5.30'; from 19th to 24th at 5.21'; from 25th to 31st at 5.20'. The Sergeant of the Guard will see that the clock at the Guard House is kept in time with the clock at the shops and will be responsible for the gun being fired at the proper time.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 85

October 9th 1868

The following "time table" will regulate the hours for work at this Arsenal, during the month of November 1868:

| Month | Date | A.M. Bell ring | P.M. Bell ring | Dinner time | Total hours | Gun fired and bugle sounded | General police duties terminate |
|----------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| November | 1 st to 4 th | 6.45' | 3.30' | 45' | 8 | 5.16' P.M. | 9.46' P.M. |
| November | 5 th to 8 th | 6.50' | 3.35' | 45' | 8 | 5.12' P.M. | 9.37' P.M. |
| November | 9 th to 12 th | 6.53' | 3.38' | 45' | 8 | 5.08' P.M. | 9.30' P.M. |
| November | 13 th to 16 th | 6.55' | 3.40' | 45' | 8 | 5.05' P.M. | 9.20' P.M. |
| November | 17 th to 22 nd | 7.00' | 3.45' | 45' | 8 | 5.00' P.M. | 9.15' P.M. |
| November | 23 rd to 27 th | 7.05' | 3.50' | 45' | 8 | 4.57' P.M. | 9.07' P.M. |
| November | 28 th to 30 th | 7.08' | 3.53' | 45' | 8 | 4.52' P.M. | 8.59' P.M. |

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 86

October 10 1868

The superintendent of work will submit his time book to the Commanding Officer every day, made out for the day previous, at the office with the other daily reports.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 87

October 22nd 1868

Bvt Major George W McKee, U.S. Ord and actg asst surgeon M.W. Fish, U.S.A. will take an inventory of the effects of 2nd class Private John Mack, U.S. Ord deceased, in accordance with the provisions of the 95th Article of War.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 88

October 28 1868

A board of survey to consist of Bvt Major Geo W McKee, 1st Lieut of Ord and actg asst surgeon M.W. Fish, U.S. Army, will convene at this post at 11 O'clock A.M. today, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to examine into and report upon discrepancies in invoice of Lieut Robert Pollock, 32nd Inf dated 13th Feb 1868, and invoice of Major C.E. Norris, 1st U.S. Cav, dated 13th April 1868, and the stores received at this Arsenal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 89

October 30 1868

The command will be mustered and inspected tomorrow at 8.30 O'clock A.M. At 9.30 A.M. the Post Hospital and all the quarters on the Government Reserve, will be inspected.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 90

October 30 1868

1st class Private John Hand is hereby reduced to the grade of Private of the 2nd class, and 2nd class Privates Patrick Ferguson and Thomas Smith are promoted to Privates of the 1st class; these changes to date from the 1st proximo.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 91

October 30 1868

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this Arsenal, will proceed by this evenings boat to the San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted after its completion he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

- Note: See Post Orders No 112 of 1868, which should be entered here

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 92

November 4 1868

2nd class Private Joseph Gibson, is hereby promoted to his former rank of Sergeant, to date from the 1st inst, the date of his en-enlistment; subject to the approval of the Chief of Ordnance.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 93

November 7 1868

Corporal Patrick Walsh of the Ordnance Department at this Arsenal is hereby reduced to the grade of 1st class Private, from the 1st instant, for allowing certain irregularities to the occur among the prisoners committed to his charge, as acting Sergeant of the Guard, on November 6th 1868, without reporting the same immediately to the Officer of the Day.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 94

November 9th 1868

2nd class Privates George Riley and Baptisd Mayer, U.S. Ord will proceed by Suisun steamer this morning, to San Francisco Cal; upon their arrival at that city they will proceed, at once, to Fort Point, for duty with the Ord Detachment at that Fort.

1st class Privates Maurice Hurleyu and Patrick Meehan, U.S. Ord are relieved from duty with the Ord Detachment at Fort Point, Cal, and will immediately, upon the arrival of Privates Riley and Mayer at that post, return to this Arsenal. The Q.M. Dept will please furnish the necessary transportation.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 95

November 9 1868

2nd class Private Conrad Raupack is hereby appointed acting Corporal and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 96

November 12 1868

A board of survey, to consist of Bvt Major George W McKee, 1st Lieut of Ordnance, and actg asst surg M.W. Fish, U.S. Army, will convene at this post at 11 O'clock A.M. tomorrow, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to examine into and report upon the condition of certain Ordnance and Ordnance stores enumerated in the following invoices.

