

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

Correspondence relative to quartering hospital stewards in the Department of the East.

FEBRUARY 10, 1886.--Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, February 6, 1886.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit copy of correspondence in regard to quartering hospital stewards at the various military posts in the Department of the East.

The papers are forwarded to Congress for the information of the committee in charge of the Army appropriation bill, and set forth the necessity of the item \$58,765, asked on page 99 of the estimate book for 1887 (House Ex. Doc. No. 5, Forty-ninth Congress, first session), for "construction of quarters for hospital stewards."

Very respectfully,

WM. C. ENDICOTT,
Secretary of War.

The PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.

Correspondence in regard to the quartering of hospital stewards at the various military posts in the Department of the East.

Official :

R. C. DRUM,
Adjutant-General.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, February 6, 1886.

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 20th ultimo, referring to report submitted by post commanders in answer to a circular from your office in the matter of quarters for hospital stewards, I have the honor to state as follows :

Of the twenty-five forts and barracks in this Department, seven have separate quarters for stewards. They are Forts Trumbull, Monroe, Niagara, Wayne, and

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Mount Vernon, Jackson, and Little Rock Barracks. The quarters so occupied are, with few exceptions, old and unsuitable.

At the remaining eighteen posts the stewards, married as well as single, reside in the hospital. These posts are Forts Columbus, Adams, Hamilton, Wadsworth, Ontario, Preble, Warren, Porter, Schuyler, McHenry, Barrancas, Mackinac, Brady, and Plattsburg, Newport, Madison, and Saint Francis Barracks, and Washington Barracks.

The majority of the stewards serving in this Department are married, there being only three who are unmarried. At the posts where the stewards dwell in the hospitals there are no suitable outside quarters which can be assigned to them. No set of quarters for use by a steward has been specially constructed in the department since the close of the late war.

There is an unanimous expression of opinion as to the grave disadvantage, as well as impropriety, of allowing stewards with families to occupy any part of a hospital as quarters, and the views of this office are generally concurred in by the several post commanders.

I would therefore respectfully recommend that separate quarters be provided outside, and conveniently situated to all hospitals, for the stewards, married as well as single, with the view of breaking up this practice of living in the hospital, and possibly off it; and when such quarters are constructed for each steward to occupy and maintain for himself a separate and independent establishment.

I would further recommend that the accompanying reports be transmitted to the Surgeon-General of the Army.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. SUTHERLAND,

Colonel and Surgeon, United States Army, Medical Director.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,

Headquarters Department of the East, Governor's Island, New York.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,

Governor's Island, New York, November 3, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the chief quartermaster of the department for remark.

By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,

Governor's Island, New York, November 18, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, department of the East, recommending that these papers be forwarded for consideration of proper authority. It is proper to state, however, that in September, 1881, the Secretary of War decided that if hospital steward's quarters are erected the expense was chargeable to the hospital appropriation, whereupon the Surgeon-General, September 13, 1881, positively declined to recommend their erection, and added "the quarters of a hospital steward should be in the hospital building, and no other quarters should be provided, so far as the Medical Department is concerned."

ALEX. J. PERRY,

Colonel and Assistant Quartermaster-General, United States Army.

[Third indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,

Governor's Island, November 19, 1885.

Respectfully referred to Colonel Roger Jones, Inspector-General, for remark.

By command of Major-General Hancock :

WM. D. WHIPPLE,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Fourth indorsement.]

INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT,
DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,

Governor's Island, New York, November 20, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.

A hospital steward without wife or children may undoubtedly be quartered in a hospital without detriment to the public interest, just as the nurses and cooks are, but the case is entirely different when they have families, large or small, and as we

have to deal with or provide for things as they are, and are likely to continue to be, I am of opinion quarters outside of hospitals ought to be provided for hospital stewards.

R. JONES,
Colonel, Inspector-General.

[Fifth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, November 21, 1885.

Respectfully forwarded for the information and consideration of superior authority.

In my annual report dated October 7, 1885, I adverted to the statement made by the medical director that, in his opinion, the occupancy of quarters in the post hospitals by the hospital stewards is, to some extent, detrimental to good order and discipline, and I then said that I should cause further inquiry and report to be made in the matter. These are the reports from the several posts on the subject, together with the views of the medical director and the inspector-general of the department. They are interesting, and it seems to me that the question at issue is one well worthy of consideration as bearing closely upon the interior economy and discipline of the Army at large.

WINFIELD S. HANCOCK,
Major-General, Commanding.

[Sixth indorsement.]

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, November 24, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the Surgeon-General for remark.
By order of the Secretary of War :

J. C. KELTON,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Seventh indorsement.]

SURGEON-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
December 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the Secretary of War through the Adjutant-General of the Army.

It is the almost unanimous opinion of medical officers in charge of post hospitals that hospital stewards should be quartered outside of the hospital buildings, and this office cannot too strongly urge the necessity for reserving such buildings for their strictly legitimate purpose-treatment of the sick.

Occupation by any but the sick is objectionable to the inmates, subversive of discipline, and opposed to all hygienic and sanitary rules. Especially objectionable is the occupation of quarters in the hospital by families, and as nearly all stewards are married, this objection is universal.

There should be at every military post a neat, but inexpensive cottage, located in close proximity to the hospital, and permanently set apart as quarters for the hospital steward.

