

THE SECOND REGIMENT, UNITED STATES ARTILLERY, 1812: 1918 officers and men authorized.

Regimental Field Officers and Staff:

1 Colonel	\$75.00 pay	4 forrage	6 subsistence	3 waiters	4 horses
2 Lieutenant Colonels	60.00 pay	3 forrage	5 subsistence	2 waiters	3 horses
2 Majors	50.00 pay	3 forrage	4 subsistence	2 waiters	3 horses
2 Adjutants *	10.00 pay	2 forrage			2 horses
1 Quartermaster *	10.00 pay	2 forrage			2 horses
1 Paymaster *	10.00 pay	2 forrage			2 horses
1 Surgeon	45.00 pay	2 forrage	3 subsistence	1 waiter	2 horses
2 Surgeon's Mates	30.00 pay	2 forrage	2 subsistence	1 waiter	2 horses
2 Sergeant Majors	12.00 pay	ration in kind and clothing			
2 Quartermaster Sergeants	12.00 pay	ration in kind and clothing			
2 Principal Musicians	11.00 pay	ration in kind and clothing			

20 Companies:

95 officers and men authorized.

1 Captain	40.00 pay		3 subsistence	1 waiter
1 First Lieutenant	30.00 pay		2 subsistence	1 waiter
1 Second Lieutenant	25.00 pay		2 subsistence	1 waiter
1 Third Lieutenant	23.00 pay		2 subsistence	1 waiter
5 Sergeants	11.00 pay	ration in kind and clothing		
4 Corporals	10.00 pay	ration in kind and clothing		
2 Musicians	9.00 pay	ration in kind and clothing		
8 Artificers	13.00 pay	ration in kind and clothing		
72 Privates	8.00 pay	ration in kind and clothing		

Women, allowed at ratio of 1 per 17 men ration in kind

*Drawn from Subaltern Officers in Companies for extra pay and forrage

Subsistence—a ration in kind or .20 allowance for officers keeping non soldier waiters.
 Forrage—8.00 per month or 14 lb. hay and 12 qts. oats or 8 qts. corn per diem.

Clothing-Private	34.41 per year
Corporal	34.41 per year
Artificer	34.41 per year
Musician	36.44 per year
Sergeant	37.85 per year

To each company:	1 four horse wagon and team or 2 two horse wagons and teams
To each six men	1 common tent, 1 iron kettle and 2 tin pans
To each two men	36 lb. straw (1 truss), 8 lb. additional in 16 days, the whole to be replaced in 32 days. (the same allowed to washerwomen and servants).

Division of Artillery 6 pieces of ordnance (4 cannon of the same caliber and
2 howitzers or 6 cannon of not more than 2 calibers)

Half Division of Artillery 3 pieces of ordnance (2 cannon of the same caliber and
1 howitzer or 3 cannon of the same caliber)

To each pair of 3 pounders	1 ammunition wagon or caisson
To each 6 pounder	1 ammunition wagon or caisson
To each howitzer	2 ammunition wagons or caissons
To each gun larger than 6 lb.	2 or 3 ammunition wagons or caissons
To each division	3 extra wagons
To each half division	1 extra wagon
To each division of flying artillery	1 traveling forge
To each 2 divisions of foot artillery	1 traveling forge

COMPARISON OF REGULATION VERSIS ACTUAL STRENGTH OF CUSHING'S DETACHMENT OF ARTILLERY:

<u>Authorized Strength</u>	<u>Cushing's Company</u>	<u>Cushing's Detachment</u>
1 Captain	1 Captain	1 Captain
1 First Lieutenant	1 First Lieutenant	1 First Lieutenant
1 Second Lieutenant	1 Second Lieutenant	1 Second Lieutenant
1 Third Lieutenant		
5 Sergeants	3 Sergeants	3 Sergeants-2nd Arty. 1 Sergeant--Unknown Unit
4 Corporals	3 Corporals	3 Corporals-2nd Arty. 2 Corporals-7th Infy. 1 Corporal--Unknown Unit 1 Corporal--Lt. Arty.
2 Musicians		1 Musician--7th Infy. 2 Musicians-Lt. Arty.
8 Artificers	3 Artificers	3 Artificers-2nd Arty. 1 Artificer--7th Infy.
72 Privates	33 Privates	33 Privates-2nd Arty. 14 Privates-7th Infy. 7 Privates-Unknown Unit 7 Privates-Lt. Arty. 1 Private--4th Infy.
95 Officers and Men	45 Officers and Men	83 Officers and Men

