

### COURT-MARTIAL ITEMS.

A General Court-Martial convened at Fernandina, Fla., of which Major Galusha Pennypacker, 97th Reg't. Penn. Vols., was President, convicted Corporal Charles Sharp, Co. E, 97th Pa., of conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline, in overstaying a leave of absence from the camp and returning intoxicated; and of insubordinate conduct in using disrespectful and abusive language to his superior officer, Capt. McConnell. He was sentenced to be reduced; to forfeit to the United States twelve dollars per month of his monthly pay, during the balance of his term of service, and to be confined, for the same period, at hard labor, at such place as the Commanding General may direct. General Gillmore, in General Orders, No. 30, approves the findings and sentence and designates Fort Pulaski as the place of imprisonment.

Before a General Court-Martial at Hilton Head, S. C., of which Major Eddy, 47th N. Y. Vols., was President, 2d Lieut. Charles Whittaker, 18th Ind. Vols., was convicted of gross intoxication, and sentenced to be dismissed the service. 2d Lieut. James Sweney, 48th N. Y. Vols., was convicted of drunkenness on duty and conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline. He was also sentenced to be dismissed the service. General Orders, No. 31, approves the proceedings and dismisses the officers.

General Orders, Nos. 32 and 35, approve the designation of Fort Clinch, Fernandina, Fla., as the place for carrying out the sentences in the cases of Privates Russel S. Thurston, Co. E, 52d Pa. Vols., and John Gobar, Co. K, 100th N. Y. Vols., Walter O'Donnell, Co. A, and George Hart, Co. K, 85th Pa. Vols., Joel

Truxton, Michael Cox, Co. E, 47th Ohio Vols., and William Stanley, Co. F, 62d Ohio Vols., George Bushaw and Michael Coy, Co. F, and Joseph Plummer, Co. G, 40th Mass. Vols.; John Walther, Co. B, and James Roach, Co. E, 17th Conn. Vols.; Robert Rutherford, Co. B, 25th Ohio Vols., John T. Lathey, Co. E, and William Brown, Co. K, 75th Ohio Vols.; Aaron Vedder, Co. H, 157th N. Y. Vols.; Leroy Spencer, Co. A, and G. H. Basford, Co. B, 144th N. Y. Vols.; John A. Purves, Co. I, and A. M. Robinson, Co. K, 142d N. Y. Vols.; Henry Dyer, Co. F, 127th N. Y. Vols.; John Lloyd, Co. A, Frederick Goldbath, Co. C, Campbell, Co. E, Joseph Advena and George Holzman, Co. K, and Quartermaster Sergeant Edward Zimmer, 41st N. Y. Vols.; and designates the same place for carrying out the sentences in the cases of Privates Geo. F. Allen, Co. D, 56th N. Y. Vols., Samuel Martin and Simon Gadson Co. H, and John Brown, Co. C, 1st S. C. Vols.

By No. 33 the sentences in the cases of Privates Carson Keat and Boney Weston, of Co. F, 1st S. C. Vols., tried before a General Court Martial, at Beaufort, S. C., of which Major C. T. Trowbridge was President, are suspended, and the proceedings forwarded for the decision of the War Department. The order says that "the specification in each of these cases, not only fails to sustain the charge, but contradicts it. The Court substantially acquit them of the charge, and the plea of the prisoners ought not to operate to their prejudice, when the allegations are inherently defective."

A General Court Martial at Folly Island, of which Major Bogle, 1st N. C. Colored Vol. Infantry, was President, tried Capt. Wm. Garvin, 142d Regiment N. Y. V., Provost-Marshal of Gordon's Division, on a charge of violating the 80th Article of War, the Specification

being that he refused to receive or keep one N. J. Bradshaw, a prisoner, committed to his, Capt. Garvin's, charge, by Lieut.-Col. James F. Hall, Provost-Marshal-General, Department of the South, a statement in writing having been made and signed by Lieut.-Col. Hall, and delivered to Capt. Garvin at the time of committing the prisoner to his charge. The Court found him guilty of both Charge and Specification, but attached no criminality to his conduct. Gen. Gillmore, in General Orders, No. 33, disapproves the proceedings as follows:—"It is impossible to comprehend by what process of reasoning the Court awards a sentence after it had fully acquitted the accused of all criminality. This is the second instance in which the Major-General Commanding has had occasion to notice inexcusable irregularities of this Court during its comparatively brief session. Such conduct evinces a disposition to be governed in the discharge of its duties by caprice, rather than justice and equity, and not only calls for a decided censure, but the assurance that such indifference to their obligations (to use a very mild term) will be no longer tolerated. The sentence is disapproved, and Capt. Garvin is released from arrest and restored to duty."