The wants of military posts in this matter have been inquired into by this office, and reported upon to the Quartermaster-General (in response to his inquiry), and I understand that an item has been inserted in the estimate of appropriations for the next fiscal year, with a view of supplying at least a part of what is desired. I earnestly hope that Congress will make an appropriation therefor.

R. MURRAY,
Surgeon-General U. S. Army.

[Eighth indorsement.]

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, December 4, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the Quartermaster-General for remark.
By order of the Secretary of War:

J. C. KELTON,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Ninth indorsement.]

Respectfully returned with remark that the Surgeon-General having reported the need of \$58,765 in providing suitable shelter for hospital stewards, that item appears in the annual estimates of the Quartermaster's Department for 1886 and 1887, as transmitted to the honorable the Secretary of War September 4, 1885.

S. B. HOLABIRD,
Quartermaster-General, U. S. Army.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
December 8, 1885.

Inclosure No. 1.

FORT COLUMBUS, NEW YORK HARBOR,
October 14, 1885.

SIR: In compliance with your letter of instruction of the 12th instant, I have the honor to report that the hospital steward at this post is quartered in the post hospital and that he occupied three rooms on the second floor. There are no quarters outside the hospital which can be assigned to him. He is married, but has no children. He has a boy, about fourteen years of age, living with him, whom he regards in the light of an adopted son. The steward's wife is the hospital matron.

The effect of the occupancy of quarters in the hospital at this post by the steward and his wife has not been detrimental to good order and discipline.

Very respectfully, your obedient, servant,

R. H. JACKSON,

Major Fifth Artillery, Bvt. Brig. Gen., U. S. Army, Commanding Post.

The ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York Harbor.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 14, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department.

By command of Major-General Hancock:

S. N. BENJAMIN,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East. Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,

Colonel and Surgeon, U.S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 2.

FORT HAMILTON, NEW YORK HARBOR,
October 14, 1885.

SIR: In reply to your letter of October 12, 1885, I have the honor to say that the hospital steward and his wife occupy the principal part of the second story of the hospital at this post. He has no children.

In my service I don't remember where such has not been the practice. It has always been objected to by post commanders and inspectors-general, and I think at at least four inspections by the late General Arnold he did not fail to speak strongly of it, here and at Fort Preble. He told me that he always called attention to it reprehensively in his reports.

I don't remember having heard medical officers speak against it, except as occupying what might be wanted as an isolated ward in cases of contagion. On April 3, 1882, I estimated for quarters for a non-commissioned staff at this post, which included the hospital steward and the band master. It was sneered at in Washington as being good enough for officers. I estimated thus, not because I wished the officers less, but the warrant officers more, and because I take no pride in commanding shanties or imposing them on the civil neighborhood.

The objections to family occupancy of hospitals are general and special.

(1) Generally, it is inconvenient, embarrassing, and sometimes indecent to have a family under the same roof and with the same passage ways as have a body of men with a wide range of diseases among them.

(2) It is almost impossible that some "menial" service may not be exacted by the steward in favor of his family.

(3) The discontented nurse, cook, or assistant steward will be always watching to find fault, and to lay up grievances against the steward, whose family comes in for a large share.

(4) A steward that would never be suspected of perverting hospital stores, food, or other supplies, while living in a house removed, will always be suspected of doing so

for his family living in the hospital, by those patients who feel that the Army sick should in all seasons "have fresh grapes."

Per contra: A steward lodging in a hospital is easy of call, and this should be provided for in any case of separate residence, say by speaking-tube and whistle. Any quarters outside the hospital available for the steward would be at a very inconvenient distance, would be inferior, and would eject some member of the band or some old first sergeant's family.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. HAMILTON,
Colonel Fifth Artillery, Commanding Post.

The ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York City.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island New York, October 15, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.
By command of Major-General Hancock:

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

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Inclosure No. 3.

PLATTSBURG BARRACKS, NEW YORK,
October 14, 1885.

SIR: In answer to your circular communication of the 12th instant on the subject of hospital stewards living in the hospitals, I beg to state that the hospital at this post occupies the east end of the company quarters building. On the lower floor are the kitchen, store-room, water-closet, bath-room, ward-room, dispensary, and surgeon's office. On the second floor two rooms occupied by the hospital steward (who is a single man) and one store-room. There are no other quarters that can be assigned to him.

The occupancy of any portion of the quarters intended for enlisted men as a hospital is, in my opinion, objectionable both from a military as well as a sanitary point of view, but in the case of this post, if it is intended to continue it as a one-company post, there is plenty of room for company, hospital, and steward especially as the hospital has been almost unoccupied by the sick for the two years past. Should the small-pox or other epidemic visit this post, I should consider it necessary to separate the hospital from the men's quarters, even if tents or other temporary shelter had to be resorted to.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. S. LAMOTTE,
Lieutenant-Colonel Twelfth Infantry, Commanding.

The ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL, U. S. A.,
Headquarters Department of the East.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 15, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.
By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
 MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
 Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 4.

FORT ONTARIO, NEW YORK, *October 15, 1885.*

SIR: In reply to your communication of the 14th instant, in reference to the quarters of the hospital steward at this post, I have the honor to inform you that the steward is quartered in the hospital and occupies all of the second floor except one small room used as a store-room. There are no other suitable quarters at the post that could be assigned the steward, who is married and has two children--boys.

