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have had the means and opportunity
of intelligently forming an opinion,
as to the fitness or unfitness of
Sicut Sucks to be retained as an
Officer of the Army.

Sicut State your opinion, and the means
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Sicut Sucks general capacity, and
qualifications as an officer, and
whether his capability and aptitude
generally, are such as to compensate
for any special deficiency which
you may know to exist in his
qualifications.

Interrogatories propounded to Major John C. Subball, Ind. Artillery

whose deposition is required as testimony before the Army Examining Board at Washington, D. C., convened by Special Orders No. 265, War Department, Adjutant General's Office, October 5, 1870, in the case of 1st Lieut M. R. Snicks Ind. Arty.

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Interrogatories by Board to be returned with interrogations.

First.

State your name and rank, present duty and station.

Second.

If you know, Lieut Snicks, state how long you have known him. Where, when, and for what periods and in what relations you have been officially associated with him, and what opportunities or means you have had for knowing his general character and conduct as an officer and a gentleman.

Third.

State fully and particularly all you know, if anything, respecting Lieut Snicks character and qualifications as an officer, especially with reference to his ability to perform the duties of an Acting Assistant Quarter Master and Acting Assistant Commissary.

Fourth.

If you know, state fully how Lieut Snicks performed the kind of duty designated, at any time when he has been detailed on such duty.

Fifth.

State fully your opinion, if you

Answers to interrogatory First

John, C. Tidball Major 2nd Artillery, commanding Military post of Sitka, Alaska, and stationed there.

Answers to interrogatory Second

I know Lieutenant Wm. R. Houck 2nd Artillery
I have known him since December, 1865;

I first became acquainted with him at the Presidio of San Francisco where we were stationed together until about April, 1867. He did not belong to my battery, and my associations with him were chiefly of a social nature — we messed together, and my opportunities or means of knowing his general character and conduct as an officer and gentleman were those usually afforded by such intercourse. I have met him casually several times since.

Answers to interrogatory Third

I deemed Lieutenant Houck a very peculiar character. He was very gentlemanly in his deportment, and I thought him one possessing the strictest regard for truth and honor. He was also very steady in his habits, and in no way

forming an opinion, as to his present fitness
for remaining as an officer in the Army.

Answers to interrogatory Sixth

My means of forming an opinion as to Lieut
Louch's "general capacity and qualifications as
an officer" are those stated in the foregoing
answers; and my opinion was that, in these
matters, his grade was below the medium of young
officers, just commencing military life; and
that his future fitness for service would depend
entirely upon his first few years of training,
which to make him fitted, would necessarily
have to be one to overcome his natural carelessness
and indifference. Whether such has been the
case or not I do not know.

^{vicious}
given to practices which would cause him
to neglect his duties.

He was exceedingly amiable of disposition, and
of an easy going turn, which caused him to be
very careless and forgetful, and to do what he did
in a languid manner. At the time I knew him
he was quite young and but a short time in the
service, and I thought that under energetic
command he would to a great extent, overcome
these defects to his efficiency as an officer. Since
then I have not known him sufficiently to
judge whether such has been the case or not.

I did not think him at that time possessed
of any aptitude for the duties of Acting Assistant
Quartermaster and Acting Assistant Commissary.

Answers to interrogatory Fourth

I have never known him (except by meeting him
once) while performing the duties of Acting
Assistant Quartermaster and Acting Assistant
Commissary and therefore am unable to state how
he performed these duties.

Answers to interrogatory Fifth

The time that has elapsed since I was associated
with Lieut. Goucks, prevents me from intelligently

Before the Army Examining Board, Washington, D. C.

Case of *Lieut. W. R. Loucks 2^d Artz.*

Major Jno. C. Fittball 2^d Artz., being duly sworn, deposes
and says that his foregoing answers to the interrogatories propounded
to him are just and true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn and subscribed before me *W. A. Lytle 2^d Artz.*
at *Silke D-T*, this *Eleventh* day of
January, 187*8*.

W. A. Lytle
2^d Lt. 2^d Artz.
Post Adjutant.

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Deposition of Maj. J. L. Pickball
2nd Acty

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M. P. Loucks (dec'd in 1872) Late 1. Lieut. 2nd Artillery

Papers in case of from January 1. 1863 A. G. P. A. G. O.

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E. 173. c. B. 64 Merit Roll Graduating class W. P. M. A. 1864

6. 326 " '70 Genl. Canby's list of officers deemed unfit for the service &c

8. 388 " '70 Genl. Sherman's list to Secy. War of officers deemed unfit for the service &c

11. 366 " '70 Assignments ordered by Secy. War &c

175 A. G. P. '71 L. Enclosure S. G. D. Recd. to him July 28/71

2. 150 " '71 List of cases ret'd. from the Board convened under Sec. 11. Act July 7/70
of which Genl. Hancock was President showing recommendation ^{in each case} of the Board

2. 258 A. G. P. '71 List of officers ordered before the Special Board convened July 7/70

Memorandum
of papers in case of
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ARMY EXAMINING BOARD.

