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tallon Georgia Sharpshooters (two-thirds of the Court herein concurring), "to be shot to death with musketry at such time and place as the Commanding General may appoint."

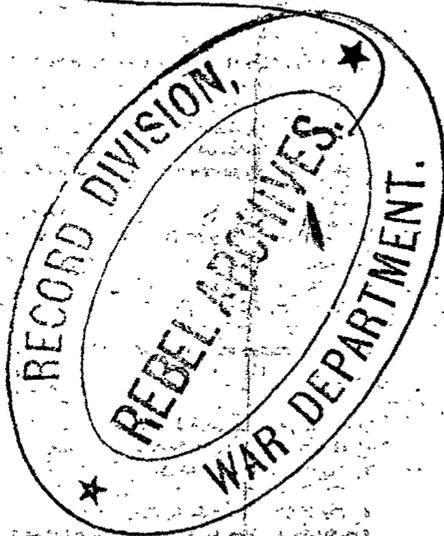
V..The proceedings, findings, and sentence of the General Court Martial in the case of Private Michael Keimer are approved, and the District Commander is charged with the execution of the sentence at such place as he may direct, fourteen days after the promulgation of this order.

By command of General BEAUREGARD.

THOMAS JORDAN,
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GENERAL ORDERS, HEAD-QUARTERS, DEPT OF S. C. GA., AND FLA.,
No. 29. CHARLESTON, S. C., February 18, 1863.

- 1. Before a General Court Martial, convened at McLeod's place, on James island, by virtue of General Orders, No. 3, current series, from these Head-quarters, dated January 6, 1863, and which place of meeting was changed to Charleston, S. C., by General Orders, No. 4, current series, from same Head-quarters, and of which Court Lieutenant-Colonel A. ROMAN, A. A. G., is President, were arraigned and tried:
 - 2. Private Nathaniel M. Goss, Company B, 8th Georgia Battalion.

CHARGE.

Exciting and joining in mutiny.

Specification.....In this: "That Private Nathaniel M. Goss, Company B, 8th Georgia Battalion Volunteers, did, with other enlisted men of the 8th Georgia Battalion, attempt to prevent the execution of an order of his commanding officer, Major B. F. Hunt; and did endeavor in a mutinous manner to excite the men of his company to mutiny, by saying that 'he would kill the man who allowed a sand bag to be put upon him,' and 'that now was as good a time as any for a fight,' or by words to that effect." All this at or near Secessionville, 25th day of December, 1862.

To which the accused pleaded as follows:

To the Specification: "Not Guilty."

To the CHARGE: "Not Guilty."

FINDINGS AND SENTENCE.

The Court, after mature deliberation, finds the accused as follows:

Of the Specification: "Not Guilty."

Of the CHARGE: "Not Guilty."

And the Court does, therefore, acquit Private Nathaniel M. Goss, Company B, 8th Battalion G. V.

- 5. Private J. M. Nichols, Company B, 8th Georgia Battalion Volunteers.

CHARGE.

Exciting and joining in mutiny.

Specification.....In this: "That he, the said J. M. Nichols, Private Company B, 8th Georgia Battalion Volunteers, did assemble with other enlisted men of the 8th Georgia Battalion, and did endeavor to create mutiny in the said battalion, and to prevent the execution of an order given by his command-

ing officer, saying 'that the man who had given the order, was no gentleman,' or words to that effect." All this at or near Secessionville, James Island, December 25th, 1862.

To which the accused pleaded as follows:

To the Specification: "Not Guilty."

To the CHARGE: "Not Guilty."

FINDINGS AND SENTENCE.

The Court, after mature deliberation, finds the accused as follows:

Of the Specification: Of so much as specifies that he used the words "the man who had given the order was no gentleman," or "words to that effect," "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE: "Not Guilty, but guilty of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline."

And the Court does, therefore, sentence the said Private *J. M. Nichols*, Company B, 8th Georgia Battalion, "to be confined for one month under the charge of the guard of his battalion; to be kept for fourteen days of his confinement in solitary confinement on bread and water, and the remainder of the time at hard labor; and to forfeit three months of his pay, saving, always, the just dues of the laundress."

6. Private *W. K. Woodward*, Company B, 8th Battalion Georgia Volunteers.

CHARGE.

Exciting and joining in mutiny.

