

An Inventory of a United States Army Field Printing Office, 1865

BECAUSE of the scarcity of records, students of American printing are eager for factual data concerning the business affairs of a printing office. The following document is particularly interesting, because it throws light into a dark corner of the history of the craft. Edwin H. Carpenter, Jr., published an article on 'Army Field Printing in the New World' in *The Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America*, volume fifty, second quarter (1956) pp. 169-180. Apparently, he had not been able to locate definite information about the equipment found in a field printing office. The document printed below was given to the American Antiquarian Society by Grosvenor M. Crooks of Lexington, Massachusetts. It makes an interesting footnote to Mr. Carpenter's article.

Printing Office

47½ lb. <i>Pica</i>	.62	\$29.45
107 <i>Brevier</i>	.76	81.32
12½ <i>Gt. Primer Round Hand</i>	1.12	14.00
1 font <i>Gt. Primer Anglo Saxon</i>		5.00
1 " " <i>Cond. Black Shaded</i>		5.00
1 " " <i>Clarendon Expanded</i>		6.00
1 " <i>Pica Condensed Black No. 4</i>		4.00
1 " " <i>Clarendon Compressed</i>		3.25

1	"	"	Title		4.00
1	"	"	Madisonian		7.80
1	"	Brevier	Antique Condensed		3.40
1	"	"	Title Expanded		4.60
1	"	Brev	Compressed		3.00
1	"	2 line	Minion Ornamented No. 7		5.00
½	"	Labor Saving Rule—Single—			15.00
10 ft	No. 221	Rule—single—		@ .15	1.50
4	"	No. 321 " —dotted—		22	.88
10 lb.	Leads			.44	4.40
10	"	Quotations		.44	4.40
10	Brass	Dashes		.12	1.20
3	Pair	Cases		3.00	9.00
8	Job	Cases		2.00	16.00
2	Composing	Sticks			4.00
3	"	Rules			1.00
20 yds	Reglet &	Furniture			1.10
	Mallet. Planer &	2 Bodkins			1.40
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					234.70
					(over)
1	Pair	Shears		\$	2.25
1	Brass	Galley—1	Ley Brush		6.00
100	Quoins—1	Oil Can			1.00
2	lbs.	No. 1	Black Ink		2.50
¼	Medium	'Liberty'	Press		420.00
2	Boxes &	Carting			1.50
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					\$668.95

Jas. Conner's Son's Type Foundry,
Nos. 28, 30 & 32 Centre St.
New York City.

Office arrived at Head Quarters Dist. of Beaufort
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