

When the palliasses and bolsters are exchanged twenty-four pounds of clean straw will, on order of the Commandant, be issued for each bed.

Should a case of contagious disease occur, the bedding will be exchanged after fumigation, application to be made to Commandant by the Medical Officer in charge, who will certify as to the nature of the disease, and the necessity of the exchange. Form No. 243 to be used.

The requisitions on Form 243 will form vouchers and are to be attached to the claims for "washing" when sent in for payment. G. O., 17, 10, 84.

Purchase and Sale of Cavalry and Artillery Horses.

503. When horses are authorized to be purchased for use in the cavalry or artillery, their fitness in height point of appearance, strength, and action will be determined by the purchasing officer. Their age must be under six years. Their soundness must in each case be certified by an approved veterinary surgeon, not the purchasing officer, before the purchase is completed.

504. Horses so purchased will only be cast by special authority from the Adjutant General, to be obtained on application accompanied by the report of a Board of Officers and certificate from an approved veterinary surgeon.

505. When horses are cast, they are to be sold without any guarantee, by public auction at the market or some other suitable place, by an approved auctioneer. The commanding officer will detail an officer to attend the sale, to see that no combination exists to keep down the price, and he will be at liberty to postpone the sale or otherwise according to advice he may receive from the auctioneer in that respect.

506. No officer or soldier belonging to the corps will be allowed to purchase any such horse, directly or indirectly.

507. The commanding officer will transmit to the Adjutant General, as soon as possible after the auction, a bill of sale signed and certified by the auctioneer and officer attending the sale, specifying the price obtained for each horse sold,