In reference to the effect of the occupation of the hospital by the steward's family upon good order and discipline, I cannot see in my experience here that there has been any detriment to good order or discipline.

In my opinion the steward, just as the first sergeant of a company, should be quartered in the hospital for the purpose of exercising a supervision and control over it at all times, to properly protect the large amount of valuable Government property committed to his care. But I think his family, if he has one, should be furnished quarters elsewhere, because I do not think it right that they should be exposed to the dangers, and annoyances which are inseparable from the hospital service.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. M. STACEY,
Capt. 12th Infantry, Bvt. Lt. Col., U. S. Army, Commanding Post.
 ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York Harbor.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 16, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.

By command of Major General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC, AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
 MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
 Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 5.

FORT WADSWORTH, NEW YORK HARBOR, *October 15, 1885.*

SIR: In reply to circular letter from headquarters Department of the East, dated October 12, 1885, I have the honor to report that the hospital at this post consists of a main building and two wings, one to the east and one to the north.

The first floor of the main building is occupied by the office, dispensary, and store-room; the second floor by the steward, who is married and has two children. The east wing contains the ward and attendants' rooms, the north wing the kitchen and mess-room.

There are no other quarters which can be assigned the steward. In my opinion the steward should be quartered outside the hospital and in its vicinity. The presence of

enlisted men as patients, &c., on one floor, and a family with children on the second floor is objectionable from every point of view.

To say nothing of the character of the diseases treated in every hospital, the complications continually arising between household economies and necessities on the one side, and the presence and requirements day by day of men to whom isolation and rest are essential, can only be prevented by giving the steward the separate accommodations to which he is entitled, and securing for the patients under his care the full and entire possession of all the means and facilities originally provided for them.

There have been instances at this post where the family of the steward has been put to great inconvenience by necessary treatment in hospital of delirium both from alcohol and fever, as well as by the presence of contagious disease.

There should be neither need nor occasion for confounding the supply and police arrangements peculiar to a family with those of ward-room and dispensary.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

HENRY W. CLOSSON,
Lieutenant-Colonel, 5th Artillery, Commanding Post.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York Harbor.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island New York, October 16, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.
By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 6.

POST OF MADISON BARRACKS,
Sackett's Harbor, New York, October 15, 1885.

SIR : In reply to letter from your headquarters, dated October 12, 1885, I have the honor to report as follows :

The hospital steward at this post is quartered in the basement story and occupies one side of the middle hall of the hospital. The other side is used for dining-room, kitchen, pantries, &c.

No quarters outside the hospital for him. He is a widower with but one grown boy. The occupancy of the hospital by this steward is not detrimental to good order and military discipline, but rather the reverse. But it might be bad enough with a man of larger family, and as a rule I think the steward should have outside quarters.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. B. WILLCOX,
Colonel 12th Infantry, Brevet Major-General U. S. Army, Commanding.
ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 17, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.
By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
 MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
 Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 7.

POST HOSPITAL,
Washington Barracks, D. C., October 15, 1885.

SIR: In reply to indorsement No. 1 to accompanying letter, I have the honor to state that the hospital steward at this post is quartered in the hospital; occupying two rooms in the second story of the administration building and three rooms under the ward in the basement of the hospital. The rooms under the ward are used for laundry purposes for which they were furnished with stove, stationary wash-tubs, &c. The steward is married; he has four children, the youngest one year old.

Quartering a married steward in the hospital is subversive of good order and military discipline.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. D. WOLVERTON,
Surgeon, U. S. Army.

POST ADJUTANT.

[First indorsement.]

WASHINGTON BARRACKS, D. C., *October 16, 1885.*

Respectfully forwarded to headquarters Department of the East, in reply to circular letter of 12th instant.

H. G. GIBSON,
Colonel Third Artillery, Commanding.

[Second indorsement]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 17, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the commanding officer, Washington Barracks, who will observe, from the letter of October 12, 1885, from these headquarters, that the views of the post commander are desired in this matter.

By command of Major-General Hancock :

WM. D. WHIPPLE,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Third indorsement.]

WASHINGTON BARRACKS, D. C., *October 10, 1885.*

Respectfully returned,

The indorsement of the post surgeon covers all points involved in this matter except that he omits to state that there are no quarters outside of the hospital at this post that can be assigned the hospital steward. I regard the quartering of any family in a hospital as open to serious objections in every respect, independent of its injurious effect upon military discipline. I concur in the views of the medical director of the department and the post surgeon.

H. G. GIBSON,
Colonel Third Artillery, Commanding.

[Fourth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governors Island, New York, October 20, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.

By command of Major-General Hancock :

WM. D. WHIPPLE,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Fifth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
 MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
 Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 8.

FORT PREBLE, ME., *October 15, 1885.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of circular letter of October 12, from headquarters Department of the East, publishing an extract from the medical director's annual report and requiring a statement from the post commander as to the manner in which the hospital steward is quartered, &c.; also, calling for an expression of the post commander's views as to the effect of such occupancy upon "good order and discipline."

