

252. Biscuits and preserved meat shall only be issued under exceptional circumstances, when bread and fresh meat are not available.

253. Rations in money or kind shall not be admissible—(a) For days on which travelling-allowance is granted; (b) for soldiers dieted in hospital; (c) for soldiers on board ship.

254. In regimental, battery or unit camps, no rations or forage will be issued by the Army Service Corps. As regards rations, an allowance of 2s. per day per head will be allowed in lieu of rations in kind, including both the day of arrival and departure; and all O.C. units will make their own arrangements for feeding their men. It is to be clearly understood that the 2s. per day is to include all fuel necessary for cooking, wages of cooks, waiters, &c. Where it is necessary for advance parties to be detailed in connection with pitching the camp they will be entitled to free rations.

255. R.N.Z.A. Ration: No rations will be issued to officers, warrant officers, N.C.O.s, and men of the Permanent Staff and R.N.Z.A., except as in para. 247, as their consolidated pay includes ration allowance.

256. As regards forage, all O.C. units before proceeding to camp will ascertain from the O.C. the district in which his camp is to be situated the contract rates for all articles of forage as fixed for that district, and also the cost of the standard ration as laid down in para. 258. Having received this information, the O.C. unit will then indent on the contractor for whatever articles of forage he may require, taking care that the total value of the forage drawn does not exceed the value of the standard ration multiplied by the number of authorized horses rationed by him.

Forage (Standard Value).

257. All officers' chargers and other horses over 15 hands: In quarters—Oats, 10 lb.; hay, 12 lb.; straw, 8 lb.

258. Standard ration in camp, or in other circumstances which are in the opinion of the O.C. District equivalent to being in camp: Oats, 12 lb.; hay, 12 lb.

259. The ration of forage counts from the midday feed of the day for which it is drawn, and therefore includes the morning feed of the next day.

260. An extra issue of 2 lb. of oats may be made as follows: For all draught horses of the R.N.Z.A. or A.S.C. of 16 hands and over, in addition to the rations they are otherwise entitled to, whether in quarters or in camp.

261. Forage: Instructions laid down in para. 256 will always be observed, whether in quarters or in camp.

262. Straw for Tents: 10 lb. of straw per officer, warrant officer, N.C.O., or man, to be replaced after eight days if considered necessary by the O.C. unit.

Mode of Issue and Accounting.

A. When rations and forage are obtained regimentally.

B. When rations and forage are drawn from the Army Service Corps.

263. A. In this case all O.C. units make their own arrangements. They will indent in the case of rations on their own selected contractor, and for forage on the district contractor, for whatever supplies they may require, stating on the indent the time and place at which delivery is to be made.

264. At the close of the camp the O.C. unit will carefully check the contractor's bills to see (1) that the quantities shown agree with those demanded, and (2) that the quantities demanded are in accordance with the scales or allowances as laid down for the number of men in camp. Having certified to these two points, he will forward the bills to the O.C. District for payment.

265. B. Units indenting on the Army Service Corps for supplies will make use of the Army Book supplied for the purpose. These indents are to reach the Officer in Charge of Supplies at least twenty-four hours before the supplies are required. The quantities are to be carefully worked out in accordance with the standard scales as laid down in para. 258, from which no variations will be allowed.

266. As far as the unit is concerned, as soon as the Army Book as supplied has been receipted, the issue will be treated as final and no further account need be kept.

267. At the close of the camp all O.C. units will forward to the Officer in Charge of Supplies a certificate as under: "I certify that the number of rations for men and horses drawn by me is in accordance with the number of men and horses shown on my acquittance roll or voucher as the case may be."

SECTION IX.—FUEL AND LIGHT.

268. Fuel and light will not be granted to officers and soldiers occupying Government quarters, except on the authority of the Minister. In no case will fuel and light be granted where the occupant is drawing consolidated pay.

COAL (SCALES FOR).

- (a.) Married quarters and quarters occupied by small detached units (two rooms and kitchen): $\frac{1}{2}$ ton per quarter.
- (b.) (1.) Barracks: For heating purposes (by hot water) as required, on certificate from O.C. unit.
- (2.) Barracks: For cooking purposes, 112 lb. per man per month.
- (c.) Offices (fireplaces), Guard-room, Gun-shed, and harness-room, and other authorized buildings: $\frac{1}{2}$ ton per fireplace per quarter.
- (d.) Farrier-shops, workshops, engines, and Defence vessels as required: All indents for coal.
 - (1.) For heating purposes it will be necessary to show clearly the number of fireplaces in use.
 - (2.) For cooking purposes it will be necessary to show the number of men using the cookhouse.

In all cases where the scale has not been fixed the O.C. unit will certify that the amount demanded is actually necessary.