Case of *L. M. R. Loucks*
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Deposition of *Maj. E. H. Ludington*

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intelligently forming an opinion,
as to the fitness or unfitness of
Sent Sucks to be retained as an
Officer of the Army.

Dist.

State your opinion, and the reasons
you have had of forming it, as to
Sent Sucks general capacity and
qualifications as an Officer, and
whether his capability and aptitude
generally, are such as to compensate
for any special defects in which
you may know to exist in his
qualifications.

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Interrogatories propounded to Major E. A.
Ludington, A. D. C.

whose deposition is required as testimony before the Army Examining Board at Washington, D. C., convened by Special Orders No. 265, War Department, Adjutant General's Office, October 5, 1870, in the case of 1st Lieut. M. R. Loucks

1st Lieut. M. R. Loucks

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Interrogatories by Board to be answered with interest.

First.

State your name and rank, present duty and station.

Second.

If you know, Lieut. Loucks, state how long you have known him. Where, when, and for what periods and in what relations you have been officially associated with him, and what opportunities or means you have had for knowing his general character and conduct as an officer and a gentleman.

Third.

State fully and particularly all you know, if anything, respecting Lieut. Loucks character and qualifications as an officer, especially with reference to his ability to perform the duties of an Acting Assistant Quarter Master and Acting Assistant Commissary.

Fourth.

If you know, state fully how Lieut. Loucks performed the kind of duty designated, at any time when he has been detailed on such duty.

Fifth.

State fully your opinion if you have

Answers to foregoing interrogatories.

First.

Ed Livingston, Maj. Dept. Inspector Gen.
Present station, Portland, Oregon. Upon duty
as Inspector Gen. of the Department of
the Columbia

Second.

The only occasion upon which I have
met 1st Lt. M. R. Loucks was during my
inspection of Ft. Wrangel Alaska, on the
20th July 1894, at which time he was
acting as A. A. S. M. and A. C. S.
of the post. My knowledge of his
general character and conduct as an
officer and a gentleman is limited to
what I then learned.

Third

Fourth

Everything pertaining to the Quartermaster
and Subsistence Departments,
both of which were in charge of Lt.
Loucks, appeared to me to be in great
confusion.

An examination of his Quarters and
accounts and funds showed that twenty
Indians had been for several months
employed at 75 cents coin per diem.
Instead of taking their mark upon a

Rept he told me he was not a Quar-
termaster or Commissary, and that he
was disgusted with such duties, and
did not care to learn them.

4th.

I have had no means of forming an
opinion as to Lt. Loucks' fitness to
remain in the service, or concerning his
efficiency as an officer, other than as
set forth in answer to the foregoing
interrogatories.

5th.

I have no knowledge of Lt. Loucks'
efficiency or capability other than that exhib-
ited in his performance of the duties of A. A.
Q. M. and A. C. S.

In my opinion no officer should be
retained in the service who does not
willingly perform, to the best of his abil-
ities, all duties devolved upon him, and
who does not diligently endeavor to learn
how to perform such duties.

Ed. Livingston
May 11th 1864

receipt-roll properly witnessed, as required by Regulations, for his vouchers for expenditures, Lt. Loucks made a practice of giving them due-bills without taking receipts; and these due-bills were bought up by the post trader. When presented by the post trader Lt. Loucks gave one check for the whole amount of them. As the result of such improper practice he had paid out in June 1849, \$1521 ⁸³/₁₀₀ for which he had no voucher other than his own Memorandum due-bills. The Indians paid had been discharged and had left the post, as Lt. Loucks informed me.

On the Subsistence Department, an examination of funds and accounts showed a deficit of \$302 ⁴²/₁₀₀. The only explanation offered by Lt. Loucks, was that the officers at the post owed him that amount for subsistence stores sold them. As the paymaster had visited the post in June, I could see no excuse for his not having collected such indebtedness prior to inspection — especially when he was certifying that the funds were in his possession.

When I endeavored to explain to Lt. Loucks how his accounts should be

Before the Army Examining Board, Washington, D. C.