In reply, I have the honor to state that the hospital steward of this post has a wife and three children; the ages of the latter are about six, five, and one year, respectively; they are quartered upon the first floor of the hospital, occupying the whole of that floor with the exception of two rooms used as office and dispensary, respectively; they also make use of the basement for washing purposes. There are no quarters outside of the hospital unoccupied, except the ordnance sergeant's; these were vacated at the time Ordnance Sergeant Rosenthal was relieved from duty at the post by retirement. In the event of an ordnance sergeant's assignment to duty at the post they would be brought into requisition again; otherwise they remain vacant and would be available, temporarily, for use by the hospital steward and his family.

While it would, no doubt, be necessary to make use of that portion of the hospital building now occupied by the steward and his family in the event of an epidemic, or the occurrence of a larger number of cases of sickness than could be accommodated on the second floor, yet, as a general thing, the health of this post has been so good as to rarely require the use of the hospital for cases of sickness beyond the periods of the daily sick call.

The "good order and discipline" of the post has not been affected by the fact that the steward and his family have been quartered in the hospital; nor in my opinion will be, so long as the space occupied by them is not required for the accomodation of the sick.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM M. GRAHAM,
Major Fourth Artillery, Commanding Post.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York City.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governors Island, New York, October 17, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.

By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
 MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
 Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 9.

FORT WARREN MASS., *October 16, 1885.*

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, I have the honor to state that all troops at this post, with exception of a few married soldiers, are quartered in casemates. There is nothing of record here to show what limit was given to the hospital quarters originally. The steward is in quarters adjoining the hospital, and a commissioned officer of the line adjoining him. This is the arrangement that has always obtained here. There is no inconvenience resulting to the hospital, but rather to the steward and commissioned officers of the post. There are no suitable quarters outside which can be assigned to the steward. He is married and has three children. His occupancy of his present quarters does not affect good order and military discipline. So long as casemates are deemed by the superior powers of the Government as suitable quarters for troops in times of peace, the present arrangement of hospital and steward's quarters are good outside of sanitary considerations.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

L. L. LIVINGSTON,

Major Fourth Artillery, Commanding.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL, U. S. A.,
Headquarters Department of the East.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 17, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.
By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,

Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 10.

FORT TRUMBULL, CONN., *October 14, 1885.*

SIR: In reply to your communication of the 12th instant, relative to quarters occupied by the hospital steward at this post, I have the honor to inform you that the steward occupies a set of non-commissioned staff quarters, apart from the hospital; said quarters are in good condition and repair. The steward is a married man with no children.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN MENDENHALL,

Lieutenant-Colonel Fourth Artillery, Commanding Post.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York Harbor.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 17, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.
By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
 MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
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Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
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C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

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Inclosure No. 11.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York City, October 12, 1885.

SIR: The medical director, in his annual report, recently submitted, says as follows:

"The need of separate quarters for hospital stewards is much felt in this department. At present they live, almost as a rule, in the hospitals, and in many instances occupy the entire second floor. This is a great inconvenience, and at the same time is detrimental to good order and discipline."

The commanding general desires you to look into this matter and submit a statement as to how the hospital steward at your post is quartered; if in the hospital, how much of it he occupies; whether there are any quarters outside the hospital which can be assigned to him, and whether or not he is married and has children. If the steward is quartered in the hospital, please, in your report, give your views as to the effect of such occupancy "upon good order and discipline."

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

COMMANDING OFFICER, POST OF FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA.

[First indorsement.]

FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA, *October 14, 1885.*

Respectfully referred to the post surgeon, who will please furnish the information necessary to answer the inquiries of the department commander.

By order of Colonel Tidball

TASKER H. BLISS,
First Lieutenant, First Artillery, Adjutant.

[Second indorsement.]

FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA, *October 15, 1885.*

Respectfully returned to the post adjutant, Fort Monroe; Va., with the statement that the hospital steward of this post is quartered in a house separated from but near the hospital. He is married and has two children.

GEO. H. TORNEY,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army.

[Third indorsement.]

FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA, *October 16, 1885.*

Respectfully forwarded to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East, inviting attention to the remark of the post surgeon, in second indorsement herein.

JOHN C. TIDBALL,
Colonel First Artillery, Commanding.

[Fourth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 17, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.
 By command of Major-General Hancock:

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

12 HOSPITAL STEWARDS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST.

[Fifth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 12.

NEWPORT BARRACKS,
Newport, Ky., October 16, 1885.

SIR: In compliance with indorsement on letter from headquarters Department of the East, dated October 12, 1885 (returned inclosed), I have the honor to state that the hospital steward is at present quartered in the second story of the building being temporarily used as a hospital, and occupies five rooms (two of good size and three small, one being a bath-room). In the plan which has been accepted for remodeling and repairing the hospital, the steward is provided with quarters, five rooms being available without interfering with the administration (three of good size, one small and a bath-room); they are cut off from the other portions of the building and are provided with a separate entrance, out of view and some distance from the entrance to the ward and office, dispensary, &c., so that there can be no direct communication between the steward's family and the attendants or patients. Hospital stewards should have quarters separate from the hospital for the reasons given by the medical director; this was considered when planning the alterations to the hospital, and quarters were arranged for him because the area of the post is so limited that a suitable building could not be located without being undesirably near to the quarters and barracks. The steward on duty is married and has three children.

The hospital building was so wrecked by the floods, the occupancy as a hospital has been very limited. The arrangement is such, that the noise created by the children would have been very annoying to most of the patients, and in some especial cases might have been injurious; other than this there has been no interference. The new arrangement will obviate this.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CALVIN DEWITT,
Surgeon U. S. Army, Post Surgeon.

