

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 62. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, March 16, 1863.

I. Before a General Court Martial, which convened at Headquarters, 3d Division, 6th Army Corps, December 27, 1862, pursuant to Special Orders, No. 134, dated Headquarters, 3d Division, 6th Army Corps, December 24, 1862, and of which Major E. J. FAXON, 36th New York Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried—

Lieutenant *Joseph Brown*, Adjutant of the 102d Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers.

CHARGE 1st.—“Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.”

Specification—“In this; that the said Lieutenant *Joseph Brown*, Adjutant of the 102d Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, being under the influence of intoxicating liquor, did use abusive and threatening language and gestures to his superior officer, Lieutenant Colonel Vallee, as follows: ‘You may go to hell,’ or words to that effect, at the same time removing his sword and offering a challenge to fight without weapons, and laying his hands upon the shoulders of the said Lieutenant Colonel Vallee, saying, Lieutenant Colonel Vallee, you are a ‘damned son of a bitch,’ or words to that effect. This on the march from Clear Springs to Hancock, on or about the 19th day of October, 1862.”

CHARGE 2d.—“Drunkenness on duty.”

Specification—“In this; that the said Lieutenant *Joseph Brown*, 102d Pennsylvania Volunteers, while on duty with his regiment, was drunk. This on the march from Clear Springs to Hancock, on or about the 19th day of October, 1862.”

To all which charges and specifications the accused, Lieutenant *Joseph Brown*, Adjutant 102d Pennsylvania Volunteers, pleaded “Not Guilty.”

FINDING.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, Lieutenant *Joseph Brown*, Adjutant 102d Pennsylvania Volunteers, as follows:

CHARGE I.

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty, except as to words, 'you may go to hell,' or words to that effect."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

CHARGE II.

Of the *Specification*, "Not Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Not Guilty."

SENTENCE.

And the Court does therefore sentence him, Lieutenant *Joseph Brown*, Adjutant 102d Pennsylvania Volunteers, "*To be dismissed the service of the United States.*"

II.. The sentence in the foregoing case not being approved by the Major General commanding the Army of the Potomac, has been forwarded, under the 89th Article of War, for the action of the President of the United States.

The conduct of Adjutant Brown, though highly improper, was provoked by want of self-respect on the part of Lieutenant Colonel Vallee, who so far forgot his rank as to bet with the accused, and then suffered himself to be involved in a quarrel about the bet. The sentence in the case of Adjutant *Brown* is disapproved.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.