*Case of 1st Lt. M. R. Loucks
2nd Artillery.*

*E. S. Livingston, Maj. A. S. G., being duly sworn, deposes
and says that his foregoing answers to the interrogatories propounded
to him are just and true to the best of his knowledge and belief.*

*Sworn and subscribed before me a Notary Public,
at Portland, Oregon, this twenty first day of
December, 1870.*

*Wm. Mygant
Notary Public
for Oregon*

Interrogatories propounded to Capt. Thomas Gray
Quar. Artillery.

whose deposition is required as testimony before the Army Examining Board at Washington, D. C., convened by Special Orders No. 265, War Department, Adjutant General's Office, October 5, 1870, in the case of St. Lieut. M. P. Loucks, Quar. Artillery.

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Interrogatories by Board to be returned with inter-
rogatories.

First. State your name and rank, present duty and station.

Second. If you know, Lieut. Loucks, state how long you have known him. Where, when, and for what periods and in what relations you have been officially associated with him, and what opportunities or means you have had for knowing his general character and conduct as an officer and a gentleman.

Third. State fully and particularly all you know if anything, respecting Lieut. Loucks character and qualifications as an Officer, especially with reference to his ability to perform the duties of an Acting Assistant Quartermaster or Acting Assistant Commissary.

Fourth. If you know, state fully how Lieut. Loucks performed the kind of duty designated, at any time when he has been detailed on such duty.

Fifth.

State fully your opinion, if you have had the means and opportunity of intelligently forming an opinion, as to the fitness or unfitness of Sicut Sucks to be retained as an officer of the Army.

Sixth.

State your opinion, and the means you have had of forming it, as to Sicut Sucks general capacity, and qualification as an officer, and whether his capability and aptitude generally are such as to compensate for any special deficiency which you may know to exist in his qualifications.

(Received December 14, 1870)

Recruiting Rendezvous.
Sacramento, Cal. Dec. 14th 1870.

1st Thomas Grey, Captain 2nd Artillery
On Recruiting duty at the city of
Sacramento, California.

2nd 1st Lieut M. R. Loucks, 2nd Artillery
served under me, as his Company
Commanded from the latter part of
January 1868, until the last of
February 69, the first eight months
on San Juan Island etc last five
months on Wrangle Island, Alaska.

I was also his Post Commanded for
the seven latter months of this period:
As an "Officer" I deemed him to perform
his duties with reluctance and carelessness
and as one of these officers that looked
upon the performance of his duties, as
a "grat bone" as a "Gentleman" his
conduct was entirely unexceptional.

3rd He was A. A. D. M. and A. C. G.
under me at Fort Wrangle, Wrangle
Island, Alaska, for some four months
when he (in writing) requested to be
relieved from these duties, and I
immediately complied with his request.

Had he not, however, been appointed to perform these duties by a direct order from the Division Commander, I should have relieved him long before - from the inefficient and careless manner in which he discharged them.

4th He performed the duties of A. A. I. M. and of C. & J. with repugnance and reluctance - and stated to me, that he had a "preconceived prejudice" against performing them -

5th My opinion is that he has the intelligence to make a fair officer, but not the energy, efficiency, inclination or devotion to the service, ever to make a good one.

6 He is an amiable and agreeable gentleman - but so far as I am able to judge, takes no interest in his profession.

Before the Army Examining Board, Washington, D. C.

Case of 1st Lieut. M. R. Boucks
2nd Artillery

Capt. Thomas Grey, 2^d Art., being duly sworn, deposes
and says that his foregoing answers to the interrogatories propounded
to him are just and true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn and subscribed before me
at Sacramento, Cal., this Fourteenth day of
December, 1870.

Wm. Ellis Justice of the Peace

No.

Washington, D. C.

ARMY EXAMINING BOARD.

Case of / *L. M. B. Loucks*
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Deposition of *Thos. G. ...*
Capt 2^d Ault

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have had the means and opportunity
of intelligently forming an opinion,
as to the fitness or unfitness of
Sent Sucks to be retained as an
Officer of the Army.

Sixth State your opinion, and the means
you have had of forming it, as to
Sent Sucks general capacity, and
qualifications as an Officer, and
whether his capability and aptitude
generally, are such as to compen-
sate for any special deficiency which
you may know to exist in his
Qualifications.

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Interrogatories propounded to Serjt. Louis
W. N. French, 2nd. Artillery.

whose deposition is required as testimony before the Army Examining Board at Washington, D. C., convened by Special Orders No. 265, War Department, Adjutant General's Office, October 5, 1870, in the case of Serjt. W. N. French, 2nd. Ar-
tillery.

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Interrogatories by Board to be returned with
interrogatories

First.

State your name and rank, present duty and station.

Second.

If you know, Serjt. French, state how long you have known him. Where, when, and for what periods and in what relations you have been officially associated with him, and what opportunities or means you have had for knowing his general character and conduct as an officer and a gentleman.

Third.

