

Introduction.

The following document has been transcribed from a handwritten copy of what is supposed to be The Orderly book of Captain Selin's Company 1777 which is in the archives of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

The time period is from March 25th, 1777 to April 4th, 1777

After close inspection of this document it is uncertain if it can be definitely attributed to Selin's Company of Ottendorff's Corp since the only version thus far uncovered is a copy (author unknown) of the original orderly book, which still has not been found.

It is however still an historical document of these times and as such is presented here.

The inaccuracies of the spelling have been retained so as not to change the wording of the document as it stands. Some words & numbers are illegible or missing from the copy that was being transcribed and these are noted by the word (illegible) or ?. A few names are obviously misspelled or spelled differently multiple times on the same page. Page numbers have been added for convenience.

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Orders from Genarale Putman at PrinceTown March 26th 1777.

Head Quarters.					
For Guard	Cap.	Liut.	Sergt.	Corpl.	Privates (unreadable)
Shrive	0	0	1	1	(“)
3 Pensill Batt	0	0	1	1	(“)
10 Do Do	0	1	0	0	(“)
Hessian Capt.	1	0	0	0	(“)
Major Lamar	0	0	0	0	(“)

	1	1	2	2	(“)

(Illegible)					
Col. Shrive		0	1	1	(“)
3rd Pensill Battalion		0	0	0	(“)
10 Do Do		0	1	1	(“)
Hessian Captain		0	0	0	(“)
Major Lamar		1	0	0	(“)

		1	2	2	(“)

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All the Continental Trups at Prince Town Bunkers hill and Kingston that have not had the Small Pox are to parade before head Quarters tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock with their arms accoutriments and baggage to march over Delaware to be innocolated.

Head Quarters 28th of March 1777

The General is very sorry there should be so much Foundation for the Freuquink Complaints of the Soldiery suspecting their pay---and clothing; he is very sensible of these Difficulties, and promises them everything in his Power to have them spedily redresst

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the commanding officers of the different Corps and for this Purpose immediately to make out their pay Pay Roles and returns for Necessarys and dispatch them by Proper Persons, who will provide them without Delay---

A Variety of household Furniture and other Artickels property of Mr. Saunder will be sold tomorrow at Publick Vandue at 11 clock

Shrive	Cap.	Liut.	Sergt.	Copl.	P.
	1	1	2	2	24
		1	1	1	12

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Fatig.

		Seg.	C	
Shrive	1	2	2	26
Lamar	0	0	1	6
Ottindorff		1	0	4
Butt	1	0	0	15
3 Riget Butt	0	0	0	6

	2	3	3	60

	C.	Schrive	Seg.	Copl.	Privates
2 Jersey Battalion	0	1	2	2	22
4 P. Battalion	-	1	1	0	8
10 P. Batt.	1	0	0	1	6
D Butt	0	1	0	0	0

	1	3	3	3	36

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Fatage			S.	Copl.	P-
2 Jersey Batt			1	0	22
3 P. Battlion			1	0	6
4 P. Battlion	1		0	0	14
10 P. Battlion		0	1	1	6
Ottendorfs B	1	0	0	1	6
D Battlion	0	0	0	1	6

	1	1	3	3	60

Head Quarters 29th of March

Detachment from
the 3th 4th and 10th Pensillvania Battalion are to form one Corps and be under the
immediate Command of Major Lamar the ajitent or one appointed for that duty

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to give Returns of the whole

morning Report to be delivered in Punctiallity at 10

clock each Day.

Lost yesterday a Pocket Book with about 50 dollars Continantell Currency including
one Bill of 30 Dollars and Several accounts and Receipts of no value to any but the
owner, A reward of 10 dollers will be given to any Person, will return the Pocket
Book--Money and Papers or five dollars for the Papers only from Capn Longshut
Quarter Master.

Lost a Carved Silver Knee Buckell 1/2 Doller will be given for it at Head Quarters.