AUTHORIZED EQUIPMENT FOR A FULL STRENGTH COMPANY OF THE SECOND ARTILLERY:

Officer's tents, furnishings, clothing Etc., varying according to the wealth and preference of the officer or officers. Transported at government expense at a rate of:

Captain 400 lb.
Subaltern (Lieutenant) 300 lb.

The authorized number of privates would be able to man 1½ Divisions of Artillery

Full equipment would be as follows:

5 Wagons 20 horses or oxen
6 Cannon 24 horses or oxen
3 Howitzers 12 horses or oxen
12 Caissons * 48 horses or oxen

* Caissons or Ammunition Wagons.

16 Common tents
16 Iron kettles
32 Tin pans

In Camp or Garrison the company would be authorized 9 kitchens or fires.

Each officer would be allowed 1/6 cord of wood in Summer per month & 1/4 in Winter.
Each 12 enlisted man allowed 1 cord in Summer and each man 1/8 cord in Winter.

Rations:

<u>Per man</u>	<u>Per 100 Men</u>
1 1/4 lb. beef or	2 qt. salt
3/4 lb. salt pork	4 qt. vinegar
18 oz. bread or flour	4 lb. soap
1 gill of spirits	1 1/2 lb. candles
fresh or dried vegetables when possible	
3/4 lb. fish once a week when possible	

THE NORTHWEST ARMY, 1812:

1 Major General	\$200.00 pay	7 forrage	15 subsistance	6 waiters	7 horses
3 Brigadier Generals	104.00 pay	5 forrage	12 subsistance	4 waiters	5 horses
1 Adjutant General *	90.00 pay	5 forrage	6 subsistance	3 waiters	5 horses
1 Assistant Adjutant Gen. *	60.00 pay	4 forrage	4 subsistance	1 waiter	4 horses
1 Assistant Inspector Gen. *	60.00 pay	4 forrage	4 subsistance	1 waiter	4 horses
1 Quartermaster General	75.00 pay	4 forrage	6 subsistance	1 waiter	4 horses
1 Deputy Quartermaster Gen. *	60.00 pay	4 forrage	4 subsistance	1 waiter	4 horses
2 Asst. Dep. Qm. Generals *	40.00 pay		3 subsistance	1 waiter	
2 Engineers	40.00 pay		3 subsistance	1 waiter	
1 Topographical Engineer	60.00 pay	4 forrage	4 subsistance	2 waiters	4 horses
1 Dep. Commissary of Ord.	40.00 pay	1 forrage	5 subsistance	1 waiter	1 horse
1 Asst. Commissary of Ord.	30.00 pay		2 subsistance	1 waiter	
1 Judge Advocate	50.00 pay	2 forrage	4 subsistance	1 waiter	2 horses
1 Hospital Surgeon	75.00 pay	2 forrage	6 subsistance	2 waiters	2 horses
1 Hospital Surgeon's Mate	40.00 pay	2 forrage	2 subsistance	1 waiter	2 horses
6 Garrison Surgeon's Mates	30.00 pay	2 forrage	2 subsistance	1 waiter	2 horses
1 Regimental Surgeon	45.00 pay	2 forrage	2 subsistance	1 waiter	2 horses
1 Regimental Surgeon's Mate	30.00 pay	2 forrage	2 subsistance	1 waiter	2 horses
2 Chaplains	50.00 pay	2 forrage	4 subsistance	1 waiter	2 horses
5 District Paymasters **	50.00 pay	3 forrage	4 subsistance	1 waiter	3 horses
1 Deputy Commissary of Purchases ***					
1 Assistant Commissary ***					
1 Military Storekeeper ***					

