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[18 items]

1. Larrey, G - MILITARY MEDICINE. **Clinica Chirurgica ... nei campi e negli ospedali militari....., 2 vols. bound as one.**

Firenze: Sansone Coen, 1836.

First Italian Edition. 8vo. 21 lithographs of operations (with a notable example of plastic surgery) and pathology. I: [4], (5)6 - 390, (3); II: [2], (3)4 - 391, (6) pp.

Fine. 19th century leather backed boards.

One of the great encyclopaedias of military medicine by its leading 19th cent. practitioner. Larrey presented his decades of experience and practical knowledge in this book: he was one of the first to amputate at the hip-joint; the first to describe the therapeutic effect of maggots on wounds; gave the first description of 'trench foot'; invented the 'ambulance volante'; used advanced first-aid posts on the battlefield etc. It is a summation of his ideas on surgery and a developed exposition of his new techniques. There are sections dealing with all kinds of wounds, amputations, and operations (including the relatively new problems of reconstructive surgery). The plates are explicit and informative. See G - M # 2160 & 4442 for the original French edition; Wangansteen, pp. 501 - 503; Wellcome III, p. 451. \$250

2. La Noue, Franciscus de. **Discours politiques, et militaires.**

[Geneva?]: unknown, 1612.

Later Printing. 8vo, [16], 710 pp.

Very good; good margins; vignette title; joints somewhat chafed. 19th century polished calf by Palmer Howe, Manchester.

The book was widely read by the military elite throughout Europe. Its author was characterized by the Dupuys' Encyclopaedia of Military History as the successor to Machiavelli. de la Noue, a Huguenot, was the principal Protestant leader in the early French Wars of Religion. All of his writing was undertaken as a prisoner of war. This is his most important work on strategy. The 22nd discourse is of considerable interest because of the author's suggestions of the settlement of disputes and differences without the resort to war. See Henri Hauser's 1892 book on the

author and his work. Brunet III, 824; see Cockle #37 for an informative note to accompany the entry for the English edition of 1587. \$250

3. U S Government. ICC - Bureau of Explosives. **...Regulations for Transportation by Rail of Explosives**

New York: Bureau of Explosives, 1930.
First Edition. 12mo. There are plates and illus. .
Good; front hinge strained. Original crimson printed cloth backed wrappers.

A comprehensive handbook for the regulations and testing of shipping containers for all kinds of explosive materials The text also includes regulations, labelling, weight limits, etc. \$70

4. Anon. **Regulations for the Instruction in, and Practice With, the Watkin Range Finder.**

London: HMO, ca 1900.
First Edition?. 8vo. There are 4 large litho. plates (one color).
Very good; front hinge weak. Contemporary linen cloth.

The explanation and use of a range finder to determine distances over ground in order to site in the weapons of a company of riflemen. There is an addenda to the text citing examples of how to use the device. \$145

5. Scheel, [H O] - TECHNOLOGY. **Memoires d' Artillerie, contenant l' Artillerie Nouvelle, ou les changements faits dans l' Artillerie Francoise en 1765**

Copenhagen: Claude Philibert, 1777.
First Edition. 4to, [2], xvi, [8], 440, [2 - errata] + 29 copper engraved folding plates and 6 folding tables; retaining the half title.
Very good, bright copy with large margins. Modern paper covered boards.

It would be difficult to overestimate the impact of the Seven Years War on the governments and armies of Europe. The book offered here is part of the general reformulation of military theory and weapon development during this critical period. The French army had established an impressive reputation for its effective employment of artillery. In conjunction with new theoretical works like that of Folard or Guibert tactics and strategy of a modern army were recast. Accompanying this was a serious technical debate on the developments of modern artillery of all kinds. Scheel's book is a candid and very thorough inquiry into the manufacture and deployment of artillery and consideration of changes within the French army. The illustrations accompanying the text are detailed technical drawings for guns, carriages, shot etc.. \$800

6. Drake, M - ILLUSTRATED MANUSCRIPT. **Notes on Artillery.**

[Woolwich?] England: Autograph Manuscript, ca 1850.
Manuscript. sm. 4to. There are numerous b & w and color ink sketches.
Very good. Contemporary three-quarter leather.

