

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 197. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, June 30, 1863.

I..Before a General Court Martial, which convened at Mesilla, Arizona, November 6, 1862, pursuant to Special Orders, No. 186, dated Headquarters, Department of New Mexico, Santa Fé, New Mexico, October 19, 1862, and of which Lieutenant Colonel EDWIN A. RIGG, 1st California Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried—

Private *Amos Taylor*, Company "A," 1st California Volunteer Cavalry.

CHARGE.—"Sleeping on post."

*Specification*—"In this; that Private *Amos Taylor*, of Company 'A,' 1st Cavalry, California Volunteers, being duly posted as a sentinel, was found asleep on his post. This at Fort Fillmore, New Mexico, on or about the 26th of August, 1862."

To which charge and specification the accused, Private *Amos Taylor*, Company "A," 1st California Volunteer Cavalry, pleaded "Not Guilty."

#### FINDING.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, Private *Amos Taylor*, Company "A," 1st California Volunteer Cavalry, as follows:

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

#### SENTENCE.

And the Court does therefore sentence him, Private *Amos Taylor*, Company "A," 1st California Volunteer Cavalry, "*To be shot to death: two-thirds of the members of the Court concurring therein.*"

II..The proceedings of the Court in the above case have been approved by the General Commanding the Department of New

Mexico, and forwarded for the action of the President of the United States, who, on the recommendation of the Court and of the Department Commander, remits the sentence awarded Private Taylor, and directs that he be returned to duty.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*