

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 55.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, March 6, 1863.

I..Before a General Court Martial, which convened at the Camp of the 3d Brigade, Grover's Division, 3d Army Corps, September 15, 1862, pursuant to General Orders, No. 5, dated Headquarters, Grover's Division, Camp near Seminary, September 14, 1862, and Special Orders, No. 4, of September 15, 1862, and of which Colonel GEORGE D. WELLS, 34th Massachusetts Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried—

1st Lieutenant *Thomas Goodman*, 6th New Jersey Volunteers.

CHARGE 1st.—“ Violation of the 52d Article of War.”

Specification—“ In this; that the said 1st Lieutenant *Thomas Goodman*, Company “K,” 6th New Jersey Volunteers, did absent himself from his Company and Regiment, without proper authority, when about to become engaged with the enemy. This on or about the 30th day of August, 1862, near the battle-field of Manassas Plains.”

CHARGE 2d.—“ Disobedience of orders.”

Specification—“ In this; that the said 1st Lieutenant *Thomas Goodman*, Company “K,” 6th New Jersey Volunteers, did absent himself from Camp against the express order of his Commanding Officer. This near Fort Lyon, Virginia, on or about the 3d day of September, 1862.”

CHARGE 3d.—“ Desertion.”

Specification—“ In this; that the said 1st Lieutenant *Thomas Goodman*, Company “K,” 6th New Jersey Volunteers, having left Camp without permission, on or about the 3d day of September, 1862, did not rejoin his Company and Regiment until the evening of the 21st day of September, 1862. This at Camp Hooker, near Fort Lyon, Virginia.”

To which charges and specifications the accused, 1st Lieutenant *Thomas Goodman*, 6th New Jersey Volunteers, pleaded as follows:

CHARGE I.

To the *Specification*, “Not Guilty.”

To the CHARGE, “Not Guilty.”

CHARGE II.

To the *Specification*, "Not Guilty."

To the CHARGE, "Not Guilty."

CHARGE III.

To the *Specification*, "Guilty."

To the CHARGE, "Not Guilty."

FINDING.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, 1st Lieutenant *Thomas Goodman*, 6th New Jersey Volunteers, as follows:

CHARGE I.

Of the *Specification*, "Not Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Not Guilty."

CHARGE II.

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

CHARGE III.

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Not Guilty, but guilty of absence without leave."

SENTENCE.

And the Court does therefore sentence the said 1st Lieutenant *Thomas Goodman*, 6th New Jersey Volunteers, "*To forfeit all pay and allowances now due, or which may hereafter become due from the United States, and to be dismissed the service of the United States.*"

II. The foregoing proceedings having been forwarded to the War Department without review by the proper authorities, as required by existing laws, the sentence is inoperative, and Lieutenant Goodman will be restored to his command.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.