State fully and particularly all you know, if anything
respecting Serjt. French's character and
qualifications as an officer, especially
with reference to his ability to perform the
duties of an Acting Assistant Quarter
Master and Acting Assistant Commissary.

Fourth.

If you know, state fully how Serjt
French performed the kind of duty
designated, at any time when he
has been detailed on such duty.

Fifth.

State fully your opinion, if you

Answers to the above inter-
rogatories. -

First. William H. French. -

Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding the Second
Regiment of Artillery. -

Head Quarters Presidio
of San Francisco. California

Second. This Regiment embarked at
Fort McHenry Maryland on
the nineteenth of August 1865,
for San Francisco, Cal under
my command, and the voyage
occupied one month.

First Lieutenant M. R.
Louch was with his company
M. during the time, and after
wards got nearly two years
at this post, on light-riding
duty, when he was transferred
to Company I, San Juan Island,
which afterwards was stationed
at Fort Wrangel Alaska.

My Head Quarters have been
always on this reservation either
at Fort Point or Presidio. -

permit. He is in every other
way mentally and morally
an ornament to the Service.

Sixth. The means of forming my
opinions regarding Lieutenant
Louchas are given in 'answer
second'. His capability and
aptitude are not surpassed
by any officer of his grade
except where failing health
debars the necessary physical
exertion. -

Wm F. French,
Colonel, 2nd Art.
Commanding.

Under these circumstances the opportunities were of the most favorable nature for me to judge of this officers character;

As a gentleman he is one in every sense of the word and honorable, sensitively so.

As an officer his commanding officer (Battery) always spoke of him in the highest terms.

My own personal knowledge by noticing him on parade, is that he was a soldier of good bearing and perfectly conversant with the part he was called to perform.

Third, Lieutenant Loucks was not on any administrative staff duty in this department, and this interrogatory is the first intimation in the file on the subject brought to my notice.

Fourth, I do not know.

Fifth, As commander of the regiment for more than five years I unhesitatingly state that if the health of Lieut. Loucks will

Before the Army Examining Board, Washington, D. C.

Case of 1st Lieut. W. R. Loucke 2^d Art. S.
Lieut. Col. William H. French, Comdg.
2nd Artillery U.S.A., being duly sworn, deposes
and says that his foregoing answers to the interrogatories propounded
to him are just and true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn and subscribed before me
at Presidio San Fran Cal., this thirteenth day of
December, 1870.

John W. Calef
1st Lieut. & Adj. 2nd Art. S.

No.

Washington, D. C.

ARMY EXAMINING BOARD.

Case of / *S. M. R. Loucks*
2^d Arty

Deposition of *General W. H. French*
2^d Arty

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Fifth. State fully your opinion, if you have had the means & opportunity of intelligently forming an opinion as to the fitness or unfitness of Lieut Loucks to be retained as an officer of the Army.

Sixth. State your opinion and the means you have had of forming it, as to Lieut Loucks' general capacity, and qualifications as an officer, and whether his capability ^{aptitude} generally are such as to compensate for any ^{special} deficiency ~~in the~~ which you may know ~~to exist~~ to exist in his qualifications.

Adjutant
General

Loucks

to

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Swainston

Gray

Brench

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Interrogatories propounded to Gen. E. R. S. Conby
Major E. H. Ludington, A. G.
Captain Thos. Grey, A. Col
W. H. Search Major Thos. C. Search

whose deposition is required as testimony before the Army Examining Board at Washington, D. C., convened by Special Orders No. 265, War Department, Adjutant General's Office, October 5, 1870, in the case of 1st Lieut M. P. Locks -
and Artillery -

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Interrogatories by Board convened with interrogatories

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State your name and rank, present duty and station.

Second.

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Third.

State fully and particularly all you know, if anything respecting Lieut Locks character & qualifications as an officer, especially with reference to his ability to perform the duties of an Army Assistant Quartermaster & Army Assistant Commissary at

Fourth.

If you ~~do~~ know, state fully how Lieut Locks ~~and~~ performed the kind of duty designated, at any time when he has been detailed on such duty

Room No. 30 Winder's Building,

Washington City, D. C.,

November 22, 1870.

To

Brig. Gen. E. D. Townsend,

Adjutant General U. S. Army.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that
1st Lieut. Melville J. Loucks, 2d Artillery
has been reported to the Board constituted in accordance with Section
11 of the "Act making appropriations for the Army," &c., as unfit
for the proper discharge of his duties, from other causes than injuries
incurred or disease contracted in the line of his duties.

I am directed by the President of the Board to request that an
opportunity be given him, without delay, for a hearing, in accordance
with the provisions of the law.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

W. M. Munroe

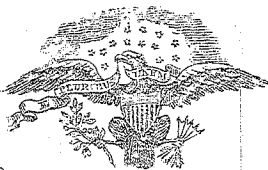
Captain, 11th Infantry,

Recorder of the Board.

