

Primary Source Document for Alamo de Parras

[There were 64 soldiers in the unit, and this is what they had:]

Report Showing The Articles of Armament, Munitions, Clothing, Saddles, Equipment, Horses, and Mules on Hand in The Said Company on This, Date [May 16, 1830.]

Totals: 10 muskets, 53 carbines, 0 pistols, 56 swords, 6 lances, 654 cartridge boxes, 1890 cartridges, 125 flints, 64 hats, 13 coats, 15 wool jackets, 8 linen jackets, 18 pairs wool pants, 31 pairs linen pants, 49 ties, 79 shirts, 75 pairs drawers, 24 pairs shoes, 6 capes, 46 *orongos* [serapes], 54 saddles, 6 saddle blankets, 1 ramrod scabbard, 50 bridles, 20 musket scabbards, 4 pairs spurs, 59 saddle bags, 51 hackamores, 106 halters, 72 horses, 4 mules.

[Below the list he made some notes.]

Notes

1st. What few mounts the company has are in only fair condition, and there are lacking, as shown in the respective places, eight horses for the troops that are ready to march.

2nd. The Company, as shown above, is almost without clothing, generally speaking, so that each individual has only the linen he is wearing. Likewise they lack shoes, capes, and *orongos*.

3rd. You will note on this report that there are more ... saddles than have been previously reported for the Company in previous reviews, but that is due to the fact that since they are about to set out on their journey, the individuals have had to fit them out as best they could. Consequently, for the most part, we are reporting as saddles some that are merely covered with a piece of buffalo hide, or bear skin, or deer skin, tied down with crude leather thongs, and without any iron rings to tie them to.

4th. As a general rule we lack proper scabbards for the carbines, and those that have been improvised, since the leather has not been tanned, do not protect the weapon from the moisture, especially under the circumstances where, as has already been mentioned above, the individual does not have a cape or *orongos*.

San Antonio de Valero, May 16, 1830.

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