Specification.....In this; "That he, the said Private *W. K. Woodward*, Company B, 8th Battalion G. V., did assemble with other enlisted men of the 8th Battalion G. V., and did endeavor to excite mutiny in the said battalion and to prevent the execution of an order given by his commanding officer, Major *B. F. Hunt*, urging the men not to allow it." All this at or near Secessionville, James Island, S. C., December 25, 1862.

To which the accused pleaded as follows:

To the Specification: "Not Guilty."

To the CHARGE: "Not Guilty."

FINDINGS AND SENTENCE.

The Court, after mature deliberation, finds the accused as follows:

Of the Specification: Of so much as states that "the accused did assemble with other enlisted men of the 8th Battalion G. V., to prevent the execution of an order given by his commanding officer, Major *B. F. Hunt*, on the 25th day of December, 1862, at Secessionville," "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE: "Not Guilty, but guilty of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline."

And the Court does, therefore, sentence the said Private *W. K. Woodward*, Company B, 8th Battalion G. V., "to be confined in a military prison for two months; for fourteen days of each month to be kept in solitary confinement on bread and water; and to forfeit two months of his pay, saving, always, the just dues of the laundress."

9. Private *Daniel Hollis*, Company B, 8th Battalion Georgia Volunteers.

CHARGE I.

Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

Specification.....In this; "That Private *Daniel Hollis*, Company B, 8th Battalion G. V., did use severe and threatening language toward Sergeant *Simmons*, the first sergeant of his company, and did threaten to kill the said *Simmons*." All this at or near Secessionville, S. C., the 25th day of December, 1862.

CHARGE II.

Exciting and joining in mutiny.

Specification.....In this; "That the said *Daniel Hollis*, Private Company B, 8th Battalion G. V., did assemble in a mutinous manner with other enlisted men of the 8th Georgia Battalion, and did endeavor, in a mutinous manner, to prevent the execution of an order given by his commanding officer." All this at or near Secessionville, S. C., the 25th day of December, 1862.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded "Not Guilty."

FINDINGS AND SENTENCE.

The Court, after mature deliberation, finds the accused as follows:

Of the Specification of 1st CHARGE: "Not Guilty."

Of the 1st CHARGE: "Not Guilty."

Of the Specification of 2d CHARGE: "Guilty."

Of the 2d CHARGE: "Guilty."

And the Court does, therefore, sentence the said Private *Daniel Hollis*, Company B, 8th Battalion G. V., "to be confined in a military prison for twelve months, with a thirty-two pound ball attached to his left leg, and to forfeit all his pay for the same time, saving the just dues of the laundress."

10. Captain *Z. N. Jackson*, Company F, 8th Battalion Georgia Volunteers.

CHARGE I.

Not using his utmost endeavor to suppress mutiny.

Specification.....In this; "That he, Captain *Z. N. Jackson*, Company F, 8th Battalion G. V., being present at a mutiny which had broken out in the 8th Battalion G. V., did not use his utmost endeavor to suppress the same, but did utterly neglect to use any endeavor to suppress the same, and when ordered by his commanding officer to assemble his company under arms to suppress the same, and to disperse the mob, did neglect to assemble his company as ordered, saying that 'he would have nothing to do with the difficulty' (meaning the said mutiny) or using words to that effect." All this at or near Secessionville, S. C., on the 25th day of December, 1862.

CHARGE II.

Exciting and joining in mutiny.

Specification.....In this; "That he, Captain *Z. N. Jackson*, Company F, 8th Battalion G. V., did assemble with enlisted men of the 8th Battalion G. V. in a

mutinous manner to prevent the execution of an order of his commanding officer, Major B. F. Hunt, and when commanded by his commanding officer, the said Major B. F. Hunt, to assemble his company under arms to suppress the mutiny that had broken out in the said 8th Battalion G. V., did neglect to assemble his company as ordered, saying 'he would have nothing to do with the difficulty' (meaning the said mutiny), or using words to that effect." All this at or near Secessionville, S. C., on the 25th day of December, 1862.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded "Not Guilty."

FINDINGS AND SENTENCE.

The Court, after mature deliberation, finds the accused as follows:

Of the Specification of 1st CHARGE: "Guilty, except as to the words 'saying that he would have nothing to do with the difficulty' (meaning the said mutiny), or using words to that effect."

Of the 1st CHARGE: "Guilty."

Of the Specification of 2d CHARGE: "Guilty as to the words 'when commanded by his commanding officer, the said Major B. F. Hunt, to assemble his company under arms to suppress the mutiny that had broken out in the said 8th Battalion G. V., did neglect to assemble his company as ordered.'"