W. M. Munroe

OATH OF OFFICE

One to accompany the accept-
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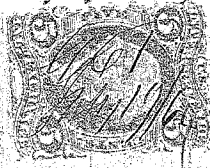
S. M. R. Loucks, having been appointed
a *2nd Lt. 2nd Arty* in the **MILITARY**
SERVICE of the United States, do solemnly swear that I have
never voluntarily **BORNE ARMS** against the United States since I
have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no **AID**,
ADVICE, COUNSEL, OR ENCOURAGEMENT to persons engaged in **ARMED HOSTILITY**
thereto; that I have neither sought, nor accepted, nor attempted
to exercise the functions of **ANY OFFICE WHATSOEVER**, under any
authority, or pretended authority, **IN HOSTILITY** to the United States;
that I have not yielded a voluntary **SUPPORT** to any **PRETENDED**
GOVERNMENT, AUTHORITY, POWER, OR CONSTITUTION within the United States,
HOSTILE OR INIMICAL thereto. And I do further swear that, to
the best of my knowledge and ability, I will **SUPPORT** and **DEFEND**
the **CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES** against all enemies, **FOREIGN** and
DOMESTIC; that I will bear true **FAITH** and **ALLEGIANCE** to the same;
that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or
purpose of evasion; and that I will **WELL** and **FAITHFULLY** discharge the
DUTIES of the **OFFICE** on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

M. R. Loucks

2nd Lieut 2nd Arty

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at
this *19* day of *July*, 1864

Wm. H. ...
[Signature]



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Washington D.C.

July 19. 64

M. R. Loucks

2d. Lieut. 2d. arty

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Accept

(one enclosure)

Noted

M. R. Loucks

Recd July 20/64

Washington D.C.

July 17th 1864

Sir

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of a commission appointing me a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Artillery and of accepting the same

My age is 23 yrs and 5 m's - residence West Martinburgh Lewis County New York - was born in the State of New York

I am, sir, very respectfully
Your obedient servant

M. R. Loucks

2nd Lieut - 2nd Art'y

Maj. S. F. Chalfin

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Presidio San Francisco California
July 2nd 1866.

Adjutant-General
U. S. A.

Sir;

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of my Commission
of First Lieutenant in the Service of
the United States, and to return the Oath
of Office duly subscribed and witnessed.

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully

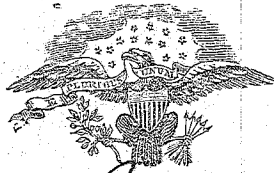
Your Obedt. Servant

W. R. Soules

1st Lt 2nd U.S. Arty

O A T H O F O F F I C E

One to accompany the accept-
officer appointed or commis-
the oath itself to be admin-
tered into the service



ance of every commissioned
sioned by the President, and
istered to every officer mus-
of the United States.

I, W. R. Loucks, having been appointed
a 1st Lieutenant in the **MILITARY**
SERVICE of the United States, do solemnly swear that I have
never voluntarily **BORNE ARMS** against the United States since I
have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no **AID**,
COUNTENANCE, **COUNSEL**, or **ENCOURAGEMENT** to persons engaged in **ARMED HOSTILITY**
thereto; that I have neither sought, nor accepted, nor attempted
to exercise the functions of **ANY OFFICE WHATSOEVER**, under any
authority, or pretended authority, in **HOSTILITY** to the United States;
that I have not yielded a voluntary **SUPPORT** to any **PRETENDED**
GOVERNMENT, **AUTHORITY**, **POWER**, or **CONSTITUTION** within the United States,
HOSTILE or **INIMICAL** thereto. And I do further swear that, to
the best of my knowledge and ability, I will **SUPPORT** and **DEFEND**
the **CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES** against all enemies, **FOREIGN** and
DOMESTIC; that I will bear true **FAITH** and **ALLEGIANCE** to the same;
that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or
purpose of evasion; and that I will **WELL** and **FAITHFULLY** discharge the
DUTIES of the **OFFICE** on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

W. R. Loucks
1st Lt 2nd US Arty

Given to and subscribed before me, at the Residenc of San Francisco Cal.
this 2^d day of July, 1861.

Am. Livingston
Bartholomew
Capt 2^d Arty

L-125 - C.B. - 1870

Pro. of a Special
Board under act of
July 15, 1870 - Case of

M. R. Loucks

1st Lieut. 2nd arty.

due in Box - 3 - C.B. - A.S.O.

3616 - A.C.P. 1871

H. 350, c. 13, 1870.

Washington, D.C.

Dec 6, 1870

Hancock, W. S.

