

3rd US Regular Infantry

Training Program

**Camp Set-up:
Company Streets in Camp**
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Objective:

This procedure is intended to explain how to best organize a company street at a reenactment. This procedure is for corporals, sergeants and officers who may have the need to organize our street at a reenactment. This training program will first explain the regulation manner to arrange a camp of infantry. Then it will describe how the company street of the 3rd US Regular Infantry is to be arranged at a reenactment.

Background:

Every regiment laid out its camp in the manner prescribed by Army Regulations (Camp of Infantry paragraph 515). See attachment 1 for the diagram of the regimental camp.

The color line is first established facing the enemy or direction of march. The company streets are set up perpendicular to the color line in two rows of tents facing each other. The width of the street should be at least 5 paces. The distance between the tents in a row should be 2 paces and the separation of tents between two adjacent company streets is 2 paces. The front of the company street should be closest to the color line. The rear of the company street is the end furthest from the color line.

Twenty paces behind (or to the rear of the company street) is the company kitchen. Twenty paces behind the kitchens are the tents of the regimental non-commissioned staff and the police guard tent. The depth of this line of tents is 6 paces.

The line of company officers tents is 20 paces to the rear of the NCO staff tents. 20 paces behind the line of company officers is the line of tents for the colonel and his commissioned staff. Twenty -five paces to the rear of the line of field and staff tents would be the trains (baggage wagons). The officers' sinks are 100 paces behind the line of wagons. The men's sinks are 150 paces in front of the color line. To the front of the color line are the advanced guard and the prisoners.

Camp Arrangement:

It is documented that women were attached to regular army companies as laundresses. They were part of the established complement and were allowed to draw a daily ration. There were also reported occasions where women served in the regimental hospital. There is no question about the presence of women in the

regular army encampments. This was especially true in garrisons, winter quarters or when the army was camped in the same location for many months.

There is no reference to the location of the women in the camp. Since many of these women were married to soldiers, it can fairly be assumed that they camped with their husbands on the company street. In the absence of any other information at this time, the 3rd US Regular Infantry will set up its camps to include women.

The standard camp arrangement will be defined here with explanation. Typical reenactment encampments attempt to follow the camp arrangement in the army regulations. This instruction shows the typical layout of a reenactment camp in an attempt to simulate a Civil War army camp.

Reenactment Camp Layout:

1. Company Street with two lines of tents. The width of the street is 5 paces minimum.
2. The end of the company street closest to the battalion color line is designed as the "head or front of the street". The end of the company street furthest from the battalion color line is designed as the "foot or rear of the street".
3. Military A-Tents will be pitched on one side of the street, and dog tents will be pitched on the opposite side of the street. The military tents will be pitched on the end closest to the battalion color line.
4. Street will be set up to accommodate A-tents 9 feet in length.
5. Commissary tent, fly and cook fire will be at the end of the street opposite to the battalion color line and in front of the line of officers' tents. Commissary cook area to be 5 paces minimum from the last tent on the company street.
6. Officer's tent at the end of the street opposite the battalion color line and 10 paces back from the commissary tent.
7. Civilian tents to be placed on the company street starting with the end closest to the commissary tent.
8. There is no evidence that wall tents were used in the company streets of the infantry. Therefore, no wall tents will be allowed on the company street. There may be space for one wall tent to be used as a commissary storage tent on the line of kitchens or cook tents. Any personnel bringing a wall tent will have to pitch their tent away from the company street and the battalion line.
9. The company first sergeant's tent will be placed on the end of the company street closest to the officer's tent.
10. The company second sergeant's tent will be placed on the end of the street closest to the battalion color line.