POST ADJUTANT.

[First indorsement.]

NEWPORT BARRACKS, KENTUCKY, *October 16, 1885.*

Respectfully forwarded to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East, Governor's Island, New York City. In addition to the facts stated within, I submit the following:

There are no quarters at this post outside the hospital suitable for the hospital steward. The new arrangement of the hospital will provide the steward with excellent quarters and can in no way interfere with good order or discipline.

JOHN L. TIERNON,
Captain Third Artillery, Commanding Post.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 19, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.
By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Third indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 13.

FORT WAYNE, MICHIGAN, *October 16, 1885.*

SIR: Your letter of the 12th instant has been received, and in reply to same I have the honor to state, the hospital steward at this post occupies, as quarters, a building which is distant 12 feet from the hospital and connected with the same by a covered way. The building is 16 by 24 feet, one and a half stories high, with a basement 7 feet high. The basement, first floor, and attic, are each divided into two rooms. The basement is used as dining-room and kitchen, first floor as living rooms, and attic as bed rooms. The hospital steward is married and has five children.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. M. BLACK,

Colonel Twenty-third Infantry, Commanding Post:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 19, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.
By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant general, Department of the East.
Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 14.

OFFICE COMMANDING OFFICER,
Fort Porter, New York, October 16, 1885.

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 12th instant on the matter of quarters for hospital stewards, I have the honor to state that, the hospital steward at this post is quartered in the hospital. He occupies four rooms, two on the ground floor and two in the attic. He is married and has children, and his wife and children live with him. There are no quarters outside of the hospital building that can possibly be assigned to him. I consider the fact of the steward being quartered in the hospital as detrimental to good order and discipline in so much as he takes up room that should be for the use of the sick and the administrative purposes of the hospital, and that it is manifestly wrong, and hurtful to all concerned, to have a family quartered with the sick. The constant presence of a steward in the hospital I have always believed to be conducive to the good order and discipline of the same. This attendance can be secured by having quarters built for him in close proximity to the hospital.

I would therefore recommend that stewards be provided with quarters in a building apart from but close to the hospital.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

SAML OVENSCHINE,
Major Twenty-third Infantry, Commanding.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Fort Columbus, Governor's Island, New York.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 19, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.
By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

14 HOSPITAL STEWARDS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 15.

FORT NIAGARA, NEW YORK, *October 16, 1885.*

SIR: In reply to your letter of October 12, I have the honor to report that the hospital steward at this post lives in quarters adjoining but not communicating directly with the hospital. He is a married man and has two children.

The proximity of the steward's quarters to the hospital are a convenience and have no appreciable effect, detrimental or otherwise, upon "good order and discipline." There is no other building where quarters can be assigned him.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GUY HOWARD,
First Lieutenant Twelfth Infantry, Commanding Post.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 19, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.

By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 16.

FORT SCHUYLER, NEW YORK HARBOR, *October 17, 1885.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 12th instant in reference to hospital stewards being quartered in hospitals, and in reply would respectfully state that the hospital steward at this post is quartered in the hospital, occupying four rooms on the upper floor and the "isolation ward."

There are no quarters outside the hospital which can be assigned to him.

The steward is married and has five children.

The fact of the steward's family being quartered in the hospital, while inconvenient would seem thus far to have no effect on "good order and discipline," the patients having been so few in number as to be easily accommodated in the ordinary ward.

I would respectfully recommend that a separate set of quarters be built for the hospital steward.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. C. WILDRICK,
Major Fifth Artillery, Commanding Post.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 19, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.
By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 17.

JACKSON BARRACKS, LA., *October 17, 1885.*

SIR: In reply to letter of October 12, 1885, I have the honor to submit the following report: The hospital steward of this post occupies a set of brick quarters about 100 yards from the hospital, containing two rooms. He is a married man and has one child. These quarters are not a part of the hospital department, but are a portion of the old Jackson Barracks. They have been occupied by the hospital steward for some years, and are in as good a state of repair as any of the other buildings at the post.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. B. THROCKMORTON,
Major Second Artillery, Commanding Post.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
Headquarters Department of the East, Governor's Island, New York.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 20, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.
By command of Major-General Hancock :

WM. D. WHIPPLE,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 18.

FORT MCHENRY, MARYLAND, *October 18, 1885.*

SIR: In reply to letter from department headquarters of October 12, 1885, relative to quarters for hospital stewards, &c., I have the honor to report that the hospital steward at this post occupies, as quarters, two rooms in the basement of the hospital building under the "ward," and next the laundry. These rooms are subdivided by a wooden partition, making four small rooms. They are dark, damp, and are not, in my judgment, suitable quarters.

The occupancy of these quarters by the steward, I do not think, has any injurious effect upon discipline.

The steward (Michael Tryull) is a married man, and has seven children.

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There are no suitable quarters for assignment to the steward, those in the fort being too far from the hospital, besides not being fit, unless repaired at a heavy expense, for occupancy.

Respectfully,

E. C. BAINBRIDGE,
Major Third Artillery, Commanding Post
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 20, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.
By command of Major-General Hancock :

WM. D. WHIPPLE,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
Contents noted, and inviting attention to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 19.

