

THE CAMP OF EXERCISE.

We give below the General Orders for Camp of Instruction to be formed in September next by the English Volunteers and Yeomanry, in order to afford our readers an idea of how these things are managed at the Horse Guards :

WAR-OFFICE, June 13, 1871.

Sir,—With reference to War-Office letter of the 25th March last, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Cardwell to acquaint you that the following arrangements will be made for Volunteers attending the Camp of Exercise:—

1. The Volunteer contingent of the force is not to exceed 500 men. Regiments and corps to be selected by the Secretary of State from those corps which signify their desire to join the camp.

2. The period in camp will be not more than sixteen days, and not less than eight days, including days of assembly and dismissal. Saturday, the 9th of September, will be the probable day of assembly.

Corps may join the camp for eight or sixteen days (inclusive or not inclusive of the days occupied in joining and returning from camp, at the option of regiments,) but in either case they must arrive on the appointed day of assembly. When a corps is to remain for sixteen days there will be no objection to individual men relieving others on the eighth day (each man thus remaining six days in camp, exclusive of the days of joining and leaving,) provided the expense of relieving is borne by themselves or their corps.

3. Battalions must consist of not less than 300 rank and file; detachments of regiments will be formed into provisional battalions. No corps will be allowed to send less than 50 rank and file. The field officers and adjutants of provisional battalions formed from detachments of corps will be appointed by the Secretary of State from the corps forming such battalions. There should be not more than three officers to each company.

4. No bands will be permitted to accompany Volunteer corps to camp.

5. A sum of 10s. per head will be credited to the funds of corps for each Volunteer (all ranks) who remains eight days, of which six clear days are in camp; and the sum of 1l. for those who remain 16 days, of which 14 clear days are in camp.

6. Officers will in addition receive the Army field allowance for the number of days they are in camp, viz:—

2s. 6d. per day for Field Officers and relative ranks.

1. 6d. per day for Captains and relative ranks.

1. 0d. per day for Subalterns and relative ranks.

7. The Army field ration will be issued to the Volunteers free of charge to all ranks, and will consist of—

Per man per day—

1½ lb. of bread or 1 lb. of biscuit.

¾ lb. of fresh meat, or 1 lb. of salt meat, or ½ lb. of Yeatman's beef sausage

Groceries will also be issued free of charge at the following rate:—

- ½ lb. extra bread;
- ½ oz. coffee;
- 1-6 " tea;
- 2 " sugar;
- ½ " salt;
- 1-36 " pepper.

Vegetables, milk, butter, will not be issued, but may be purchased at the expense of the men at markets which will be opened in the vicinity of the camp.

Forage ration for horses will be issued, free of charge, on the scale allowed for mounted officers of the Line, and will consist of 12lbs. of oats, and 12lbs. of hay for each horse; no straw will be issued.

Fuel will be issued at the rate of 3lbs. of wood or coal per man per day.

8. A sutler's cart will be allowed within the precincts of the camp for each regiment, which must be procured by themselves, and which may follow in rear of the column on the march.

9. Travelling expenses of Volunteers by rail will be paid by the public from and to the railway-station nearest to the headquarters of the corps. No allowance will be given for transport to or from such railway station. Transport will be given from the railway-station to and from the camp of assembly. The Secretary of State will hereafter decide whether any part of the distance is to be performed by marching.

10. Great-coats and straps will be served out to the force, and will be returned to store before leaving camp. Mess-tins will be served out on re-payment, price 1s. 9d. Volunteers must bring haversacks.

11. As the rank and file of Volunteers have no knapsacks (with few exceptions,) a canvas bag will be issued to each man on payment, price 1s. 2½d., or he may provide his own according to authorized dimensions, and transport will be provided for them on the line of march. For the short period that Volunteers will be in camp they will not require more than a change of shoes and under garments, with small articles, such as brushes, &c. It will be found more convenient to carry small valises as knapsacks, as transport with the bags must after a march necessarily arrive in camp some time after the troops. The articles to be carried in the canvas bags are limited to the following, viz:—

	lb.	oz.
1 shirt	1	1½
1 pair of socks.....	0	4½
Towel.....	0	8
Trousers.....	1	11
Knife, fork, and spoon.....	0	6½
Comb.....	0	0½
2 brushes.....	0	7
Box of grease or blacking....	0	4
Housewife.....	0	3
Boots.....	3	3
Forage cap.....	0	4
Jacket.....	1	7
Total.....	9	12½

