

Head Qrs 2d Div. 20th Corps
Winfree's Farm, Va.
May 9th 1865

Circular Order
No. 35

The troops will be expected to appear in the best possible condition as they pass through Richmond in Review tomorrow. Caps and badges must be worn throughout, and the persons, clothing, arms, and accoutrements of the men be clean and neat.

The usual honors and salutes will be paid. Bands of Music will not wheel out in front of the Reviewing Officer. Companies will be previously equalized as usual.

All pack animals etc. will cross the River with the trains and will rejoin the troops beyond Richmond.

By Command of
Evt. Maj. Genl. Jno. W. Geary
W. T. Forbes, AAG

Head Quarters 2d Division 20th A.C.
Asst. Inspector General's Office
July 4, 1864

Circular:

As a standing rule during campaigns, after any change in the main or picket lines, Brigade Inspectors will report to this office promptly describing the new position, especially with reference to the lines on their right and left, and those of the enemy in front - sending with the report a diagram sketch of the position and general character of the grounds in front with roads and distances marked - the number of paces in extent of the main and picket lines - the disposition of the different regiments and the location of Brigade Head Quarters will be particularly designated and all other points of interest or information will be included.

Important information about the enemy or the roads or country in front or on flank, which may be obtained from any reliable source, will always be promptly reported.

Pains will be taken by all Inspectors to obtain as much of such information as possible.

By command of
Brig. Gen. Jno. W. Geary
W. T. Forbes, Capt. and AAI Genl

Head Quarters 2d Brigade
2d Division 20th Corps
Office AAIG Oct 15, 1864

Capt. W. H. Lambert
AAI Genl 2d Division

Captain:

I have the honor to submit the following letter of advice:

There has been no change in the position of the Brigade since last report.

It is encamped on the south side of the City in the Enemy's entrenchments connecting on the left with the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division and on the right with the 1st Brigade, 2d Division.

From the 15th of September until the 5th inst. the troops were chiefly engaged in drilling and in picket duty: since the latter date heavy details have been made from the command for work upon the fortifications of the city. On the 11th inst. two hundred and fifty (250) men and on the 16th five hundred (500) men left the Brigade on foraging expeditions being absent four days on each excursion.

The regiments are well and with the exception of the 33rd N.J. Vols. ^{fully} supplied with clothing, camp and garrison equipage.

In respect of condition of equipments proficiency in drill general health and morale and ability and zeal of commanding officers the Brigade is in an effective and satisfactory condition.

The different departments in the Brigade are properly conducted and with the exception of the transportation in the Quartermasters Dept. in an effective condition.

The transportation of the Brigade consists of thirty-six (36) mules of which number twenty five are unserviceable. The wagons and equipment are in good condition, but the condition of the mules is poor. Owing to the interruption in our communications, very little forage has been issued. The glanders which prevails in other commands has not made its appearance among the animals in this Brigade.

With the exception of salt meat full rations of the usual articles of good quality have been issued.

The average daily detail for guard picket and fatigue and the average daily number of sick in the brigade during the month is as follows:

	Guard	Picket	Fatigue	Sick
73rd Pa. V. Vols.	2	11	14	2
109th Pa. V. Vols.		17	25	5
119th N.Y. Vols.	10	18	34	4
134th N.Y. Vols.	6	15	35	8
154th N.Y. Vols.	4	15	27	8
33rd N.J. Vols.	1	30	46	19
Total	23	106	181	46

Genl. Orders No. 252 War Dept. No 141 Dept. Cum. and No 14 20th Corps are the last orders received at this office.

The hospitals of the Brigade are consolidated in the Division Hospital.

Genl. Orders No. 15 C.S. Dept. Cum. are complied with except in the case of the 119th NY Vols. which has no pack mules or panniers. Action has been taken to supply this want.

Par. III Genl Order's No. 8 c.s. Dept. Cum. is complied with and generally dues observance is paid to regulations and existing orders.

Regimental and company commanders account properly for their respective funds.

The officers of this command are generally distinguished by ability attention to duty and zeal for the welfare of the service.

I am captain
Very respectfully
Yeur obt. servt.
Jno. W. Farland
Lieut and AAIG

Approved

P.H. Jones
Col. 154th N.Y. Vols
Cmdg. Brigade
PHJ

Hd. Qrs. 1st Brig. 2nd Div.
December 27, 1863

Special Order
No. 155

IV. 1st Lieut. James L. Harding 154th Regt. N.Y. Vols is hereby detached(?)
as Acting A. A. G. 1st Brigade 2nd Division 17th Corps to relieve Lieut. T. H. Lee
at present acting in that capacity and will report at these Hd. Qrs. for duty.

