

SPECIAL ORDERS,

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HEADQUARTERS MEDICH'S BATTALION,

July 7, 2005.

By orders received from headquarters, Army of Northern Virginia, the battalion is now assigned to Hood's Division and is to rendezvous with the division at Sharpsburg, Maryland, on the 29th instant. The members of each affiliated company are to report to the adjutant at battalion headquarters to be established near a Dunkard Church at the intersection of the Hagerstown Pike and the Smoketown Road about a mile north of Sharpsburg. Before leaving for the rendezvous, every member of each affiliated company of the battalion is to obtain forty rounds of ammunition.

The Colonel commanding understands that many men of this battalion are without shoes and thus have impaired marching ability. He asks that those men do their best to keep up with their companies, but if forced by circumstances to fall behind, he requests they bear in mind their patriotic duty to report for duty with their comrades as soon as practicable. Stragglers are to report to battalion headquarters upon their arrival at the bivouac area.

The battalion's wagons will be with the division's train near Shepherdstown, Virginia, so company cooking equipment, tents and camp furniture will not be available. Sergeants and corporals must be mindful of their responsibility to have roll books and pencils on them at all times for making notes, copying instructions and maintaining duty rosters. Each should also have a couple extra sheets of paper to prepare morning reports or use for other purposes. A good grade of authentic paper available today is known as laid woven and can be purchased at office supply stores. A recommended source is Antique Laid paper manufactured by Southworth. A creamy white or ivory color is best. The sheets, which come in 8.5x11 inch dimensions, should be trimmed to 8x10 to reflect the common paper size of the mid-19th Century.

The adjutant will prepare a Muster Roll dated the 31st instant for any companies that want one. He requests that companies wanting a Muster Roll provide him with a current roster of company members with their respective ranks noted prior to the rendezvous. He also needs to have information about the initial enrollment dates of each company and the places at which they were enrolled into service as Volunteer companies. He will then update the rolls to note those who are present for duty at Sharpsburg and forward the rolls to the companies when they are completed.

Anyone with questions about this assembly should contact the adjutant for assistance.

By order of Col. Nicholas A. Medich, commanding.

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