11. All men and civilians will be expected to maintain proper dress and decorum on the company street. The company first sergeant is responsible for maintaining the proper dress and deportment of all personnel on the company street.
12. An NCO will be appointed in charge of the company street when the first sergeant is not in camp. All personnel leaving the street area must inform the NCO in charge of their leaving and expected return. The NCO in charge will advise any personnel leaving the street when they should be back in camp for duty.
13. Boxes, chairs and stools will not be placed in the company street during drill or formations.
14. Tent doors will be kept closed at all times unless authorized by the company first sergeant.
15. Officers are not allowed on the company street without first asking permission of the first sergeant.
16. No enlisted man or civilian may approach an officer or visit an officer's tent without the permission of the first sergeant.

Camp of Infantry.

The tents are arranged in ranks and files. The number of ranks varies with the strength of the companies and the size of the tents.

513. No officer will be allowed to occupy a house, although vacant and on the ground of his camp, except by permission of the commander of the brigade, who shall report it to the commander of the division.

514. The staff officer charged with establishing the camp will designate the place for the shambles. The ofial will be buried.

CAMP OF INFANTRY.

515. Each company has its tents in two files, facing on a street perpendicular to the color line. The width of the street depends on the front of the camp, but should not be less than 5 paces. The interval between the ranks of tents is 2 paces; between the files of tents of adjacent companies, 2 paces; between regiments, 22 paces.

516. The color line is 10 paces in front of the front rank of tents. The kitchens are 20 paces behind the rear rank of company tents; the non-commissioned staff and sutler, 20 paces in rear of the kitchens; the company officers, 20 paces farther in rear; and the field and staff, 20 paces in rear of the company officers.

517. The company officers are in rear of their respective companies; the Captains on the right.

518. The Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel are near the centre of the line of field and staff; the Adjutant, a Major and Surgeon, on the right; the Quartermaster, a Major and Assistant Surgeon, on the left.

519. The police guard is at the centre of the line of the non-commissioned staff, the tents facing to the front, the stacks of arms on the left.

520. The advanced post of the police guard is about 200 paces in front of the color line, and opposite the centre of the regiment, or on the best ground; the prisoners' tent about 4 paces in rear. In a regiment of the second line, the advanced post of the police guard is 200 paces in rear of the line of its field and staff.

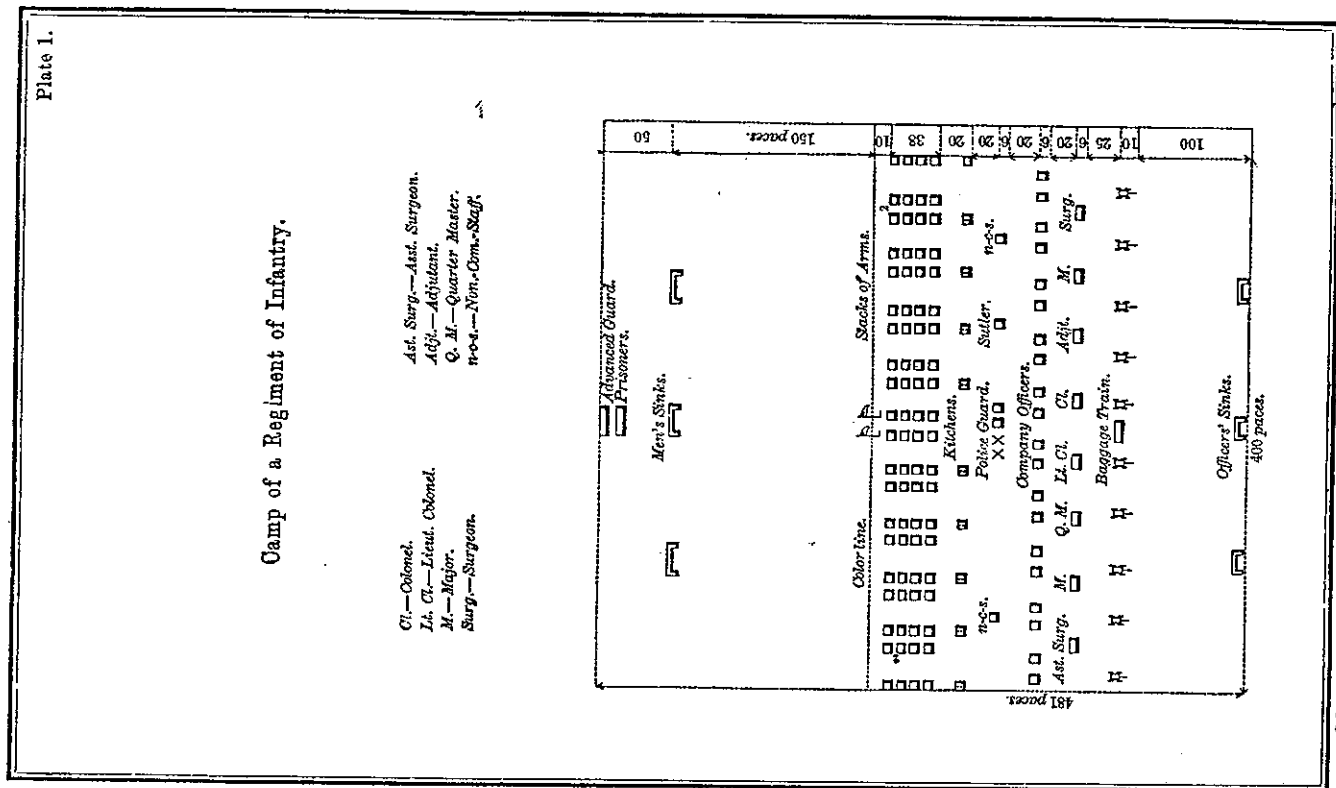
521. The horses of the staff officers and of the baggage train are 25 paces in rear of the tents of the field and staff; the wagons are parked on the same line, and the men of the train camped near them.