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Head Quarters 29th March

All the Carpenters in the different Corps are to parade at Head Quarters a 8th clock tomorrow morning Additional Wages will be given to good workmen
Publick Worship will be performed tomorrow at the Meeting House by the Reverent Doctor Witherspoon
All the troops are to attend Presisly at 11 clock--The Officers to see the men paraded exctly at that ovr in neat and Proper Order and to be exect in their Attendance.

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	Cap.	Sub.	Serg.	Corp.	Pri.
Gaurds	0	1	2	2	18
Co Shrive	0	1	1	1	14
Pens. Det.	0	0	0	0	4
3 Viga. Batt	1	0	1	1	4
D Batt	0	0	0	0	5
Capn Selin					

	1	2	4	4	48
Fatague	0				
Col Shrive	0	1	2	2	22
Pensell Batt	0	0	0	1	16
Det Batt	0	0	0	1	8

	0	2	3	4	46

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Prince Town 30th 1777

All the Trups in Camp to Parade tomorrow Morning at Gaurd Mounting.
Jeams(?Seamus) Roberson & Mathew Gorris under Sentence of Death for Deserters are to executed tomorrow between the ours of 10 and 11---
Major Lammars Detachment the Detachment from the 9th & 3th Virg Battalion and Capn Shins Indipendent Compagnie to hold themselves in redeness to march tomorrow immediately after the execucions.
Nicholas Luke for Desirsion Court Order 50 laches.
Isaac Pain Soldier for Desirsion and not fit for a Soldier

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Court ordered him 15 lashes & discharged the Army.

William Watson Soldier for attempting to take the live of Lewt Bowman found guilty & to Receive 400 lashes.

Moses Toabs Soldier for bringing away waggons & Horses

found guilty to Receive 100 Lashes and

3 dollars to be stopt out his pay for Expences.

Seamus Bratly Soldier, for Stealing and selling a shirt

found guilty and to Receive 100 lashes

Giles German soldier on suspicion of Stealing a Blanket & Disobedience of Orders--
cleared

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Hopiwal Jewele soldier, for Embassiling a Mare the property of Contentinell--
Sentence 100 Lashes to Receive 25 lashes p Day after Mondy next untill the 500
hundred is Expired.

John Brian soldier, for enlisting the second time.

Seamus(?) Murphy for sending John Bryan to Inlist with Insign Carpenter knowing
he was inlisted.

Ryon Gilty to Receive 100 Lashes-find Murphy guilty for persuading him to Receive
50 Lashes.

John Dibilin Soldier, brought for being drunk on Parade pled guilty and being the
first time the Court forgave him

Saml McMurry Soldier for geting drunk

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and stealing a pair of Shoes, no Evidence for stealing the Shoes, the Court Ordered
him 15 lashes for getting drunk.

Israel Shrive Col Sec. the above and within sentences have been
considered and approved

F. Putman Major

	Cap	S.			
		1	2	2	22
3 P.B.		0	1	-	8
10 P.B.	1	0	0	1	6

	1	1	3	3	36

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		S.	C	
2 V.B.		1	1	23
3 P.B.		1	1	4
4 P.B.	1	0	1	15
	0	1	0	7
10 P.B.	1	0	1	6

	1	1	3	3
				58

Orders in MorrisTown It having being observed that those waggoners and those who have the care of Publick horses use them very cruelly by riding them extremely hard---upon all Occations, it is therefore Recommended to the Waggon Masters to give such Orders against such Practicers in

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future which of continued after such Notice is given the Offenders shall be liable to Punishment by Order of any Commisssioned Officer who happens to see them. The Execution of Sergt Porterfield is suspended till Friday the Eleventh Instant---by order of his Exelency

George Worshington

April 4, 1777.

The Detachment commanded by Captain Oharrow-Picker Tobbart and Selin to hold themself in Redeness--with two day Provision tomorrow morning, they will

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Receive their Orders from Major General Singcleer.