Two (2) invoices of Bvt Lt Col J.D. Devin, 9th Inf, dated Sept 1 1868

One (1) invoice of Lieut C.A. Johnson, 14th Inf, dated Oct 24 1868

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 97

November 23 1868

Private Christian Rosen will proceed to San Francisco, Cal and report to surgeon McCormick, U.S.A. Medical Director, Dept of California, for examination. He will return to this post after surgeon McCormick has finished the examination of his case. The Q.M. Dept will please furnish the necessary transportation.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 98

November 23rd 1868

2nd class Private H.E. Hackett, having re-enlisted in the Department, is hereby promoted to his former rank of Sergeant, to date from the 23rd inst, the date of his re-enlistment, subject to the approval of the Chief of Ordnance. He will perform the duties of 1st Sergeant of the Company and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 99

November 23rd 1868

The hours for work for the hired men at this Arsenal, during the month of December, 1868, will be as follows: work will commence at Sunrise and terminate at Sunset; forty-five minutes being allowed for dinner.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 100

November 23rd 1868

The following changes in the Detachment, to date from the 1st inst, are hereby announced.

1st class Privates Maurice Hurley and John M Pfander are reduced to Privates of the 2nd class. 2nd class Privates Conrad Raupack and James Ross are promoted to Privates of the 1st class; the former will continue on duty as acting Corporal.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 101

Nov 24 1868

2nd class Private John Robinson, U.S. Ord, will proceed by tomorrow mornings boat to Fort Point, San Francisco, Cal and report for duty to Capt W.A. Marye, U.S. Ord Dept. The Q.M. Dept will please furnish the necessary transportation.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 102

November 25 1868

Bvt Major George W McKee, 1st Lieut of Ordnance will proceed on Friday next, the 27th inst to Fort Point, San Francisco, Cal, and relieve Captain W.A. Marye of his duties with the Ordnance detachment at that post, and will superintend the work connected the Ordnance Department, now going on at Fort Point. Upon being relieved by Major McKee, Captain W.A. Marye will at once return to this Arsenal, and resume his duties as actg Ord Storekeeper.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 103

November 25 1868

Tomorrow, the 26th instant, being appointed by the Federal and State authorities as a Day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the mercies received during the past year, all work, except the necessary guard and police duties, will be suspended at this Post from sunrise to sunset.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 104

Nov 28 1868

On Monday morning, the 30th inst at 11 O'clock, the Commanding Officer will inspect the Post Hospital and Quarters of the enlisted men.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 105

November 30 1868

The hired men employed at this Arsenal, will not be permitted to absent from their work without first giving notice to the superintendent of work, except in cases of sickness where they are unable to attend.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 106

December 1 1868

Corporal Henry van Glahn, is hereby promoted to Sergeant, to date from December 1, 1868, subject to the approval of the Chief of Ordnance. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 107

December 3rd 1868

H.L. Thompson clerk in the Ordnance Department at this Arsenal, will proceed by this evenings boat to the San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted after its completion he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 108

December 10 1868

1st class Private Conrad Raupack is hereby promoted to Corporal, to date from the 1st inst, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. 1st class Private George E Thomas is hereby appointed acting Corporal, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 109

December 22 1868

The following promotions, to date from the 1st inst, are hereby announced:

1st class Private Thomas Stutterd to be Corporal; he will be obeyed and respected accordingly. 2nd class Privates Charles Putnam, John Robinson, and Thomas Cawden to be Privates of the 1st class. 2nd class Private Conrad Weber to be Private of the 1st class vice Rosen reduced in consequence of sickness. These last changes to date from the 1st proximo.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 110

December 24 1868

Tomorrow, the 25th inst, being Christmas Day, all work at this Post, except the necessary Guard and Police duties, will be suspended from reveille to retreat.

1st Lieut of Ord Bvt Major U.S.A. Comdg¹¹⁰

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 111

Dec 30th 1868

The command will be mustered and inspected tomorrow morning at 11 O'clock, after which he the Quarters and Post Hospital will be inspected.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 112

November 1st 1868

2nd class Private Thomas Olsen is hereby detailed as Hospital Cook, until further orders.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 113

December 22nd 1868

Captain W.A. Marye, acting Ordnance storekeeper, will proceed to Fort Point, San Francisco harbor, and pay off the Ordnance hired men, whose services are no longer required.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

¹¹⁰ The 1st Lieut in recent years had been George McKee, and the name signed looks like "McKee." However, Post Orders No 102, on the 25th of November 1868, specifically states that G.W. McKee proceeded to Fort Point to relieve W.A. Marye. The transcriber will leave the signature blank due to these conflicting matters.