The sentence in the case of Private Abram White, Co. H, 1st S. C. Vols., tried before a General Court-Martial, at Beaufort, S. C., of which Major C. T. Trowbridge was President, has been suspended in consideration of the youth of Private Ahram White, and the attending circumstances, as stated in his final defence, by the Colonel of his regiment, who acted as his counsel; and the proceedings forwarded for the action of the War Department, with the recommendation that the sentence be remitted, except so much as will inflict a stoppage of one-half his monthly pay for six months.

**ELEGIBILITY TO THE INVALID CORPS.**—Gen. Gillmore has published in General Orders, the following instructions from the Secretary of War:—"Officers signing the discharge papers of enlisted men who are discharged on Surgeons' Certificates of Disability, will note on the back of the discharge, where the conduct of the man has not been meritorious, as required by General Order, No. 212, of 1863, for admission to the Invalid Corps, that he is not a proper person for the Invalid Corps."

**BRADDOCK'S POINT.**—"Picket," a correspondent at Braddock's Point, sends us a letter which we are compelled by a crowd of matter to omit. He reports nothing new at that place, the soldiers being occupied with the ordinary routine of camp and picket duty. He expresses the gratitude of the troops to the ladies who have relieved the monotony of the Post by their visits during the past month, and, thankful for past favors, requests a continuance of the same.

**SOLVED AT LAST.**—"What is the reason that men never kiss each other, while the ladies waste a world of kisses on feminine faces?" said the Captain to Gussie the other day up at Beaufort. Gussie cogitated a minute and then answered, "Because the men have something better to kiss, and the women haven't." The Captain saw it immediately.

—In one of the Courts of Harrisburg, recently, a woman was testifying on behalf of her son, and swore that he had worked on a farm ever since he was born. The lawyer who cross-examined her said:—"You assert that your son has worked on a farm ever since he was born?" "I do." "What did he do the first year?" "He milked," she replied.

### GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 34.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH, HILTON HEAD, S. C. MARCH 8, 1864.—The following Circular, from the Provost-Marshal-General, is promulgated for the information of all concerned; and its provisions ordered to be carried into effect, under the direction of Col. M. S. Littlefield, 21st U. S. Colored Troops, Superintendent of the Recruiting Service for Colored Troops:—

CIRCULAR NO. 8. WAR DEPARTMENT, PROVOST-MARSHAL-GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, MARCH 1, 1864. 1. Pursuant to section 24, of the Act approved February 24, 1864, amendatory of the Act of March 3, 1863, Boards of Enrollment in Districts in which there are any colored persons held to service, will, without delay, proceed to enroll all such persons as are liable to military duty.

2. Enrolling officers will conduct the enrollment in the manner prescribed by existing orders and regulations, and such other directions as the Acting-Assistant Provost-Marshal-General of the States may give.

3. Enrollment Lists will be made upon the printed forms, (Nos. 35 and 36,) altering the head to suit; and in the column headed "former military service," the name of the person to whom service is owed will be written.

4. A list, with a recapitulation of the number enrolled, will be made for each Sub-district, and as soon as the enrollment of the District is completed, these lists will be forwarded to the Acting Assistant Provost-Marshal-General for transmission to the Provost-Marshal-General. Copies of the list will be kept in the office of the District Provost-Marshal. Those lists by Sub-districts will not be consolidated.

5. The Provost-Marshal will furnish each person to whom the persons owe service, a list of those owing service to him who have been enrolled, specifying their names, ages and date of enrollment.

6. It is made the duty of the Acting-Assistant Provost-Marshal-General to superintend this enrollment, and give such orders and directions as may be necessary to make it accurate and complete. JAMES B. FRY, Provost-Marshal-General. By command of Major-General Q. A. Gillmore, E. W. SMITH, A.A.G.

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