

partment; controls the inventory of the direction of war material.

180. The technical military section undertakes the furnishing and perfecting of war material. It furnishes the personal equipment not provided by the Cantons; elaborates the ordinances and regulations on war material, and on personal equipment; delivers to the direction of war material and to the service of fortifications, the finished material.

The military workshops of the Confederation, comprising the powder manufactories, the trial station for Howitzers, portable firearms and the control of ammunitions, are subordinated to the technical military section.

181. The direction of war material sees to the storage, to the inventory, and to the distribution of the material that they receive from the military technical section. It delivers to the Cantons the material for the cantonal units, and sees to the upkeep of those that are in the hands of the Federal administration, directs the service in the arsenals, and the federal depots of ammunitions and explosives, superintends the arsenals and depots of cantonal ammunitions. It delivers to the schools and courses the material and ammunitions of war.

The direction of the war material likewise administers the personal equipment delivered by the Confederation. It delivers the personal equipment and arms to officers. It has the supervision of the cantonal equipment depots, and the control of the armament, and the personal equipment of the troops in hand.

182. The topographical service is charged with the triangulation of the country. It makes and distributes the maps for the army. It can also prepare maps not especially designed for military purposes.

183. The administration for horses is charged with the acquisition, the training and the delivery of officers' horses, and those in use in the schools.

184. The Federal Council can, by order in Council, amalgamate certain services of the military department, or modify their powers.

III.—COMMANDS.

185. The military administration of the Confederation must be so organized that it can permit the commandants of army units, bodies of troops, and units of troops to exercise the necessary authority on the aptitude and the preparedness for war of their troops.

186. The commandants of army units, bodies and units of troops see that their troops are always in a state of efficiency