ARMY 1812 (2 OR MORE DIVISIONS AND SUPPORT UNITS):

1 Adjutant General
1 Inspector General
1 Quartermaster General
2 Assistant Adjutant Generals
2 Assistant Inspector Generals
1 Deputy Quartermaster General
4 Assistant Quartermaster Generals
1 Topographical Engineer
1 Assistant Topographical Engineer
1 Chief for each Department
as many assistants as there are Brigades in Each Army

DIVISION 1812 (2 BRIGADES):

1 Major General
2 Aides de Camp

BRIGADE 1812 (2 REGIMENTS):

1 Brigadier General
1 Aide de Camp
1 Brigade Major

* Officer drawn from the line in this case but should be Staff Officer.

**When from the line, 30.00 extra pay in addition to forrage and subsistance but not to exceed the pay of a Major.

***Not shown in the section of the American State Papers.

AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF REGIMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN THE WAR OF 1812:

RANK:	Lt. Atry.	1st Lt. Dr.	2nd Lt. Dr.	1st Arty.	2&3 Arty.	Infy.	Rifles
Colonel	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lieutenant Colonel	1	1	2	1	2	1	1
Major	2	2	2	4	2	2	2
Adjutant *	1	1	2	1	2	1	1
Quartermaster *	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Paymaster *	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Surgeon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Surgeon's Mate	1	2	2	2	2	2	1
Sergeant Major	1	1	2	2	2	1	1
Quartermaster Sergeant	1	1	2	2	2	1	1
Principal Musician	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Riding Master		1	1				
Captain	10	8	12	20	20	10	10
First Lieutenant	10	8	12	20	20	10	10
Second Lieutenant	10	8	12	20	20	10	10
Third Lieutenant	10	8	12	20	20	10	10
Ensign						10	10
Cornet		8	12				
Sergeant	50	40	60	100	100	50	50
Corporal	40	48	72	80	80	60	40
Musician	20	16	24	80	40	20	20
Artificer	80			160	160		
Master of the Sword		8	12				
Saddler	10	8	12				
Farrier	10	8	12				
Blacksmith		8	12				
Driver	120						
Private **	580	512	768	1120	1440	900	680

* Drawn from line subaltern ranks (lieutenant, cornet & ensign)

** Includes Bombardier, Matross, Sapper and Miner

On 23 May 1813 a General Muster and Inspection of all of the troops in the Garrison at Fort Meigs was ordered by Colonel John Miller, Acting Commandant. The first paragraph of the Garrison Orders for that day reads:

Camp Meigs May 23 1813

Garrison Orders

An inspection of all troops in the garrison will be made by Major Hukill A I, Genl on the last day of this Inst-- of whom Blank Muster Rolls may be had by the Commandants of Companies on application being made--.

Even then, the muster rolls were to be made out in triplicate. One of the muster rolls of the artillery detachment of the garrison survived and is now in the Archival Collections of the Ohio Historical Society. This muster roll entitled "Muster Roll of a Detachment of Troops - under the command of Capt. Daniel Cushing of the Second Regiment of Artillery in the service of the United States, from the date of the last muster to the thirty-first day of May 1813 inclusive.", is very detailed. In looking over the information on the muster roll, Cushing's detachment appears to have been an exception in an army where disease and desertion accounted for most of the losses in man power.