Maj. Gen. U. S. A.

Pres. Special Board.

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Directs 1st. Mobile R.

Loucks, 2d art. to re-

port to the Adj. Gen.

for orders.

L. O. 348 Jan. 2, 1870.

Recd. A. G. O. c. 13, Dec. 7, 1870.

Room No. 3. Winder Building

Washington Dec. 6. 1870

Adjutant General of the Army
General

Lieut. W. R. Soucks, 2d Artillery
having been summoned before the Board convened
under section 11 act of July 15, 1870, and his
presence being no longer required, has been
directed to report to you for orders.

I am General

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Wm. T. Canady

Major General U.S.A.

President of Board.

L. 13. Div. Pac 1870.

San Francisco Aug 16th 1870.

L. 66, c. 13. 1870

Lowcks, M. R.

1st Lieut. 2nd Artillery.

Applies to be ordered before
a Retiring Board. and encloses
Medical Certificate showing
his present condition.

Recd with 3616 No. 9, 71

Nd. Qu. Mil. Div. of the Pacific.

San Francisco Cal, Aug 16th 1870.

Respectfully forwarded to the
Adjutant General.

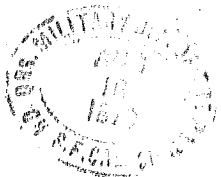
W. J. D. G.

Major General H. A. D.

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Recd. M. O. August 25 1870.

San Francisco California

August 16th 1870

To the Adjutant General U. S. A.
Washington D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to apply to be ordered before a Board constituted under the law of 1862, with a view to my being placed upon the Retired List of the Army. In consequence of exposure while stationed at Fort Wrangel, Alaska, my health has suffered to such an extent that I fear I never shall be able to discharge duty again. The accompanying certificate of the Medical Director, Military Div., Pac., shows what my present condition is.

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully

Your Obedient-Servant

W. C. Hancock

1st Regt. Artillery

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

IN THE CASE OF

1st Lieut. Col. R. Emmers

2nd U.S. Artillery

Given at San Francisco, California
August 16th 1870

BY

Charles G. Cummins

Surgeon U. S. A.

Sub. Dir. Dept. of the Pacific

L. 66. c. 10. 1870

Rec'd A. G. O., _____, 186 .

L. 110, c. B. 1870.

Houston, Minn

Nov. 21, 1870

Loucks, M. R.

1st. 2^d artillery

~~Eds with L 115. c. B. 70~~

States that his health
is improved, but does
not deem it necessary

to be ordered before Retiring
Board at once, unless

there are reasons for
so doing.

Houston would have been

The order to appear before Ret. Bd.
(San Francisco) might be revoked.

It was to have been assumed
was to order him to Ft. Leavenworth
Bos. J., but in view of the fact

Recd. A.S.O. c. B. Nov. 25, 1870.

that he must report to the
Board, could not be
able to appear in person

was to appear before

work it. I am
copy of order for

him to appear before
Special Bd.

P.O. 329, par. 9, 1870.

I have not sent the copy of order
yet because the original has
not had time to reach here.

Rich
Allen

Saw, Sir, Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

W. K. Lawrence
1st & 2^d Artillery

Houston, Minnesota,

November 21st 1870

Adjutant General U. S. A.
Washington D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 14th inst. I would respectfully state that, in a letter dated Nov. 7th, 1870, in which I gave, as now, my post office address - Houston, Minnesota - I requested that my application to go before a Retiring Board might be suspended for the present, my health having considerably improved since my arrival here where I have found a more favorable climate.

In view of my improved health I would not deem it immediately necessary to be ordered before a Retiring Board unless there may be other reasons for doing so, not known to me.

(over)

Mr. Soyars

P.O. 326, page 17

Mr Langan,

Will you be so kind as to
let me know when the abstract
of above has been sent to

Melville R. Loucks.

It was mailed
on the afternoon
of the 25th of January
with a copy between
date of order and
date of mailing
it will reach him
on the 30th or 31st of
January
about the
same of course
after.

L. 110, c. 13, 1870.

Houston, Minn.

Nov. 21, 1870

Loucks, M. R.

1st. 2nd artillery

States that from July

29th to Oct. 13, 1870, he

was at San Francisco,

under medical treatment.

Filed with 36160 P. 41

File with L 115, c. 13, 1870

11-21-70

Reid, A. G. O. c. 13, Nov. 25, 1870.

Houston Minnesota
Nov 21st 1870.