1869

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 1

January 1st 1869

Until further orders, the sentinels will be posted as follows:

Number One, at Guard House during the day

Number Two, at Gate during the day

During the night, there will be four posts:

Number One, Guard House and Officer's quarters

Number Two, Gate

Number Three, Arsenal Buildings

Number Four, Shops

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 2

January 4th 1869

1st class Private Ralph B Stanley is hereby promoted to be Corporal, to date from the 1st instant. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 3

January 8th 1869

The Officer of the Day will inspect daily, the stables; the soldiers quarters; mess-room; kitchen and food; the shops and working parties; and report all delinquents and ____ of police to the Commanding Officer.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 4

January 12th 1869

2nd class Private Michael O'Connors, Ordnance Detachment is hereby promoted to be 1st class, on date from January ____, date of re-enlistment.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 5

January 25th 1869

Corporal Ralph B Stanley, Ordnance detachment will hereafter have charge of the band relieving Corporal John Pinello.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 6

January 26th 1869

A board of survey to consist of Capt W.A. Marye and 1st Lieut G.W. McKee, U.S. Ordnance Corps will convene at this post at 11 O'clock A.M. tomorrow or as soon thereafter as practicable to examine and report upon a quantity of barley, not considered to be according to contract.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 7

January 25th 1869

Capt Wm A Marye, acting Ordnance storekeeper will proceed to Fort Point, San Francisco Harbor, to inspect the works and pay off the Ordnance hired men whose services are no longer required.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 8

February 5 1869

H.L. Thompson, clerk in the Ordnance Department at this Arsenal, will proceed by this evenings boat to San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted: after its completion he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 9

Feb 8th 1869

2nd class Private Edward A _____, is hereby appointed acting Corporal. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. He is promoted 1st class from 1st instant. Private Nelsen is hereby reduced to 2nd class Private from 1st inst.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg¹¹¹

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 10

February 12th 1869

Corporal Edward Raupack and 1st class Private George Everlei, Ordnance Corps, are hereby each reduced one grade from 1st instant, for absenting themselves without leave, from the night of the 9th until the morning of the 8th instant, without having any cause to offer for their violation of Article of War, No 44. 1st class Private Richard Prees and William Phillipson, Ordnance Corps, are hereby reduced to 2nd class Privates from 1st instant.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

¹¹¹ Beginning with 1869, McAllister's handwriting has become almost completely illegible. Its possible Julian is dictating orders to an aid or an aid is writing solo, due to both the handwriting and the different descriptions of events (see Post Order 11 below).

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 11

February 22nd 1869

Today being Washingtons Birthday a National Salute will be fired at noon. The necessary Guard and Police duties are giving the salute will be the only work required from the enlisted force.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 12

Feb 27th 1869

The commandf will be mustered tomorrow morning at 9 O'clock A.M. and the Hospital and Quarters will be inspected immediately after muster.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 13

March 1st 1869

The company will be instructed in the school of the soldier for ten days and then in that of the company. Hours of drill from 12.45 to 1.45 Qr M commencing on Saturday the 6th inst.

Capt Wm A Marye

J McAllister

Ord Department

Bvt Col U.S. Army

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 14

March 2nd 1869

A board of survey to consist of the commanding officer and Brvt Maj Geo W McKee, 1st Lieut of Ordnance will convene at this post at 11 A.M. tomorrow, to examine and report on the condition of a quantity of Ordnance stores received from Brvt Col A.M. Pennington said to be unserviceable.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Orders No 16

March 3rd 1869

H.L. Thompson, clerk in the Ordnance Department at this Arsenal, will proceed by this mornings boat to San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted: after its completion he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 17

March 10th 1869

Hereafter all vehicles purchased for use in arsenal, will be reported to Mr H.L. Thompson, 1st clerk, at the office, soon as received.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 18

March 12 1869

Corporal Ralph B Stanley, Ordnance detachment is hereby reduced to the grade of 1st class Private to date from 1st instant.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 19

March 20th 1869

The following promotions and reductions are hereby announced in the Ordnance Detachment at this Arsenal to date from 1st inst. To be 1st class Privates: James L Morris; Davif H Cowan; John Chase; Charles Warne; James Farrele; George Riley; Patrick _____; Edward Moore; Oliver ____.

To be reduced to 2nd class Privates: 1st class Private James Fay. 1st class Private James L Morris is hereby promoted actg Corporal. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg

Benicia Arsenal Cal

Post Order No 20

March 25th 1869

H.L. Thompson, clerk in the Ordnance Department at this Arsenal, will proceed by this evenings boat to San Francisco, Cal, and transact the public business with which he is entrusted: after its completion he will return to this post.

J McAllister

Bvt Col and Major Ord Comdg¹¹²

¹¹² The final log of the C.P. Stone journal. It is unknown where subsequent journals McAllister and his successors wrote in.