An elaborate military science notebook possibly used for instruction. The author (owner ?) is only identified as M Drake. The text is extensive and technical. The author cites a number of authorities (esp. in ballistics) from the late 18th through the 1840s. The execution of gun carriage schematics, shot, machinery drawings, casting procedures, etc. are all beautifully accomplished (some are in color or tinted ink washes). There is an emphasis on the engineering and technical aspects of the subjects evincing a modern attitude to military subjects as a science. Exotic topics, e.g., liquid propellants for rockets, design of gun calipers (illus.), use of pyrometers, metallurgy of iron cannon etc. are also introduced. The scope and length of the manuscript (appx. 600 pages) are unusual and indicate that it was a record of lectures presented by Drake.

\$1,750

7. Mahan, D H. **An Elementary Course of Civil Engineering for the Use of Cadets of the United States Military Academy.**

New York: Wiley and Putnam, 1838.
Second Revised Edition. 8vo. There are 14 litho. plates.
Good; moderately foxed; fore edges of plates somewhat rumped; spine sunned. Original publisher's cloth.

The most comprehensive early American fortification and bridge engineering text. Mahan was educated in France at a point in time when the instruction in engineering was at its apex. He was to pass on this experience in the training of the second generation of professional engineers at West Point. An important book. DAB XI, 209 - 210.

\$175

8. Schumacher, [? Major] - MILITARY FIELD CRAFT - MANUSCRIPT **Lagerkunde nach Vortragen und Zeichnungen**

[Unknown]: Manuscript., 1859.
8vo. There are neat, complex text illus. and 10 full page ink drawings. title, 91 pages of text, 10 full page ink drawings.
A near fine copy with some occasional spotting and dustiness. Contemporary half leather.

An exceptional notebook illustrating all the facets of camp craft for troops in the field. The illustrations demonstrate the construction of bridges, camp sites, individual shelters etc.. The plates are renderings of kitchen installations for large groups of men, encampments, shelters,

barracks, latrines, stockades etc.. The detail and accomplishment of the illustrations reflect extraordinary skill. The text is in German gothic script. \$475

9. Lind, J.

A Description of Rifled Ordnance; fitted with sectors, telescopes, etc.

Edinburgh: W Creech, 1776.

First Edition. 8vo, viii, 31 pp. + three engraved plates.

Very good untrimmed copy; half title with a repaired tear in blank portion. 20th century half leather.

Lind, the friend and confidant of the poet Shelley, was a member of the Royal Society and a physician who travelled with Banks to Iceland. He was also an inspired experimenter in the physical sciences. The book offered here is a superb example of the application of mechanics to the 'art' of gunnery. When Lind wrote the book he was in the midst of a series of experiments on the strength of cast iron at the foundry at Carron. Problems concerning the optimum size of guns forced consideration of the action of high velocity projectiles. Lind's treatise treats this and other ballistic questions, e.g., aiming, instrumentation, and accuracy. DNB XI, 1151 - 1152; Steele, Muskets and Pendulums \$900

10. Caldwell, D S.

Incidents of War, and Southern Prison Life.

Dayton, Ohio: Published for the Author, 1864.

First Edition. 8vo.

Good; wanting the rear blank wrapper; front wrapper with upper fore corner torn away affecting border rule. Original printed wrappers.

Captain Caldwell's narrative of his experience after having been captured on the third day of battle near Winchester Virginia in June 1863. He was marched to Staunton and then by train to Richmond and Libby Prison. He managed an escape by tunnel in Feb. of 1864. The account includes the action of Caldwell and companions to elude capture and finally cross Union lines near Williamsburg. Dornbush I, O412. \$550

11. Glasser, R - MILITARY MEDICINE.
365 Days.

New York: G Braziller, [1971].

First Edition. 8vo.

A fine, fresh copy. Original cloth and dustjacket.

Quite simply the best Vietnam book published. It is a heartrending account of Glasser's tour as a Marine surgeon and the wounded men he treated. A great book. \$145

12. Cutbush, J.
A System of Pyrotechny ... designed for exhibition and for war.

Philadelphia: Clara F Cutbush, 1825.

First Edition. 8vo, xliv, 612 pp. + one plate of rocket designs.

Fair; binding worn with boards detached; internally some moderate spotting and toning. Full contemporary calf.

Cole describes this as a systematic and comprehensive work that is based upon careful experiment and extensive reading. The central part of the book contains a detailed discussion of the substances used in the manufacture of explosives, munitions, and fireworks. An important book. Rink #2158; Cole #317. \$425

13. [Great Britain. Parliament. House of Commons].
To the Honourable the Court of Directors

[London]: Parliament, [1795].

First Edition. Folio.

Fine copies printed on thick, laid paper. Stitched as issued.

