

the Department. As cooked rations are to be provided by the several Corps before leaving their homes or Company headquarters for use while travelling to the Camp the first issue of rations will be made on the morning following the day of arrival of each Corps in Camp.

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

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

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 quarter master.

The same form to be used by troops, batteries and companies, and the Ration Returns, when received by the quarter master 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 description of supplies and conditions for their receipt in camp, inspection, issue, and payment will be as under:—

#### MEAT.

1. The beef shall be ox or heifer; the mutton shall be wether or ewe. Both to be of the best quality, properly fed, and to be well slaughtered, at least twelve hours before the time of issue. The beef to consist of equal proportions of fore and hind-quarters; the heads, necks, offal, and the shank for four inches above the knee, and upper hook joint, to be excluded, and none of the suet to be withdrawn. The quarter of beef to weigh not less than 100 pounds. The mutton to be issued in whole carcasses, and the heads, offal, and shanks below the knee and hock joints to be excluded, and none of the suet or kidneys to be removed. The carcasses of mutton to weigh not less than 32 pounds.

2. The contractor shall deliver the beef or mutton aforesaid at his own expense, into the camp issuing store of 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 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.

1. The bread shall be sweet and wholesome; to be made of inspected strong superfine fall 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 two pounds weight each. To be 12 hours drawn from the oven before delivery, and to keep sweet and good for 24 hours afterwards.

2. 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.

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

#### COFFEE.

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.

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.

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

#### SALT AND PEPPER.

The salt to be the ordinary coarse table salt. The pepper 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.

1. 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.

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

3. 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 rations each daily. Non-Commissioned officers and men. Cooking allowance each of one-seventh of a ration, or 1 ration to 7 men.

#### FORAGE.

1. The forage shall be of the best quality, good, sweet, dry, and clean. The oats

to weigh not less than 36lbs per minot, or 34lbs. per bushel. The hay and straw to be sweet and clean, and free from weeds and thistles; the latter to be oaten, wheaten, or rye.

2. 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 week's 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 checks or orders of the supply officer.

3. The forage to be calculated and issued in rations, consisting of 10lbs. oats, 14lbs. hay, and 4lbs. straw. Extra forage, which may be required in addition to the rations, shall be calculated at per 100lbs. Each ration of hay and ration of straw to be tied up in separate bundles when issued by contractor.

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

1. The straw shall be oaten, clean, dry, and free from thistles and weeds. To be delivered in bundles of 15lbs. each at the camp store, in such quantities and at such times as may be required.

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

3. When straw is so required to be issued the scale will be as follows, and is not to be exceeded:—15lbs. 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.

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.

5. Paillasses will not be supplied to corps under canvas.

#### CONDITIONS TO BE OBSERVED.

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 the direction of the commanding officer, forth with 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 sup-