Adjutant General W. H. U.
Washington D. C.
Sir:

In reply to your communication dated A. G. O. Washington D. C. Nov. 15th 1870 I have the honor to state that from July 29th to October 18th 1870, I was at San Francisco, under medical treatment - as per Post Orders, No 43, from Hd Qrs, Fort Wrangel, Mr. Is. Alaska, dated July 14th 1870. Since Oct-20th, 1870, I have been at Houston, Minnesota, as authorized by S. O. 144 from Hd Qrs, Milly-Div., Pacific, San Francisco, Cal. dated October 12th 1870.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

W. H. U.

1st Lt 2nd Regt -

L. 115, C. B. 1870.
Houston, Minn
Nov. 25, 1870

Loucks, Mr. R.
1 Lt. 2^d Artillery

In reply to Adjt. Genl's
telegram of Nov. 23, requests
that he be first ordered
before a Retiring board,
instead of Special Board.

see L 66 C.B. 1870 Retired etc

Proceed with 3616 R. P. 71
Telegram Nov. 29/70.

L ~~110, 111 C.B. 1870~~ herewith.

Recd. A. G. C. B. Nov 29, 1870

inst., on the ground that if, while on duty as an officer in the service of the United States, I have contracted a disease resulting from exposure while stationed at Fort Wauzel, Alaska, which may wholly or partially disable me, I would be justly entitled to such a hearing; should the board, after having considered my case, decide adversely the next steps in order could be taken. I waited in the severe climate of the Harbor of San Francisco, Cal., from the latter part of August to the 13th of October last to hear the result of my application to go before a Retiring Board convened in that city, but without success; whereas communications were forwarded and answers received by others, at the same place, in less time.

I have the honor to most respectfully and urgently request that the decisions of the Commander-in-chief, or, in the event of his absence, that of the Honorable the Secretary of War, may be obtained in reference to the just claim, I think I have, to go, first, before a Retiring Board, then, afterwards, should circumstances require it, there would still be an opportunity to order me before the board mentioned in the telegram of the 28th inst.:

I am, Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,
W. R. Lovell, 1st Lt. 2nd U. S. Artillery

Houston, Houston County - Minnesota

November 25th 1870.

Adjutant-General U. S. A.
Washington D. C.

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 23rd inst. stating that all delegations (allegations) of unfitness against you have been sent board, under section 11 Act, July 15th. If you desire a hearing you will appear without delay before ^{board} in this city; if not forward your waiver in writing. Acknowledge receipt.

(Sgd) E. D. Townsend

In reply, I would respectfully request that, if my case is to be decided upon immediately, my name may be temporarily withdrawn from said board in order that I may, first, be ordered before the Retiring Board convened at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as stated in your communication of the 14th

L. 115 Oct. 1870.

Mr. McCarty
will you
send this
last letter

Telegram
(Bought)

Adjutant General's Office
Washington November 29 1870

Lieutenant M. P. Loucks,
Second Artillery,
Houston, Minnesota,

Order to go before Retiring Board
has been revoked. You will appear before
Board in this city, without delay, or forward
waiver in writing.

(Signed) E. D. Townsend,
Adjutant General,

R. 450, c. 13, 1870.
San Francisco, Cal.
Dec. 8, 1870

Army Retiring Board
San Francisco, Cal
December 8th 1870

Retiring Board

McMillin Thomas
Asst Surgeon USA
Recorder

Thos. McMillin, asst.
Surgeon U. S. A. Recorder

Enclosed with 3616 C. B. 1870
Returns papers in
case of Lieut.
M. R. Loucks, 2^d ant.

Returns papers in the case
of Lieut M. R. Loucks
2nd of Artillery

Order requested

2 enclosures.

L. 66 C. B. 1870 herewith

Recd. A. G. O. c. 13. Dec. 17, 1870

"Army Retiring Board"

San Francisco California

December 8th 1870

The Adjutant General

U. S. Army

"Washington" D. C.

Sir

I have the honor to return the enclosed
papers in the case of

"Lieut. M. R. Loucks 2nd U. S. Artillery"

I am Sir

Very respectfully

your obt. servt

J. W. Miller

Asst Surgeon U. S. A.

Recorder

1890

2.
P. 450, c. 2. 1890

The address of *Leut Locks* is
Presidio San Francisco, Cal.

The following are the papers in his case:

Military History.

*Application for retirement with
Surgeons Certificate of Disability 266 CS. 70
August 16, 1870*

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

E D Townsend
Adjutant General.

Headquarters of the Army,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, October 28, 1870.

Brig. Genl. Edward O. Ord.

President of Retiring Board,

San Francisco

California

Sir:

I have respectfully to inclose herewith a copy of an order from this office directing 1st Lt. Melville R. Locks,
2^d Artillery to report to you by letter, and hold himself in readiness to appear for examination before the Board of which you are President when summoned, together with his military history compiled from the records of this office and the papers in his case.