A group of eight petitions submitted to the Court of Directors of the East India Company. Each dealing with general issues of service and promotion within the officer corps and conditions in the army. The petitions appear to have been in response to the attempt of the government's minister for Indian affairs, Henry Dundas, to alter the regulations of military service in India. This would have had considerable impact on the officer ranks in the service of the East India Company. The petitions were printed in London in 1795 as part of the parliamentary papers. They all bear docketed titles as follows: 1- Memorial of the Officers stationed at Futty Ghur, No. 2; 2- Memorial from the Officers stationed at Chunar Ghurr, No. 3; 3- Memorial from the Officers at Cawnpore, No. 4; 4- Memorial from the Officers at Dinapore, No. 5; 5- Memorial of the Officers stationed at Berhampore, No. 6; 6- Memorial from the Officers of Artillery of the Bengal Establishment, No. 7; 7- Memorial from the Officers on the Fort St. George Establishment, No. 8; 8-Memorial from the Officers on the Bombay Establishment, No. 9. The docket titles are used as the basis for the COPAC entries. COPAC listing three holdings - BL; UCLA; Dublin. \$900

14. Mann, J - MILITARY MEDICINE.
**Medical Sketches of the Campaigns of 1812, 13, 14 ...
surgical cases; observations on military; and flying hospitals**

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Dedham: H Mann & Co., 1816.

First Edition. 8vo, x, [11] – 318 pp.

Very good; toning and occasional spotting. Original publisher's boards.

Rutkow describes this book as the best and most vivid account of early 19th century American military life. The chapters on surgery are invaluable for the first-hand descriptions of the treatment of wounds. Mann was an army surgeon during the War of 1812. The book offered here is a memoir of his experiences. The sections dealing with military hospitals are especially informative about techniques and care of the wounded. G-M #2161.1; Austin #1190; Kelly & Burrage, 805-'06; Rutkow, GS4. \$700

15. Hammond, William.

A Treatise on Hygiene with Special Reference to the Military Service.

Philadelphia: J B Lippincott, 1863.

First Edition. Royal 8vo, xvi, 13 - 604 pp., frontispiece + 1 double page plate and text illustrations throughout.

Near fine; unfortunately the top quarter inch of the spine has been chipped away. Original publisher's blind stamped brown cloth with the US Army medical seal gilt stamped on the front cover.

"During Hammond's tenure as Surgeon General he accomplished many reforms which transformed the medical services of the army and made them much more efficient and effective. It was during his extremely busy time as Surgeon General that the present work on military hygiene was written and published. Hygienic standards were still very poor in the United States Army and soldiers often died because of inadequate medical care, poor sanitary conditions, and lack of attention to proper shelter and nutrition. Hammond noted that there was no comprehensive, up-to-date treatise on the subject and so he prepared this work to meet that need. A thorough and detailed book, it contains many of the ideas and principles that Hammond instituted in his reform of the army medical service" (Heirs of Hippocrates, #1941). \$475

16. Tissot, Clement-Joseph.

Two page ALs.

Paris: May 19, 1822

Two page ALs on one sheet meas. 295 x 212 mm.

Very good. Not bound.

Tissot writing to claim unpaid expenses for his time as a military physician. The letter includes accounts for his pay and uncompensated expenses. Hirsch V, 595. \$250

17. Massachusetts - Second Division Militia - South Parish of Andover.

Manuscript record book of meetings, orders, fitness for 1797 - 1838.

Unique. Small folio notebook, appx. 155 pp. of text. Leaf size appx. 310 x 188 mm. Very good; modest wear to the binding. Full contemporary blind stamped calf.

The names, orders, listing of equipment for individuals, discipline, occasional exercises, and records for this post-colonial era on a yearly basis. \$1,400

18. Girard, Major Alfred C.

The Effects of the Modern Small Caliber Rifles and Their Bearing on the Military Surgery of Future Wars.

Columbus, Ohio: Columbus Medical Journal, 1896.

OFFPRINT. 8vo, 19 pp.. "Compliments of the Author" stamped on the front wrapper.

Very good; some overall modest toning. Original publisher's green printed wrappers.

The paper was originally presented as a speech to the Salt Lake County Medical Society. Major Girard provided expert testimony in relation to the deadly or severe wounding effect of what he considered to be small caliber weapons at long ranges (in excess of 1000 yards). The weapons were anything but "small" caliber by modern standards. But given that the study of the laws that govern the effect of shot on animal tissue were relatively new at this time Girard offers a great deal that is important. \$300

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