Of the 2d CHARGE: "Not Guilty, but guilty of 'conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.'"

And the Court does, therefore, sentence the accused Captain Z. N. Jackson, Company F, 8th Battalion G. V., "to be cashiered."

11. Lieutenant J. W. Boaz, Company F, 8th Battalion Georgia Volunteers.

CHARGE I.

Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

*Specification.....*In this; "That he, Lieutenant J. W. Boaz, Company F, 8th Battalion G. V., referring to a mutiny which had occurred in the 8th Battalion G. V., did say that 'the officers of his company (F) did not call their men into line, nor would they do so, if it was to do over again,' or 'used words to that effect,' meaning that the officers of Company F, of which he was an officer himself, would not order their company into line if the said mutiny should occur again." All this at or near Secessionville, S. C., on the 25th day of December, 1862.

CHARGE II.

Not using his utmost endeavor to suppress mutiny.

*Specification.....*In this; "That he, Lieutenant J. W. Boaz, Company F, 8th Battalion G. V., being present at a mutiny which had broken out in the 8th Battalion G. V., did not use his utmost endeavor to suppress the same, and having heard his captain, who had been ordered by his commanding officer, Major B. F. Hunt, to assemble his men under arms to suppress the said mutiny, say that 'he (his said captain) would have nothing to do with the difficulty' (meaning the said mutiny), and seeing his said captain neglect to assemble his company under arms, as ordered by his said commanding officer, though aware of said order." All this at or near Secessionville, S. C., December 25, 1862.

CHARGE III.

Exciting and joining in mutiny.

*Specification.....*In this; "That he, Lieutenant J. W. Boaz, Company F, 8th Battalion G. V., did assemble with enlisted men of the 8th Battalion G. V., in a mutinous manner to prevent the execution of an order by his commanding officer, and having heard his captain, who had been ordered by his said commanding officer to assemble his company under arms, to suppress the mutiny which had broken out in the 8th Battalion G. V., say that 'he (his said captain) would have nothing to do with the difficulty' (meaning the said mutiny), and seeing his said captain neglect to assemble his company as ordered, did himself, in a mutinous manner, neglect to assemble his company as had been ordered by his commanding officer, though aware of the said order." All this at or near Secessionville, S. C., on the 25th day of December, 1862.

To all of which charges and specifications the accused pleaded "Not Guilty."

FINDINGS AND SENTENCE.

The Court, after mature deliberation, finds the accused as follows:

Of the Specification of 1st CHARGE: "Not Guilty."

Of the 1st CHARGE: "Not Guilty."

Of the Specification of 2d CHARGE: "Guilty of so much as states that 'he, Lieutenant J. W. Boaz, Company F, 8th Battalion G. V., being present at a mutiny which had broken out in the 8th Battalion G. V., did not use his utmost endeavor to suppress the same, but did utterly neglect to use any endeavor to suppress the same.'" All this at Secessionville, S. C., December 25, 1862. Of the rest "Not Guilty."

Of the 2d CHARGE: "Guilty."

Of the Specification of 3d CHARGE: "Not Guilty."

Of the 3d CHARGE: "Not Guilty."

And the Court does, therefore, sentence the accused, Lieutenant J. W. Boaz, Company F, 8th Battalion G. V., "to be suspended from all rank, pay, and emoluments for the space of two months."

14. Captain M. Y. Sexton, Company B, 8th Battalion Georgia Volunteers.

CHARGE I.

Not using his utmost endeavor to suppress mutiny.

*Specification.....*In this; "That Captain M. Y. Sexton, Company B, 8th Battalion G. V., being present at a mutiny which had broken out among the enlisted men of the battalion in the camp of the battalion, did not use his utmost endeavor to suppress the same, but did utterly fail to use any endeavor to suppress the same, he being on that day on duty as officer of the day, and having been especially directed by his commanding officer to suppress the said mutiny." All this at or near Secessionville, S. C., on the 25th day of December, 1862.

CHARGE II.

Exciting and joining in mutiny.