You will please notify him when the Board will be ready to take up his case, and direct him to report in person accordingly, in order that he may not be detained longer than his examination requires, the Secretary of War having decided that officers ordered before the Retiring Boards will not be provided with quarters while in attendance.

1.
R. 450, c. 17, 1870.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, October 26th, 1870.

Military History of Matville R. Loncks of the
United States Army, as shown by the files of this office.

Graduated at the U. S. Military Academy and

Appointed Second Lieutenant 2^d Artillery 13 June 1854.

First Lieutenant 4th Febry. 1855.

Served with company at Fort Hamilton, New York, and Fort Mifflin, Md., and vicinity, from July 1854 to August 1855; with regiment en route to and in California to June 11, 1857; on leave of absence to November 1857. Conducting recruits en route to, and with regiment in California, Washington Territory and Alaska to July 15, 1870, when he was directed to report at Headquarters Military Division of the Pacific for medical treatment.

Samuel J. Vincent
Assistant Adjutant-General.

O 49 c 13 1870

San Francisco, Cal

Nov. 11. 1870

Ord. E. O. C.

Brig Gen U. S. A.

Telegraphs that 1st Lieut.
Melville R. Loucks, 2^d Art.
ordered before Petitioning
Board is at Herculona,
Minn. probably un-
able to return.

Received 3616 A.C.P. 11

Rec 446 c 13 Nov 17 1870

~~U. S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH.~~

San Francisco Jan 12th 1865.

By Telegraph from San Francisco 11 1865.

To Genl E. D. Dwyer

I am sorry to hear of
illness before returning
and I am sure of
sanction with probability
will be returned.

G. O. D. Ord
Brig Genl

From when he is so. He
may be in boat or if he
can come before me of
the 10th

Dear Sir
I am glad to hear of
your return to the
Army and I am sure
that you will be
of great service when
you are appointed.

Lt. Lowell's 2" Artillery, since Aug: 1870

Granted 60 days leave on S. C. D. with permission to leave the Division. S.O. 144.

Mil. Dir. Pac. Ctr 12/70.

No report by letter to Pres. Retiring Board at San Francisco, Califer - to appear before said Board, when summoned

S.O. 274. A. G. O. Ctr 13/70.

Was at Heustan, Minnesota, on leave of absence

No reports for the months of Aug, Sep and October 1870 received

Vertical handwritten notes on the left margin: "Soldier", "No report", "will report", "1870", "before", "board", "San Francisco", "Califer", "when summoned", "S.O. 144", "Mil. Dir. Pac. Ctr 12/70", "S.O. 274. A. G. O. Ctr 13/70", "Was at Heustan, Minnesota, on leave of absence", "No reports for the months of Aug, Sep and October 1870 received".

Mr. Kirkley,

Will you be kind enough to have a
* memorandum furnished me with all information
respecting Melville R. Loucks (Capt. Q.A.M.)
whose yr. books appear since Aug. '70.

If you have any personal reports that
show his present address, I should be glad to
know it.

* Wishes Seal. Necessary, with
a view to his being brought before
some other Regt. Board, if need be.
G.A.M.

Pat
G.A.M.

over

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Copy of Telegram.

Headquarters Department of California,

San Francisco, November 11th, 1870.

To General C. D. Townsend

Adjutant General U. S. A.

Washington, D. C.

Lieutenant Lockes, ordered before Retiring
Board here, is at Houston, Minn.,
probably unable to return.

(Signed) E. O. C. Ord

Brigadier General U. S. A.

Official Copy respectfully forwarded by Mail.

Geo. F.uel

Assistant Adjutant General.

105. Sept. 1871

West Martinsburg, W.V.

January 14, 1871.

250. 250 (A.C.O.) 1871.

Loucks, M.A.

1st Lieut., 2^d Artillery.

Enclose a physicians
certificate in reference to
the present condition of
his health.

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1 Enclosure.

175-71 Returns, Jan 17/71

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Recd. A.C.O. Jan. 18, 1871.

Surgeon General's Office

Washington Jan 17, 1871.

Respectfully forwarded to
the Adjutant General of
the Army.

W. Barnes
Surgeon General.

Nest Martinburgh Lewis Co. N. Y.
January 11th 1871

Surgeon General U. S. A.
Washington D. C.

Sir;

I have the honor
or to enclose herewith a physician's cer-
tificate in reference to the present condition
of my health.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. V. Roberts
1st Lt. U. S. A.

West Hartenburgh January 11. (P.M.)

After having made a careful examination
I hereby certify that 1st Lt Mc Leonard's
2^d art is totally unfit to join his station
for a month & perhaps a longer time on account
of Bronchitis. H. A. Crane, M.D.

250, Abb. (acc. 0.1874)

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