LITTLE ROCK BARRACKS, ARKANSAS, *October 16, 1885.*

SIR: I have the honor to state, in reply to your letter of October 12, that the hospital steward at this post is quartered in a building rented by the quartermaster's department, in the city of Little Rock, near the post. The steward is married and has a number of children.

Quarters for the hospital steward, independent of the hospital building, are to be erected at this post. authority having been received for the purpose.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. L. GUENTHER,
Major Second Artillery, Commanding Post.
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 20, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.
By command of Major-General Hancock :

WM. D. WHIPPLE,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 8, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant general, Department of the East.
Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 20.

FORT ADAMS, NEWPORT, R. I., *October 20, 1885.*

SIR: In reply to department letter of 12th instant, in the matter of the hospital steward at this post, I have the honor to inclose the views and facts of Surgeon Dallas Bache on the main points of the letter.

If it be deemed necessary, quarters outside the hospital can be furnished the steward either inside or outside the fort, in either case not less than 300 yards from his duties.

As the steward's wife is hospital matron, and their only child a boy some fifteen years of age, I cannot consider the steward's residence at the hospital injurious to good order and discipline. In a large post like this his presence is necessary at all hours of the day and night.

There is little, if any, liability to infectious disease here. If there is, at any time the steward's family could be quickly removed.

It would be a judicious thing, in my opinion, to have suitable quarters built specially for the steward, for which there is abundant room adjacent to the hospital.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. L. BEST,

Colonel Fourth Artillery, Commanding Post.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 21, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the Department for remark.

By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC, AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East. Contents noted, and attention invited to the accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 21.

POST HOSPITAL,
Fort Adams, Rhode Island, October 18, 1885.

SIR: In reply to the general and specific questions contained in your indorsement on the 16th instant concerning the occupation by the hospital steward of quarters in the post hospital, I have the honor to report that, of the six rooms on the second floor of the administration building, two of these being small hall-rooms, four have been assigned to the hospital steward for his use: two bed rooms, a sitting-room, and kitchen. The steward is married, and has but one child a boy nearly grown. The rooms on this floor were designed for isolation ward, attendants, and storage, the latter being the only part of the original purpose carried out, the attendants sleeping in the wards, and a room for isolating infectious disease or troublesome patients not being practicable. So far the hospital service is obviously crippled.

The presence of women and children in the hospital is certainly a grave disadvantage. Noise is often unavoidable, of ordinary room occupation of children, of social intercourse, and without undue restraint cannot be controlled. The use of the hospital water-closets by women and children cannot be permitted, and it is found difficult to make a separate and adequate arrangement for their comfort. In my judgment the assignment to a steward of quarters in a post hospital as now organized, operates against the hospital, inasmuch as it deprives it of space allotted to other carefully elaborated ends, substituting a variable element foreign to its purpose; and against the steward, as it curtails his room and restrains his reasonable freedom. The steward's immediate presence for all duty can be as well secured from quarters adjacent to the hospital as from the hospital itself, while their separation would remove from the latter a plain disability and give recognized honor to an industrious, responsible, and deserving class of men.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

DALLAS BACHE.

Surgeon, U. S. Army.

POST ADJUTANT, FORT ADAMS, RHODE ISLAND.

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Inclosure No. 22.

MOUNT VERNON BARRACKS, ALA., *October 17, 1885.*

SIR: In compliance with letter of the 12th instant, I have the honor to report that the hospital steward at this post is married, but has no children. He is quartered in a neat frame cottage, in very good condition, containing three rooms and a kitchen. This building is located about 60 yards from the front door of the hospital.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. SINCLAIR,

Major Second Artillery, Commanding Post.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,

Headquarters Department of the East Governor's Island, New York.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,

Governor's Island, New York, October 21, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the Department for remark.

By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,

Governor's Island New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East. Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,

Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 23.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,

Governor's Island, New York, October 12, 1885.

SIR: The medical director, in his annual report, recently submitted, says as follows: "The need of separate quarters for hospital stewards is much felt in this department. At present they live, almost as a rule, in the hospitals, and in many instances occupy the entire second floor. This is a great inconvenience, and at the same time is detrimental to good order and discipline."

The commanding general desires you to look into this matter and submit a statement as to how the hospital steward at your post is quartered; if in the hospital, how much of it he occupies; whether there are any quarters outside the hospital which can be assigned to him, and whether or not he is married and has children. If the steward is quartered in the hospital, please in your report to give your views as to the effect of such occupancy upon "good order and discipline."

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. N. BENJAMIN,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

COMMANDING OFFICER, POST OF FORT BRADY,

Sault Ste Marie, Mich.

[First indorsement.]

FORT BRADY, MICHIGAN, *October 17, 1885.*

Respectfully referred to the post surgeon for remark.

By order of Captain Henton :

W. C. MANNING,

First lieutenant, Twenty-third Infantry, Post Adjutant.

[Second indorsement.]

FORT BRADY, MICHIGAN, *October 17, 1885.*

Respectfully returned to the post adjutant, Fort Brady, Michigan, with the information that the hospital steward at this post occupies three rooms in a hospital already too small, requiring that a portion of the hospital property be turned over to the post

quartermaster for storage, and making it necessary for the post surgeon to use a portion of his quarters as an office, the only place in the hospital available for official work being the dispensary, which is not only too small for its proper purpose, but has the additional disadvantage of being a common passage from the hall to the ward and dining-room. The present hospital steward is married, but has no children. In my opinion it is "detrimental to good order and discipline" to have a married man quartered in the hospital.

