

above regulations, the Deputy Adjutant General of the District within which such Brigade Camp may be formed will call for tenders from tradesmen in the locality by advertisement in some local newspaper, and by causing handbills to be posted prior to date of assembly in camp, for supplies of food, fuel, wood, forage, and straw required for issue during the continuance of the camp. Tenders for approval of the Minister of Militia and Defence, to be sent in on blank form, with printed conditions thereon, as supplied by the Department—and some known person residing in the locality of the proposed camp should be named in the advertisement and handbills, from whom persons desirous of tendering for supplies may obtain the necessary blank forms to enable them to do so.

51. Previous to the assembly of the corps in camp a supply officer will be named, who will be under the immediate direction of the officers commanding the camp, and whose duty will be to receive supplies from the several contractors, see that they are strictly in accordance with contract, and, when approved, to issue the same on ration returns, or requisitions to the several corps in camp entitled to receive them. It will also be his duty, immediately after the breaking up of camp, to make up his accounts of receipts and issues, and certify the accounts of contractors in accordance therewith,—also to send through Officer Commanding Camp for District Paymaster an abstract of receipts and issues, with the original Ration Returns and requisitions as vouchers for the accounts to be paid.

55. Rations will be drawn for use by the several Corps upon daily Ration Returns. The necessary printed forms will be supplied by the Department.

56. The commanding officer of any corps is allowed to draw rations only for the actual number of officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of his corps present in camp for the day such rations are required.

57. The officer commanding the camp will make requisition upon the supply officer, for such rations as may be required for the Division or Brigade Staff doing duty in camp.

58. The daily supply of rations for battalions to be asked for and received from issuing officer in bulk—the distribution to companies therein will be made by the battalion quartermaster.

59. The same form to be used by troops, batteries and companies, and the Ration Returns, when received by the quartermaster from the several companies in battalion, will form the basis for his demand upon the issuing officer for the rations in bulk required for the day for his battalion. The accuracy of this return No. 176, can be checked by the Daily Parade State No. 164 of the corps or battalion, and should any excess of rations be drawn by any corps, the same will be made good by such corps.

The description of supplies and conditions for their receipt in camp, inspection, issue, and payment will be as under—

MEAT.

60. The beef shall be ox or heifer; the mutton shall be whether or ewe. Both to be of the best quality, properly fed, and to be slaughtered well at least twelve hours before the time of issue. The beef to consist of equal proportions of fore and hind quarters; the heads, neck, offal, and the shank for four inches above the knee, and upper hock joint, to be excluded, and none of the suet to be withdrawn. The quarter of beef to weigh not less than 100 lbs. The carcasses of mutton to weigh not less than 32 lbs.

61. The contractor shall deliver the beef aforesaid at his own expense, into the camp issuing store for inspection, at hours to be appointed by, and on the orders of, the proper officer. The issues to be made in the proportion of five days beef and two days mutton in each week.

62. The contractor must, as directed, cut the meat in pieces of such size as may be required for issue; and also provide, without charge, suitable weighing scales, for use in camp by the officer appointed to receive and issue rations.

63. As only the number of pounds of meat actually required for issue to the force in camp will be paid for, the charge of any surplus that which may have been delivered by the contractor on any day in excess of the actual quantity required for issue that day, must be assumed by such contractor.

BREAD.

64. The bread shall be sweet and whole some; to be made of inspected strong super fine wheat flour of the best quality, with sound hop and malt yeast; to be baked on tiles or bricks, without pans or shapes, in loaves of 2 lbs. weight each. To be 12 hours drawn from the oven before delivery, and to keep sweet and good for 24 hours afterwards.

65. The contractor shall deliver the bread aforesaid at his own expense, at the camp store at hours to be appointed by, and on the orders of the supply officer.

POTATOES.

66. The potatoes to be of good size, sound and free from decay, and to weigh 60 lbs. per bushel.

PEARL BARLEY.

The Pearl Barley to be good and similar in quality to sample, submitted by Contractor with his tender for the supply, and to be delivered at the Camp Issuing Store, in packages of such weight as or may be directed by the Supply Officer.

CHEESE.

The Cheese to be good and similar in quality to sample, submitted by Contractor with his tender for the supply, and to be delivered at the Camp Issuing Store, in packages of such weight as or may be directed by the Supply Officer.

COFFEE.

67. The coffee to be pure, browned and ground, according to the sample submitted

by the contractor with his tender for the supply, and to be delivered at the Camp issuing stores in packages of such weight as may be directed by the Supply Officer.

TEA.

68. The tea to be good and similar in quality to sample submitted by the contractor with his tender for the supply, and to be delivered at the Camp, issuing stores in packages of such weight as may be directed by the Supply Officer.

SUGAR.

69. The Sugar to be bright muscovado of good quality, according to sample submitted and free from adulteration, to be delivered in packages under same regulations as for Coffee and Tea.

SALT AND PEPPER.

70. The salt to be the ordinary coarse table salt. The pepper to be black to be black, to be free from adulteration, and to be ground. Both salt and pepper to be delivered in packages as provided for coffee, tea and sugar.

FUEL WOOD.

71. The Fuel Wood shall be of good quality, sound, seasoned and sufficiently split, and shall be cut in the winter preceding the first delivery. Logs of a large size with projecting knots, or crooked raft or drift wood, or wood which appears to have been in the water, shall not be accepted.

72. The Contractors shall deliver the wood at the Camp at the time appointed, and shall stack it one Cord high for examination and measurement.

73. The ration of fuel wood for issue will be one inch running measure. Officers Mess, consisting of 8 or more Officers, 12 rations daily. Officers Mess, of not less than 8 officers, 1½ ration each daily. Non commissioned officers and men, cooking allowance each of ½ of a ration, or one ration to 4 men.

FORAGE.

74. The forage shall be of the best quality, good, sweet, dry, and clean. The Oats to weigh not less than 36 lbs. per minot, or 34 lbs. per bushel. The Hay to be sweet and clean, and free from weeds and thistles.

75. The Contractor shall deliver the forage at his own expense, at the Camp forage store at the time appointed by the Supply Officer, and maintain therein a reserve equal to one weeks supply for the horses in camp. He shall also keep an agent at the camp store to issue the forage as it is required, upon the cheques or orders of the supply officer.

76. The forage to be calculated and issued in rations, consisting of 10lbs oats, and 18 lbs hay. Extra Forage, which may be required in addition to the rations, shall be calculated at per 100 lbs. Each ration of hay to be tied up in a separate bundle, when issued by contractor.

77. The contractor shall furnish, when required by the supply officer, bran in lieu of oats, in the proportion of 14 lbs. bran for a