

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, November 8, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 83. }

I. A Court of Enquiry was convened at Adams' run, S. C., August 25, 1862, by virtue of Special Orders, No. 137, from the Head Quarters of the Department of South Carolina and Georgia, of August 16, 1862, issued by direction of the Secretary of War, under authority of the Act of Congress, entitled "an act to punish drunkenness in the army," approved April 21, 1862; when the following proceedings were had upon Charges and Specifications against Colonel JOHN DUNOVANT, 1st Regiment South Carolina Volunteers:

CHARGE.

Drunkenness on Duty.

Specification 1.—In this, that he, Colonel JOHN DUNOVANT, of the 1st Regiment S. C. Regulars, having been detailed by his Commanding General, N. G. Evans, P. A. C. S., to lead the advance, with his Battalion, against the enemy, known to be at Legareville, did become so drunk as to be entirely unable to execute said order. This in front of the troops of the Brigade, on John's Island, S. C., on or about the 9th June 1862.

Specification 2.—In this, that he the said Colonel JOHN DUNOVANT, having received an order from his Commanding General, Brig. Genl. N. G. Evans, in words and figures following, viz:

On intimation given by the Commanding General, Colonel DUNOVANT will storm the bridge at Beezan's, and in co-operation with Col. Means, capture the advance guard of the enemy, said to be at Beezan's house. Should the enemy advance, Colonel DUNOVANT will attack him (his right being supported by Colonels Slaughter and Means), and drive the enemy to his gun boats.

Which order having been received by Colonel DUNOVANT, and having been ordered by his Commanding General to have the guns of his Battalion loaded ready to advance, was so drunk as to be unable to execute said order. This on John's Island, S. C., on or about the night of the 9th June 1862.

Specification 3.—In this, that he the said Colonel JOHN DUNOVANT, 1st Regiment S. C. Regulars, having arrived with his Battalion at a point near which the enemy were supposed to be, and being ordered by his Commanding General to have his guns loaded and be ready to advance, did become so drunk as to be unable to execute the order; and did thus expose himself to the officers and soldiers of his command, lying drunk by the road side. This on John's Island, on or about the night of the 9th of June 1862.

II. The Court, after full deliberation on the testimony in the case, found the accused "*guilty of the charge*;" and submitted their proceedings to the Secretary of War, by whom they have been laid before the President, whose orders thereupon are as follows:

"The offence is of too grave a character to be overlooked in an officer of such high rank, and is aggravated by the circumstances under which it was committed. Colonel DUNOVANT will be dismissed from the service."

Colonel JOHN DUNOVANT, 1st Regiment of South Carolina Infantry, therefore ceases to be an officer of the army from this date.

III. The above named Court of Enquiry, whereof Brig. Genl. J. HARGOOD, P. A. C. S., is President, is dissolved.

By order.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.