

ration of oats; but not beyond one ration of bran to each horse per week except for sick horses, for which rations of bran shall be supplied daily by the Contractor when required.

STRAW IF REQUIRED.

78. The straw shall be oaten, clean, dry, and free from thistles and weeds. To be delivered in bundles of 12 lbs. each at the camp store in such quantities and at such times as may be required.

79. The issue of straw for men when under canvas will be contingent upon the officer commanding the camp certifying to the issue being necessary.

80. When straw is so required to be issued the scale will be as follows, and is not to be exceeded:—12 lbs. per man, which is considered sufficient for the whole period of the encampment, whether used in the shape of loose straw, or converted into mats. When straw is issued for the use of troops, it should be made into mats and not left loose in the bottom of the tent. Mats may be best made as follows:—The straw is twisted into ropes, two rows of tent pegs are driven into the ground parallel to one another and two feet apart, and the ropes passed round the pegs to form the web. Other straw ropes are interlaced, so as to form the woof, and an excellent mat is made in a short time. Each man should have two mats one for his head and shoulders, the other for his legs. Four men will make the mats for an entire tent in one day, two twisting the ropes, and two weaving.

81. No straw will be allowed for those tents for which tent flooring is supplied, and tent flooring will not be issued to corps under canvas except when they are encamped in the vicinity of a District store, and there is a supply available for issue.

82. Palliasses will not be supplied to Corps under canvas.

CONDITIONS TO BE OBSERVED.

83. If any Contractor shall fail to deliver at the time and place appointed any of the supplies contracted for and required in camp, the supply officer shall under direction of the commanding officer, forewith purchase the supplies which may be deficient, and the extra cost, if any, of the articles purchased, shall be deducted from any sums which may become due to such contractor.

The officer commanding may, whenever he deems fit, appoint a board to inspect any supply offered by any contractor for issue, and if the Board be of opinion that the supply offered is not of the quality specified in the contract, it shall be rejected, and the supply Officer under direction of the commanding officer, shall, without further appeal, purchase the necessary supply in place of that rejected, to be paid for as provided in the preceding clause.

The value of the several supplies furnished under contract will be aid by the Depart-

ment of Militia and Defence, through the District Paymaster on final completion of contract. Accounts in duplicate must be prepared on the prescribed form, and the receipts of the receiving officer must be attached as vouchers.

Payment will only be made to contractors for the actual quantity issued as rations to Corps in Camp of such supplies as are contracted for.

BLANK FORMS TO BE USED

- 84. No. 176. Daily ration return.
- No. 166. Batt. ration return abstract.
- No. 167. Brigade ration return abs't.
- No. 168. Tender for meat.
- No. 169. Tender for bread
- No. 170. Tender for potatoes and groceries.
- No. 174. Tender for fuel wood.
- No. 175. Tender for forage.
- No. 164. Batt. daily parade state.
- No. 117. Tender for straw for men.

MEDICAL REGULATIONS.

85. The medical arrangements for every battalion and corps will be carried out regimentally under the direction of the senior medical officer of the district in divisional camps of exercise, acting as principal medical officer of division. A portable medicine chest, with the requisite supply of medicine, &c., will be furnished by Government to every battalion of infantry, field battery of artillery, and Regiment of cavalry; on the breaking up of camp these medicine chests will be returned into the district military store, and such medicines, &c., as may have been expended, replaced in order that they may be at all times available for actual service.

86. In brigade or battalion camps of exercise, the medical arrangements will be carried out regimentally, under the direction of the medical officer of each battalion and corps.

87. A medical inspection of every officer, non-commissioned officer and man will be made, if possible, before the men leave the corps or company head quarters; when that is not possible, then the medical Examination must be made immediately after the concentration of the corps or battalion.

88. This inspection is with a view of ascertaining, 1st. Whether the man is labouring under disease of any kind at the time, such as rheumatic affections; diseases of lungs or heart; or any of the viscera of the abdomen; or under any form of syphilitic disease; or is short sighted; or has any disease or injuries of any of the joints; or badly shaped feet or overlapping toes which would prevent his marching; 2nd. of ascertaining if the man has any predisposition to any of the above diseases, or has recently suffered from any of them, or if he has any other disqualification which may render him unfit for service, or predispose him to become inefficient from exposure.

89. Such men, if any be found, are not to be permitted to go to, or remain in camp, as well for their own sakes, as to prevent claims for compensation being made upon the pub-

lic on account of illness on the part of men who are not fit for service.

90. Medical Officers of Corps or Battalions will, as soon as practicable, examine all their non-commissioned officers and men to ascertain if they have either had small pox or been vaccinated; and they will vaccinate, with as little delay as possible, all those men who have neither had small pox nor been already vaccinated.

91. The Medical Officer of each Corps or Battalion will make out a sick report every morning and transmit a copy to the Commanding Officer of the battalion; and if attached to a Division, a copy also to the Principal Medical Officer of the Division; he will also inspect all prisoners before they are brought before the Commanding Officer.

(Form of sick report, A.)

92. The Surgeon of each Battalion will keep an admission and discharge Book, of all the cases taken into Hospital, according to Form B.

93. Every Surgeon will give a receipt for all articles of medical equipment which may be issued to him for the use of his Corps or Battalion, for the care and proper expenditure of which he will be responsible; and on being relieved from duty he will return all medical stores, articles of equipment and medicine remaining unexpended into the District Stores, with a list of the materials which have been expended by him, on complying with which his receipt will be returned to him.

94. One medical officer will be detailed daily for duty in the camp, as medical officer of the day. This officer will remain in the camp during his tour of duty; and a medical officer will be detailed daily for duty at the rifle range, and attend during the rifle practice. With the exception of those detailed for the above duties, all medical officers will attend and accompany their corps upon the occasion of brigade and other field days.

95. Such wine or spirituous liquor, as may be prescribed for use in cases of illness must if procured be paid for by the person requiring same. The attention of medical officers of corps is specially called to paragraphs 138, 140, and 141 of the Orders and Regulations of the Active Militia.

96. No expense to be incurred by medical officers on account of Government without previous authority for such being obtained.

97. Medical officers will, from day to day, keep a list of the names of all men and officers to whom medicines or medical advice may be given during the 16 days' drill,—according to Form A, page 54, Regulations for the Active Militia,—stating the medicines given in each case, and transmit a copy to head quarters on the breaking up of camp, together with a list of such medicines as have been expended.

98. In any cases of serious illness or accident, the medical officer shall, in conjunction with the commanding officer of the corps, make such immediate arrangements as may be necessary, sending the Patient if possible