

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 107. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, April 28, 1863.

I.. Before a General Court Martial which convened at the Camp of 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 1st Corps, April 21, 1863, pursuant to Special Orders, No. 89, dated Headquarters, 1st Division, 1st Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, April 21, 1863, and of which Colonel E. B. FOWLER, 14th New York State Militia, is President, was arraigned and tried—

1st Sergeant *John A. Chase*, Company "A," 24th New York Volunteers.

CHARGE I.—"Striking his superior officer."

Specification—"In this; that the said First Sergeant *John A. Chase*, of Company 'A,' 24th Regiment New York Volunteers, did assault and violently strike Captain John Ratigan, of said 24th Regiment New York Volunteers, while he, the said Ratigan, was attempting to quell a disturbance in said 24th Regiment New York Volunteers. All this at camp of 24th Regiment New York Volunteers, on the 20th day of April, 1863."

CHARGE II.—"Using threatening language towards his superior officer."

Specification—"In this; that the said First Sergeant *John A. Chase*, of Company 'A,' 24th Regiment New York Volunteers, did threaten to shoot Captain John Ratigan, of said 24th Regiment New York Volunteers, and did go to his tent and procure a gun and commence loading it, which was taken from him by force by the Officer of the Day, before he would desist from his threats of shooting the said Captain John Ratigan. All this at the camp of the 24th Regiment New York Volunteers, on the 20th day of April, 1863."

* To which charges and specifications the accused, First Sergeant *John A. Chase*, Company "A," 24th Regiment New York Volunteers, pleaded "Not Guilty."

FINDING.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, First Sergeant *John A. Chase*, Company "A," 24th New York Volunteers, as follows:

CHARGE I.

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

CHARGE II.

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty, except the words 'and commenced loading it,' 'by force,' 'before he would desist from his threats of shooting the said Captain John Ratigan.'"

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

SENTENCE.

And the Court does therefore sentence him, First Sergeant *John A. Chase*, Company "A," 24th New York Volunteers, "*That he be shot to death with musketry at such time and place as the Commanding General may direct, two-thirds of the members of the Court concurring in the sentence.*"

II.. The proceedings in the foregoing case have been approved by the Army Corps Commander and by the Major General Commanding the Army of the Potomac, and forwarded for the action of the President of the United States.

The following are the President's orders:

APRIL 28, 1863.

The sentence of death in this case is commuted to imprisonment at hard labor, with ball and chain attached to his leg, during the remainder of the present war; all to be in Fort Delaware.

A. LINCOLN.

III.. The Commanding Officer at Fort Delaware is charged with the execution of the sentence.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.