*Specification.....*In this; "That he, the said Captain M. Y. Sexton, two enlisted men having been ordered to carry sand bags as a punishment by their commanding officer, Major B. F. Hunt, did, in a mutinous manner, enter the tent of his commanding officer, the said Major Hunt, and say to him that 'his (the said Captain Sexton's) men should not carry sand,' and used words to that effect, and did assemble in a mutinous manner, with enlisted men of the said battalion, to prevent the execution of the said order, and did declare in the presence of the said enlisted men that 'his men (meaning the men of Company B) should not carry sand bags,' or using words to that effect, thereby exciting the said enlisted men to mutiny, and preventing the execution of the order of his commanding officer, he, the said Captain Sexton, being at that time on duty as officer of the day." All this at or near Secessionville, on the 25th day of December, 1862.

To all of which charges and specifications the accused pleaded "Not Guilty."

FINDINGS AND SENTENCE.

The Court, after mature deliberation, finds the accused as follows:

Of the Specification of 1st CHARGE: "Guilty of so much as states that 'he, Captain M. Y. Sexton, Company B, 8th Battalion G. V., being present at a mutiny which had broken out among the enlisted men of the battalion, did not use his utmost endeavor to suppress the same, he being on that day on duty as officer of the day." All this at or near Secessionville, S. C., on the 25th day of December, 1862.

Of the 1st CHARGE: "Guilty."

Of the Specification of 2d CHARGE: "Guilty of so much as states that 'he, the said Captain M. Y. Sexton, two enlisted men having been ordered to carry sand bags as a punishment by their commanding officer, Major B. F. Hunt, did, in a mutinous manner, enter the tent of his commanding officer, the said Major Hunt, and say to him that his (the said Captain Sexton's) men should not carry sand,' or used words to that effect, he being at that time on duty as officer of the day." All this at or near Secessionville, the 25th day of December, 1862. Of the rest, "Not Guilty."

Of the 2d CHARGE: "Guilty."

And the Court does, therefore, sentence the said Captain M. Y. Sexton, Company B, 8th Battalion G. V., "to be dismissed the service of the Confederate States."

II. The proceedings, findings, and sentences in the cases of Captain Z. N. Jackson and Captain M. Y. Sexton, 8th Georgia Battalion, are approved, and they will cease to be officers of the Confederate States army from the promulgation of this order.

In the cases of Privates Nathaniel M. Goss, J. M. Nichols, W. K. Woodward, and Daniel Hollis, all of Company B, 8th Georgia Battalion, the proceedings, findings, and sentences are approved, and the sentences will be duly executed.

* In the case of Lieutenant J. W. Boaz, the proceedings, findings, and sentence are approved, and the execution of the sentence will commence from the promulgation of this order.

This Court deserves praise for the business-like way in which its proceedings were conducted, and the record and conduct of the cases reflect credit upon Captain Lowndes, the Judge Advocate. The General commanding would, however, call attention to the fact that the defence of the accused should be in the first person, and signed by himself, and not appear as the pleadings of counsel, signed by the counsel.

III. The General Court Martial of which Lieutenant-Colonel A. ROMAN is President, will stand adjourned *sine die*, until otherwise ordered.

IV. Before a General Court Martial, convened at Savannah, Geo., by virtue of General Orders, No. 119, current series, from these Headquarters, and of which Court-Capt. C. H. HOLYSTEAD is President, was arraigned and tried:

Private Michael Keiner, Company B, 1st Battalion Georgia Sharpshooters.

CHARGE I.

Deserting his post with the intention of joining the enemy.

*Specification.....*In this; "That he, Private Michael Keiner, Company B, 1st Battalion Georgia Sharpshooters, having been duly enlisted in the service of the Confederate States, and having been regularly posted on outpost service at Cheves' landing, did desert the same, and did go off in a boat with the confessed intention of joining the enemy." All this at or near Cheves' landing, on or about the night of the 21st of January, 1863.

CHARGE II.

Conduct highly prejudicial to good order and military discipline.

*Specification.....*In this; "That he, Private Michael Keiner, of company and battalion aforesaid, did, from a concealed position, fire a rifle at two commissioned officers of the 1st Battalion Georgia Sharpshooters." All this at or near Cheves' landing, on or about the 22d of January, 1863. To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded "Not Guilty."

FINDINGS AND SENTENCE.

The Court, after mature deliberation, finds the accused as follows:

Of the Specification of 1st CHARGE: "Guilty."

Of the 1st CHARGE: "Guilty."

Of the Specification of 2d CHARGE: "Guilty."

Of the 2d CHARGE: "Guilty."

And the Court does, therefore, sentence the said Private Michael Keiner, 1st Bat-