

Order for reception at the County Lunatic Asylum, Fareham, Hampshire, of a "dangerous lunatic", John Parratt of the Royal Engineers, examined at the Military Lunatic Hospital, Netley

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COMMANDANT'S OFFICE,

ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL,

NETLEY, 25th October 1883

Regiment and Name	Royal Engineers Sapper John Parratt
Where born, as shewn by Attestation	Parish Yateley Town Yateley County Hants
Enlisted for the Army	Place Aldershot Date 6 th June 1876 Age 19 1/2 years
Trade prior to Enlistment	Servant
If Married	Single
Parents, or next of Kin:	Names Mother Rachel Yorttown, Surrey Sister Annie Residence 40 Col: Middleton Royal Military College Yorttown Surrey

SIR,

HAVING received instructions from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for War to forward the discharged Soldier named in the margin to his place of settlement under the 91st Section of the Army Act, I have the honor to inform you that he will be sent to the *Asylum under your supervision*

under the care of ~~4~~ guide on the 2nd Nov: 1883

^{Dangerous}
This man is a lunatic, but is reported to have sufficiently recovered to allow of his being removed.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

L. P. Blatton
Major General

Asst. Commandant.

The
Superintendent
County Lunatic Asylum
Fareham
Hants.



APPLICABLE TO ENGLAND.

**ORDER FOR THE RECEPTION OF A DANGEROUS
LUNATIC SOLDIER.**

WHEREAS, by the Army ^{Act 1881} ~~Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879~~ ⁹¹ Sec. 87, it is enacted that a Secretary of State may, if he think proper, on account of a soldier's lunacy, cause any soldier of the regular forces on his discharge, to be sent to the parish or union to which under the statutes for the time being in force he appears, from the statements made in his attestation paper and other available information, to be chargeable; and such soldier, if delivered after reasonable notice, in England or Ireland at the workhouse in which persons settled in such parish or union are received, and in Scotland to the inspector of poor of such parish shall be received by the master or other proper officer of such workhouse or such inspector of poor, as the case may be; and it is further provided that a Secretary of State, where it appears to him that any such soldier is a dangerous lunatic, and is in such a state of health as not to be liable to suffer bodily or mental injury by his removal, may, by order signified under his hand or under the hand of an Under Secretary send such soldier direct to an asylum, registered hospital, licensed house, or other place in which pauper lunatics can legally be confined, and for the purpose of the said order the above-mentioned parish or union shall be deemed to be the parish or union from which such soldier is sent, and that in England the lunatic shall be sent to the asylum, hospital, house, or place to which a person in the workhouse aforesaid, on becoming a dangerous lunatic, can by law be removed, and an order of the Secretary of State under this section shall be of the same effect as an order by a justice within the meaning of section 72 of the 16 and 17 Vic. c. 97, and shall be subject accordingly to the provisions of that section.*

*NOTE.—Under this section, where the Order directs the Lunatic to be received into any Asylum other than an Asylum of the County or Borough in which the Parish or Place from which the Lunatic is sent is situate, or into a Registered Hospital or Licensed House, it shall state that the Secretary of State is satisfied that there is no Asylum of such County or Borough, or that the Asylum or Asylums thereof is or are full, or as the case may require the special circumstances by reason whereof the Lunatic cannot conveniently be taken to an Asylum for such first mentioned County or Borough.

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And whereas it appears to the Secretary of State for the War Department, from the statements made in the attestation paper of John Parratt a soldier, now of the A Troop, Royal Engineers Corps, but about to be discharged therefrom, and from other information, that the said John Parratt is, or on his discharge will be, a pauper chargeable to the Union [or Parish] of Yateley in the County [or Borough] of Hants

And whereas it also appears to the Secretary of State from the Medical Certificate annexed that the said John Parratt is a dangerous lunatic, and is in such a state of health as not to suffer bodily or mental injury by his removal.

Or that the Asylum (or Asylums) for the said County (or Borough) of are full, [or some other special circumstances by reason whereof the Lunatic cannot conveniently be taken to the County or Borough Asylum,] and that the Lunatic Hospital at _____ House near _____

And whereas it is represented to the said Secretary of State [that the Asylum at Knowle, Fareham for the said County [or Borough] of Hants] is a place to which a dangerous lunatic if an inmate of the Workhouse of the said Union [or Parish] could by Law be removed.

Now I the undersigned hereby order and desire you to receive the said John Parratt, as a patient into your Asylum. Subjoined is a statement respecting the said John Parratt

* Insert—
1. Asylum,
2. Hospital,
or
3. House.

Dated the 26th day of October 1883.

Signed Walter Thompson
Under Secretary of State for War

To The, Superintendent of the _____
Asylum for the County of Hants, Knowle, Fareham,
or, the Lunatic Hospital of _____
Proprietor of the Licensed House of _____
[Describe the Asylum, Hospital, or House.]

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STATEMENT.

If any Particulars in this Statement be not known, the Fact to be so stated.

Name of Patient, with Christian Name at length } *John Parratt*

Age *27 ³/₁₂ years -*

Married, Single, or Widowed..... *single -*

Name or Number of Corps, and Rank *Royal Engineers, A. Troop - Sapper.*

Religious Persuasion *Church of England.*

Whether First Attack..... *Yes*

Age (if known) on First Attack..... *27 ¹/₂ year*

When and where previously under Care) and Treatment } *Not known to have been under treatment for any prior attack -*

Duration of Existing Attack *from 5th August 1883.*

Supposed Cause *Unknown.*

Whether subject to Epilepsy *No*

Whether Suicidal..... *No.*

Whether of temperate habits *Yes.*

Union or Parish to which the Lunatic appears to be chargeable } *Yateley - Hants -*

Name and Address of Relative to whom Notice of Death to be sent..... } *Mother Rachel Yorktown, Surrey.
Sister, Annie Parratt,
(at Colonel Middleton's)
Royal Military College
Yorktown, Surrey.*

Signed, Name, (c) *L. P. Pearson Major General*

Commandant
Royal Victoria Hospital,
Netley,
Southampton

(c) To be signed by Officer Commanding Corps or Regiment.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

I, the undersigned,

James Henry Welch, F.R.C.S.,

being a person registered under the Medical Act, 1858, and being in the actual practice of the Medical Profession, hereby certify, that I, on the *twenty sixth*

(c) Here insert the street and number of the house (if any), or other like particulars.

Day of *October 1883* at *the Melbury Lunatic Hospital, Netley,* in the County of *Southampton* personally examined

John Saratt

a Soldier of the *A Troop Royal Engineers* Corps, and that the said Soldier is a dangerous Lunatic proper to be taken charge of and detained under Care and Treatment, and is in such a state of health as not to suffer bodily or mental injury by his removal, and that I have formed this opinion upon the following grounds, viz.:

(e) Here state the facts.

1. Facts indicating dangerous insanity observed by myself (e):

Essentially maniacal - incoherent in speech, excited and wild, has numerous delusions and hallucinations; restless in body, perpetually peevish and addresses imaginary persons; no sleep without narcotics; very foul and blasphemous in language, noisy, disgusting, filthy, destructive. Requires the constant supervision of one or more attendants.

(f) Here state the information and from whom.

2. Other facts (if any) indicating dangerous Insanity communicated to me by others (f):

Signed,

Name, *James H. Welch, Surg. Maj. R.M.S.*
Place of Abode, *Netley, Southampton*

Dated this *twenty sixth* Day of *October* One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty *Three*.

*Admitted 27th Nov. 1883
F. H. Welch M.D. F.R.C.S.
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