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Dave,

I was formatting some new information, and ran across another tidbit from the "Regulars." This is an order for how stable duty was done in the 6th US. Many of these orders originated at brigade, so it would be a safe bet that similar practices were followed by the 2nd US. Unlike the volunteers, the regulars were issued stable frocks, and as you can see in the extract, they were expected to wear them, at least early-war.

[Headquarters 6<sup>th</sup> [US] Cavalry, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1861. Order No. 26]

- I. Fifteen minutes after reveille Stable Call will be sounded, when the companies will immediately repair to the Picket Ropes.
- II. Stable Frocks will be worn.
- III. The horses will be groomed with the brush, the curry comb being only used for the removal of hard mud, &c &c.
- IV. Each company will be divided into four sections under the command of a sergeant, who will be responsible for the manner in which the men belonging to his section perform their duty.
- V. The horses being groomed, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sergt. will report to that effect to the Company Commander who will order the command "cease grooming" to be given. The men will cease grooming & at the command "Fall out," will place themselves in rear of the horses groomed by them and standing at attention await the instruction of the Company Commander.
- VI. The strictest silence will be preserved at the picket line while grooming and the horses will not be fed until the Inspection is completed.
- VII. All of the company officers are required to attend the stable call and remain with their respective companies until the Inspection is over.

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