Judging from the contents of the muster roll it was first one made of the detachment since Cushing's original company was mustered into Federal Service in September or October of 1812. The information on the form indicates that the original strength of the company was 43 officers and men. This broke down into the following: one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, three sergeants, three corporals, three artificers and thirty-one privates. When the company marched out of Franklinton, Ohio to join the Northwest Army on 1 January 1813, it was 39 men strong. The three artificers had been detached for extra duty by the order of a Colonel Morrison, the order dated 1 January 1813 and one man was left in the hospital. Captain Cushing states in his diary that " january 1, 1813- I left Franklinton with my company for Upper Sandusky by way of Worthington and Delaware - marched with 34 non-commissioned officers and privates, myself and three lieutenants". Exclusive of the extra lieutenant, this leaves a difference of two men between what was recorded on the muster roll and in Captain Cushing's diary. Possibly others were left behind and not recorded or rejoined the company at a later date. For the purpose of continuity within the information on the muster roll the number thirty-nine as the number of men with Cushing will be used.

When Captain Cushing's Company arrived at the rapids of the Maumee River, the site of Fort Meigs, on 6 February 1813 his effective strength should have been forty officers and men. The man left behind in the hospital had died on 2 February one man had been placed on detached duty and two men had joined the company on 20 and 21 January.

From the time of their arrival at Fort Meigs to the beginning of the first seige of Fort Meigs, 1 may to 9 may 1813, some major changes were made in the detachment. On 5 March two small groups of men were attached to Cushing's command by the order of General Harrison. One, a party of the Seventh Infantry under Lieutenant Samuel Kercheval of the same regiment but left at the blockhouse at Portage in the care of Lieutenant Thomas Mountjoy of the Seventh Infantry, consisted of two corporals, one musician, one artificer and fourteen privates. The other group had no unit designation but consisted of one sergeant, one corporal, and seven privates. On 6 March a corporal of the original company died. On 16 March a private from the second attached unit died and on 26 March a private of the original company died. On 8 April two privates from the original company, one of whom was killed, were captured by Indians. On the following day the Indians captured another private from the original company. On 6 March the second lieutenant of the company went on furlough and on the 25 March. after two false starts, the first lieutenant of the company went on furlough. All of these changes would have brought

the total strength of the company to one officer and fifty-eight enlisted men by the beginning of the First Siege of Fort Meigs.

Between 1 May and 31 May, the date of the muster, the detachment again increased in strength. On 5 May, by order of General Harrison, the remains of a company of the Light Artillery consisting of one corporal, two musicians and seven privates were attached to Cushing's Detachment. The commanding officer, Captain Samuel Price and the rest of the company were all killed or captured in the fighting with the British and Indians on the same day. On the 12 May a private of the original company was discharged as a result of wounds received during the siege. On 15 and 25 May two more privates of the original company died at Fort Meigs. The final change to the detachment took place on 31 May when a private of the Fourth Infantry was taken in charge by Major Hukill and mustered with Cushing's Detachment. By the end of May 1813 Captain Daniel Cushing's Detachment of Artillery at Fort Meigs contained sixty-seven officers and enlisted men.

Captain Cushing's remarks on the muster roll state the following alterations to the unit since the last muster roll; 2 joined, 1 discharged, 0 deserted, 0 reduced, 1 promoted, 7 dead, 0 transferred, 38 attached, 2 on furlough, and 2 in captivity. On the back of the muster roll is a recapulation of the condition of the detachment which breaks down as follows:

	Capt.	Lieut.	Sergt.	Corp.	Artic.	Music.	Privt.	Total
Present fit for Duty	1	0	4	4	0	2	32	43
Sick present		0	0	2	1	1	20	24
On Detachment		0	0	0	0	0	1	1
On Extra Service		0	0	0	3	0	0	3
On Furlough		2	0	0	0	0	0	2
In Captivity		0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Discharged		0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Dead		0	0	1	0	0	6	7
Aggregate	1	2	4	7	4	3	62	83

The muster roll lists a total of eighty-three officers and enlisted men assigned or attached to the Artillery Detachment at Fort Meigs. Of this number Captain Cushing had a total of sixty-seven, himself included on hand at Fort Meigs as of 31 May 1813. Of this number only forty-three were fit for duty. The record of Captain Cushing's Detachment is amazing in an army where there was a high rate of desertions and an even higher rate of death from disease and speaks well for the abilities of Captain Daniel Cushing.

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