12. The baggage of officers will be limited to the Army rate, viz., 40lbs. A pattern bed valise, recently approved, may be seen at the Pattern-office, Adjutant-General's Department, Horse Guards, and in which the following articles can be carried: 1 great-coat, 1 blanket, 1 pair of trousers, 1 pair of shooting boots, 2 pairs of socks, 1 pair of drawers, 1 flannel shirt, 1 silk pocket handkerchief, 1 woollen night cap, 2 towels, 1 hold-all (containing 1 comb, 1 small hair brush, 1 tooth-brush, 1 small clothes-brush, 1 pair of scissors, and 1 metal soap box and soap,) 1 small sponge in bag, 1 housewife, 6 pare boot laces, 1 tin of dubbing, 1 portfolio (containing pen, ink, and paper,) 1 journal-book, 1 cholera belt, 1 calico bandage, 1 candle lamp and a few candles inside it, 1 tin match-box, 2 tin plates, 1 cup (containing knife, fork, and spoon, pepper and salt pots,) 1 map of the country, 1 India rubber basin. A waggon will be provided by the Control Department.

13. Camp equipage, including camp kettles, trenching implements, and one blanket

* 16 inches wide, 27 inches deep.

per man, will be provided at Army rates, and be carried with the regimental baggage. The following will be the proportion of tents—viz., one bell tent for the commanding officer, one for two field officers, three for the regimental staff officers, one for every three officers of a regiment, and one for the staff-sergeants. One tent to every twelve sergeants, buglers, and rank and file. Eight waterproof sheets per tent will be issued in lieu of straw, which will not be supplied.

14. Corps not having water-bottles will be served out with wooden canteens from the Government stores. These must be returned before leaving the camp.

15. Horses of staff will be picketed in the field, and picketing implements will be provided by Government for each horse, and are to be returned to store—viz., 1 forage cord, 1 fetlock strap and picket peg, 1 pair of forage nets, 1 rose-bag, 1 cotton-heel rope, 1 corn sack; the number of horses must not exceed that allowed for officers of Regular forces—viz., field officers, adjutant, surgeon, and hon. quartermaster—1 each.

16. A private servant or groom may be taken by each mounted officer, and one servant for each company of three officers. Free rations and tent accommodation will be given to authorized servants, who must conform to the rules of the camp.

17. Camp rules will apply in all respects to the Volunteer Force.

18. The Volunteers must perform the camp duties of fatigue, cooking, &c.

A Liaison sergeant and some private soldiers will be attached, if required, to each battalion, for the purpose of assisting the Volunteer Quartermasters in the returns and other exceptional duties of camp life, such as pitching and striking tents, packing and unpacking tents, baggage arrangements, &c.

19. The official annual inspection of corps will not take place at the camp, but special reports will be made of the corps that attend.

20. You are requested to report to me before the 22nd instant, whether your regiment, or a detachment thereof, will be prepared to form part of the force which will be assembled for the proposed Camp of Exercise, with full particulars as to the number of field, regimental staff, and company officers, staff-sergeants and non-commissioned officers, and rank and file, who will attend, and the time for which they will attend.

Requisitions will be forwarded by the corps selected for such articles as may be required from the Government stores.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAS. LINDSAY, Lieut.-General.

WAR-OFFICE, 13th June, 1871.

Sir,—With reference to the War-office letter of the 18th March last, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Cardwell to acquaint you that the following arrangements will be made for Yeomanry corps attending the Camp of Exercise:—

1. A squadron to consist of not less than 6 officers and not less than 64 rank and file and horses. Dismounted men may be brought at the rate of one man to every four horses.

2. Yeomanry corps which have two squadrons of 60 rank and file will act as a regiment.

3. A regiment may furnish one squadron. Regiments which furnish single squadrons may be formed into provisional regiments, in which case the proper number of field officers and staff will be selected from the