

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 127. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, May 15, 1863.

I..Before a General Court Martial, which convened at former Headquarters of Major General Rosecrans, on High street, in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, January 17, 1863, pursuant to General Orders, No. 2, dated Headquarters, United States Forces, Nashville, Tennessee, January 15th, 1863, and of which Major CHARLES S. COWAN, 10th Illinois Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried—

Private *Milton Armstrong*, Company C, 68th Indiana Volunteers.

CHARGE.—“Sleeping upon his post.”

Specification—“In this; that on the night of February 8th, A. D. 1863, the said *Milton Armstrong*, private of Company C, 68th regiment of Indiana Volunteers, having been duly detailed for picket guard at one of the picket stations in the vicinity of Nashville, Tennessee, and placed on duty as such picket guard at said station, did then and there suffer and allow himself, during said night, to sleep on his said post for the space of one hour. All this in the vicinity of Nashville, Tennessee.”

To which charge and specification the accused, Private *Milton Armstrong*, Company C, 68th Indiana Volunteers, pleaded “Not Guilty.”

FINDING.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, Private *Milton Armstrong*, Company C, 68th Indiana Volunteers, as follows:

Of the *Specification*, except the clause “for the space of one hour,” “Guilty.”

Of the CHARGE, “Guilty.”

SENTENCE.

And the Court do therefore sentence him, Private *Milton Armstrong*, of Company C, 68th Indiana Volunteers, “To be shot to death with

musketry, at such time and place as the Commanding General of the Department of the Cumberland may appoint, two-thirds of the Court concurring in the foregoing sentence."

II.—The proceedings in the foregoing case have been approved by the proper commanders, and forwarded for the action of the President of the United States, who directs that the sentence be commuted to imprisonment in some military prison for three months from the 11th day of May, 1863.

The Commanding General of the Department of the Cumberland will designate the military prison to which the prisoner will be sent.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR :

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Assistant Adjutant General.