CHAS. M. GANDY,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army, Post Surgeon.

[Third indorsement.]

FORT BRADY, MICHIGAN, *October 18, 1885.*

Respectfully forwarded to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East, concurring in the remarks of the post surgeon.

I recommend the construction of suitable quarters for an hospital steward, as there are none available.

JAMES HENTON,
Captain, Twenty-third Infantry, Commanding Post.

[Fourth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 23, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the Department for remark.

By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Fifth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East. Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 24.

SAINT FRANCIS BARRACKS, FLORIDA, *October 22, 1885.*

SIR: In answer to your letter of the 12th instant, on the subject of the hospital steward's quarters, I have the honor to report that the hospital at this post is built upon the plan prescribed in circular No. 10, Surgeon-General's Office, October 20, 1877, plate E.

The northern end first floor is furnished off into two rooms, opening into each other, and each opening out upon the northern porch, but otherwise not directly connected with nor opening into the hospital.

The permanent hospital steward is married, but has no children. He uses one of those rooms (when here) and his wife (matron) the other.

There is a small building in rear of the hospital used as a laundry, which might be utilized in case a steward, married and with children, were stationed here.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. B. AYRES,
Colonel Second Artillery, Brevet Major-General, Commanding.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
Headquarters Department of the East, Governor's Island, New York.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 26, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.

By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
 MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
 Contents noted, and attention invited to the accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon, U. S. Army, Medical Director.

Inclosure No. 25.

FORT MACKINAC, MICH., *October 15, 1885.*

SIR: In reply to your letter of 12th instant, I have the honor to state that the hospital steward at this post is quartered in the post hospital, occupying two rooms on the first floor of the building in east end of same. There are other quarters outside of the hospital which could be assigned to him. He is not married. I do not believe that the quartering of a hospital steward who is a single man, in the hospital is detrimental to good order and discipline, but do believe that no married steward with a family should be quartered in hospital. His quarters should be separate from, but in close proximity to, the hospital. The quarters at this post assignable to a hospital steward are too great a distance from the hospital to enable a steward to give that careful attention to his duties that is required.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. K. BRADY,

Captain Twenty-third Infantry, Commanding Post.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,

Headquarters Department of the East, Governor's Island, New York.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
Governor's Island, New York, October 19, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.
 By command of Major-General Hancock :

S. N. BENJAMIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,
 MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East.
 Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

C. SUTHERLAND,
Colonel and Surgeon U. S. Army, Medical Director.

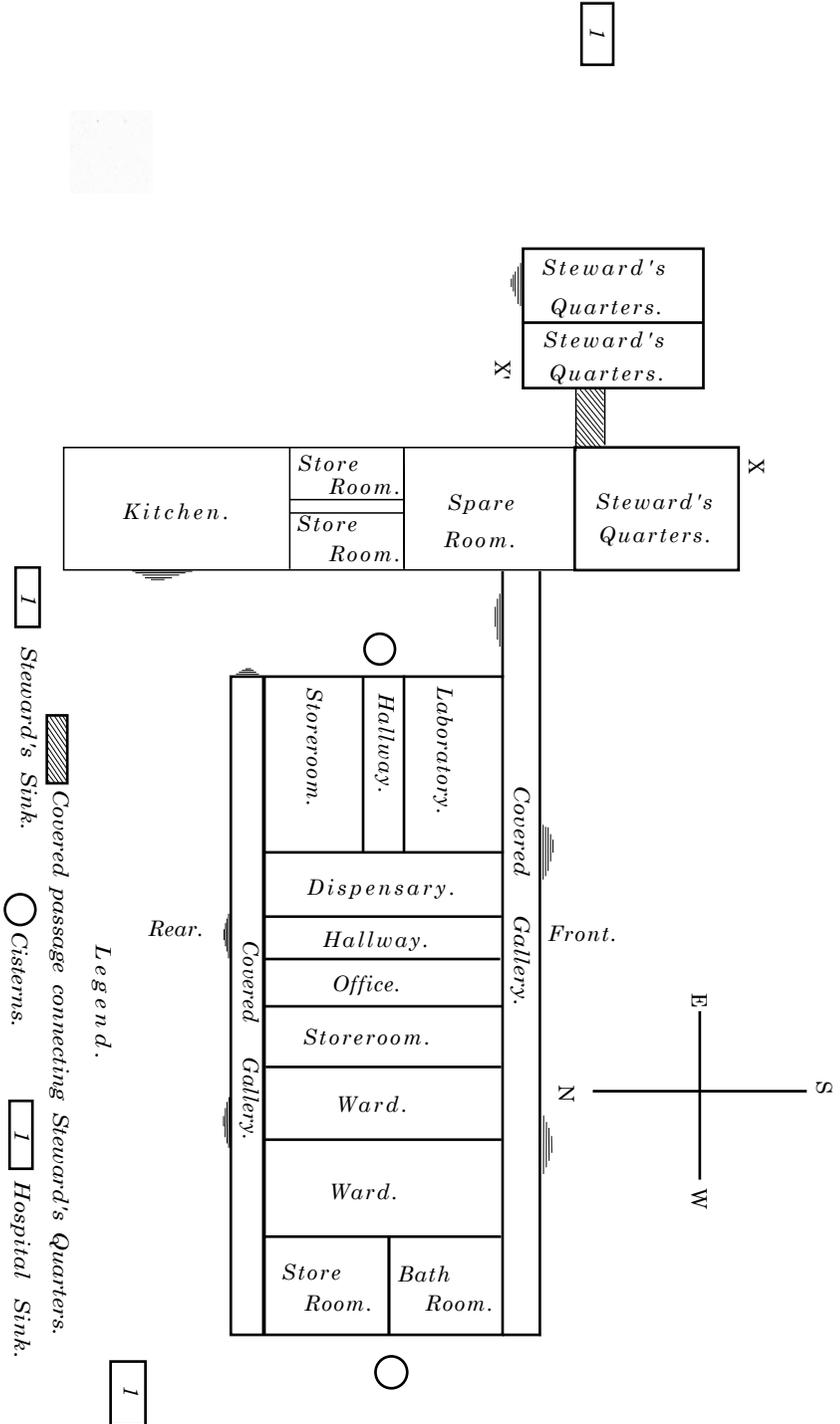
Inclosure No. 26.