By Orders Col. G. W. Mindil
Cmdg. 1st Brigade
C. C. Brown
Capt. & AAA Gen'l

Official

W. G. Cameron
Acting Adjt.

Head Quarters 2d Division, 20th Corps
Near Alexandria Va. May 20th 1865

Circular Orders
No. 39

It is officially announced that the Armies now around Alexandria will be reviewed in Washington on Tuesday and Wednesday next. This will be the greatest and probably the final pageant of this war, and will attract many thousands of our Northern friends to witness it. The General Cmg. Division wishes to impress upon every officer and soldier in this command the importance of making the finest display possible. This Division has been justly noted in this Army for its excellence on Review. Here we come in comparison again with our old comrades of the Army of the Potomac, and here too we can bear off the _____ by timely attention and preparation. Let no pains be spared in making the most complete preparations for this Review.

By Command of
Bvt. Maj. Gen. Jno. W. Geary
W. T. Forbes AAG

Brig. Gen. Jones
Cmg. 2d Brigade

Near ~~Quarters~~ 2d Brigade
2 Div. 20th A.C.
Bladensbrugh June 11, 1865

I certify that I am the Cmdg. Officer of the 2 Brigade 2 Div. with A.C. and have been
_____ June 7, 1864 the permanent Cmdr. of the Brigade and that the following
named officers of the 134 and 154th N.Y. Vol. are now being upon my staff to wit

James L. Harding Cap 154th A. Asst. Insp. Genl.

Com. P. V. Edder Cap 154th _____

Bejm. A. Johnston Capt. 154th Chief Pioneers

Warner Owen(?) 1st Lieut(?) 154th Chief of ambulances

Jas. T. Islim 1st Liuet(?) 134th A. A. Adj. Genl.

And I further certify that their duty enforced them to be mounted and that while
in the field during active operations each of the above named offices was allowed to
~~keep~~ and _____ for two (2) horses _____ their Department in which they serve.

The General failing to procure these officer's horses for _____ issue they
were obliged to purchase and _____ their own horses. These horses are now in their
possession.

P. H. Jones
Brig. General AAG

Hd Qrs 2d Brigade 2d Div
20th C. Office AAIG June 24 1864

Capt. W. T. Forbes
Asst. Insp. Genl 2d Div.

Captain:

I have the honor to submit the following letter of advice:

Since the inspection of May 21st this Brigade has been almost uninterruptedly engaged in marching, fighting or erecting fortifications. These protracted labors aggravated (sic) by exposure to heavy and incessant storms have produced their natural results in the physical exhaustion of the troops. But both officers and men though severely tried by the toils and exposure of the campaign are still zealous and determined and will cheerfully make whatever further efforts the exigencies of the service may demand.

Ammunition, arms and accoutrements are in good condition. The clothing is well worn and the men having had no opportunity (sic) for washing and being very poorly supplied with soap it is in a very uncleanly state. A new supply is much needed.

The troops have been supplied with full rations of coffee, sugar, bread and meat. The continued sameness in diet is severely felt, and symptoms of scurvy have appeared in the command owing to the total exclusion of vegetables from the rations.

The sanitary condition of the troops is as good as could be maintained under the continued exposure and fatigue. The lists of sick is made up of those who have failed rather through physical exhaustion than the attack of any prevailing disease.

At the opening of the campaign the mules in the transportation department were in poor condition and hard work with lack of forage has still further weakened them; a number of mules if much needed. There is also a want of horses for officers and mounted orderlies at these Hd Qrds.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J.L. Harding
Lieut. & AAIG

Approved

Colonel Cmdg. 2d Brigade

Near Quarters Eleventh Corps
December 31st 1863

Special Order
No. 252

Extract

III Lieutenant Jas L. Harding 154th N.Y. Vols is hereby appointed Acting Assistant Inspector General of the 1st Brigade, 2d Division and will report to Col. G. W. Mindil comdg. Brigade for duty.

By order of Major Gen. Howard
(Signed) F.J. Palmer AAAG

Near Quarters 2d Division 11th Corps
December 31, 1863

Official

(Signed) Robt. E. Bucher(?)
AAAG

Near Quarters 1st Brigade 2d Division 11th Corps
December 31, 1863

Official

C.G. Bivin(?)
Capt. and AAAG