522. The sinks of the men are 150 paces in front of the color line—those of the officers 100 paces in rear of the train. Both are concealed by bushes. When convenient, the sinks of the men may be placed in rear or on a flank. A portion of the earth dug out for sinks to be thrown back occasionally.

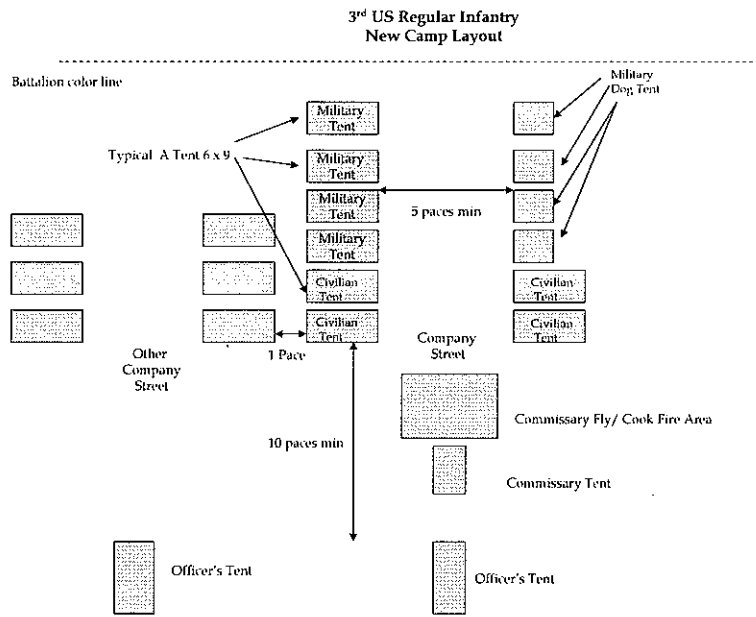
523. The front of the camp of a regiment of 1000 men in two ranks will be 400 paces, or one fifth less paces than the number of files, if the

Attachments

1. Layout of Infantry Camp - Source: Army Regulations 1861 P 76-77.



2. New Camp Layout of 3rd US Regular Infantry company street



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