

"1st. Any person who may desert his flag shall suffer *death*, agreeably to article 57th, of the 29th December, 1838.

"2d. Any person who may be found half a league distant from this city, or from the camp, shall be considered guilty of the crime of *desertion*.

"By order of his Excellency,

"SALAZAR, *Colonel*,

"VASQUEZ, *General of Brigade*."

P.

This is the final order of march and general disposition of the Mexican army on leaving La Encarnacion for Agua Nueva. Many important discrepancies exist between it and Santa Anna's Report, made *after* the Battle of Buena Vista.

"GENERAL ORDERS OF THE 20TH AND THE 21ST FEB. 1847.

"*General Officer of the Day* — DON RAFAEL VASQUEZ.

"*Aides* — COL. JOSÉ MA. BERMUDEA, AND LIEUT.-COL. DON FLORENCIO ASPETIA.

"*And for to-morrow* — DON FRANCISCO MEJIA, *General Officer of the Day*.

"*Aides* — COL. DON CARLOS BRITO, AND LIEUT.-COL. DON GREGORIO ELATI.

"In the morning the army will continue its march, which will commence at eleven o'clock precisely, in the following order :

"The 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th battalions of light infantry will take the lead, under the orders of General Ampudia, so that he may be able to avail himself of all advantages that the circumstances may require; immediately after, the battalion of sappers; and in its rear, and at the head of the division of infantry of the van, under the orders of General Pacheco, will be placed the company of sharpshooters, and three pieces of 16's, with their respective artillerists and reserve; as likewise the ammunition, composed of 100 round shot and 100 grape for each piece, and 80 boxes of musket ammunition, each containing 9600 cartridges.

"Division of infantry of the centre, commanded by General Manuel Ma. Lombardini, will follow. At the head of this column there will be five 12's, as above named and ammunitioned, and also 80 boxes of musket ammunition.

"At the head of the division of the rear, commanded by General Ortega, there will be five pieces of 8's, supplied with men and ammunition as above, and also its 80 boxes of musket ammunition, each containing 9600 cartridges.

"The division of cavalry of the rear will follow closely on the last of infantry, having at their head the husars, and in their rear the general ammunition train, escorted by the brigade of horse artillery; after the ammunition train, all the camp followers of all classes, with the baggage of all kinds, laundresses, cooks, &c., — it being distinctly understood that no woman will be allowed to mix with the column. The chief in

charge of the commissary department is Don Pedro Rangel, who is also in charge of the baggage train.

"His Excellency, the General-in-Chief, furthermore orders that the different corps shall to-day receive from the commissary three days' rations,* for the 21st, 22d, and 23d; and that they require the necessary meat this afternoon for the first meal to-morrow morning, which the troops are directed to eat one hour before taking up the line of march; and the second will be taken in their haversacks, to be eaten in the night, wherever they may halt; this last will consist of meat, two biscuits, and half a cake of (*piloncillo*) brown sugar for each man; for on the night of the 21st there will be no fires permitted, neither will signal be made by any military instrument of music, the movement at early daybreak on the morning of the 22d having to be made in the most profound silence.

"The troops will drink all the water they can before marching, and will take with them in their canteens, or other vessels, all they can possibly carry; they will economize the water all they can, for we shall encamp at night without water, and shall not arrive at it until the following day. The chief of corps will pay *much, much*, *much* attention to this last instruction.

"Each mule belonging to the ammunition train, and the horses of officers, will receive two rations of corn, which they will take with them; and these will be fed to them to-morrow night at dusk; and

* See the extract from Santa Anna's letter to the Minister of War and Marine on page 151, in which he says his troops had but *one* ration.

on the following morning, at daybreak, the horses' girths will only be slackened, and the mules will not be unharnessed while they are eating. The light brigade will likewise obey this order on the night of the 21st, only loosening their saddles a little. The horses and mules will all be taken to water before commencing the march.

"Each division will take with it its respective medical staff, hospital attendants, medicines, &c., as regulated by the Medical Inspector-General.

"The chaplain-in-chief will provide each division with its chaplain. He will also, as to-morrow is a feast day, order mass to be said at six o'clock in front of the position occupied by the vanguard, at seven o'clock in front of the centre, at eight o'clock in front of the rear guard, and at nine o'clock in front of the division of cavalry.

"General Don Francisco Perez is ordered to be recognized as second in command to General Lombardini, and General Don Luis Guzman as second to General Ortega.

"To facilitate the duties of the conductor-general of the baggage train, the cavalry of Celaya and all the presidial troops are hereby placed under his command.

"His Excellency, the General-in-Chief, recommends to every officer punctual compliance with, and obedience to, each and every part of this, his general order.

"By order of his Excellency,

"MANUEL MICHELTORENA,

"Chief of the General Staff."

Q.

The following is a list of the officers still in the Regular Army, who were engaged in the operations referred to in the foregoing narrative. Their *present* rank is prefixed to their names, and they are placed in the position they *now* occupy, whether in the Staff or in the Line.

GENERAL OFFICERS.

MAJOR-GENERAL ZACHARY TAYLOR,
BREVET MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN E. WOOL.

GENERAL STAFF.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel WILLIAM W. S. BLISS,
Brevet Captain IRVIN McDOWELL.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Brevet Brigadier-General SYLVESTER CHURCHILL.

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Colonel HENRY WHITING,
Brevet Major EBENEZER S. SIBLEY,
Brevet Major WILLIAM W. CHAPMAN,
Brevet Major JAMES L. DONALDSON.

SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT.

Brevet Major AMOS B. EATON.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Surgeon PRESLEY H. CRAIG,
Assistant Surgeon CHARLES M. HITCHCOCK,
Assistant Surgeon THOMAS C. MADISON,
Assistant Surgeon WILLIAM LEVELY,
Assistant Surgeon GRAYSON M. PREVOST.

PAY DEPARTMENT.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel ROGER S. DIX,
Major ANDREW J. COFFEE.

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Brevet Colonel JOSEPH K. F. MANSFIELD,
Brevet Captain HENRY W. BENHAM.

CORPS OF TOPOGRAPHICAL ENGINEERS.

Brevet Major THOMAS B. LINNARD,
Brevet Captain LORENZO SITGREAVES,
Brevet Captain JOHN POPE,
Brevet 1st Lieutenant WILLIAM B. FRANKLIN,
Brevet 1st Lieutenant FRANCIS T. BRYAN.

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Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel HENRY K. CRAIG,
Brevet 1st Lieutenant CHARLES P. KINGSBURY.

LINE.

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Captain DANIEL H. RUCKER,
Captain JAMES H. CARLETON,
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1st Lieutenant JOSEPH H. WHITTLESEY,
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2d Lieutenant NEWTON C. GIVENS,
2d Lieutenant THOMAS J. WOOD.

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1st Lieutenant ISAAC BOWEN,
1st Lieutenant ABNER DOUBLEDAY.

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Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel JOHN M. WASHINGTON,
Brevet Major THOMAS W. SHERMAN,
Brevet Major WILLIAM H. SHOVER,
Brevet Major GEORGE H. THOMAS,
Brevet Captain JOHN F. REYNOLDS,
Brevet Captain SAMUEL G. FRENCH.

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Brevet Major JOHN P. J. O'BRIEN,
Brevet Captain THOMAS L. BRENT,
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1st Lieutenant DARIUS N. COUCH.

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