CAMP MITCHELL, *Atlanta, Ga., October 27, 1885.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the circular dated headquarters Department of the East, Governor's Island, New York City, October 12, 1885, requiring from me a statement showing how the hospital steward at my post, Fort Barancas, Florida, is quartered, and an expression of my views as to the effect on "good order and discipline" of having stewards assigned to quarters in the hospital.

The quarters occupied by the hospital steward at my post are not exactly in the hospital proper, but they are connected with it by a short, covered gallery or passageway. The hospital, the covered gallery, and the two rooms evidently originally intended for the steward, are, practically, under one roof and in appearance form one building. To express the situation more clearly than can be done by a simple description, a rough draft of the ground plan of the hospital and its contiguous buildings is appended to this report. A glance at the diagram will show that the steward's quarters were probably intended at first to be kept separated from the hospital. Under what circumstances the change took place is not known, but after the gallery was built the hospital appears to have been invaded and a store-room in the main

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building itself set apart for the use of the steward. This last-mentioned room is marked X in the diagram. The room next this, marked X, is called a "spare-room" so that further attempts at encroachments may naturally be expected when the size of the steward's family may seem to warrant an appeal to the commanding officer.

The steward now in camp reported here for duty on the 28th of September last. He has a wife with him, but no children--at least none here in camp. The steward and his wife at present live in a tent adjacent to the dispensary and their food is cooked on the range in the hospital kitchen. This is not a desirable arrangement, but it is just now unavoidable and has produced no friction.

The hospital steward whom I found at Fort Barrancas when I assumed command and who has lately gone from here, was married, and his wife and two children, a boy and girl, lived with him in the rooms designated in the diagram as "steward quarters."

There are other quarters at the post that could be very readily assigned to the steward if a change is desired. Those quarters are in the row of laundresses' quarters, which were built in 1873-74 back of the men's quarters. As I do not encourage either the re-enlistment of married men nor the bringing of wives into the garrison there are ample quarters in this row for the steward. The row of laundresses' quarters is about 350 yards from the hospital. I do not consider this too distant if the steward has his family with him; but if the post surgeon should desire him nearer, a building could be erected at a small expense in rear of the hospital at the point marked X" the diagram. The material necessary could be procured by taking down the quarters at present unoccupied by the steward, and some of the laundresses' row of buildings.

I have interpreted the closing paragraph of the circular as calling upon me to give the result of my observations, as to the effect of the occupancy of the hospital by the steward, during my experience as an officer. I must say that I agree entirely with the medical director, and that such occupancy is detrimental to good "order and discipline." I have more than once been called upon (though not lately) to investigate complaints that had their origin in the steward's family living in the hospital. On one occasion, some years ago, I found the trouble so serious and the complaints of wine and foods having been diverted from their proper use so well founded that I peremptorily ordered the steward's family out of the hospital and quartered them on the opposite side of the garrison. This action, of course, temporarily (and I am happy to say only temporarily) antagonized the post surgeon.

This whole question largely depends on the steward's being married or single. If single, it is certainly convenient to have him quartered in the hospital, though even in this case he should be made to take his meals elsewhere. If married, his family should not be allowed in the hospital, nor any nearer than is absolutely necessary to secure a prompt attendance of the steward. Above all, the proximity of the kitchens of the steward and the hospital tends, in my opinion, to mix things too much. This gives rise to ill feeling, jealousies, complaints, and last but not least, offers a strong temptation to use government stores and property for private purposes. This may be thought by some a small evil, but all the same it is detrimental to good order. Again, the noise of children and the inevitable dirt and debris of a family will add to the cares of both the surgeon and the steward. Children must be taken care of and no matter whose they are should be treated with kindness and consideration, but notwithstanding this, a hospital is not the place for them or their mothers.

Very respectfully,

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[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,

Governor's Island, October 31, 1885.

Respectfully referred to the medical director of the department for remark.

By command of Major-General Hancock :

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Assistant Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ATLANTIC AND DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST,

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,

Governor's Island, New York, November 2, 1885.

Respectfully returned to the assistant adjutant-general, Department of the East. Contents noted, and attention invited to accompanying report.

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