

137. Should the ammunition be forwarded by railway or water carriage and the escort not accompany it, the consignee will make arrangements for the attendance of an escort, if required, to meet the ammunition on arrival and conduct it to its destination.

138. Officers in command of escorts will prohibit smoking near the wagons, and will see that none of the party have matches in their possession.

#### SECTION VI.—HARNESS, SADDLERY, STABLE NECESSARIES, AND EQUITATION ARTICLES.

139. When units proceeding by sea are directed to take their harness and saddlery with them it will be packed for shipment in corn or other suitable sacks (a 4-bushel corn-sack will hold one single set of harness and two sets of saddlery). Each sack will be marked in such a manner as will enable its contents to be easily identified on disembarkation.

140. Two sets of saddlery will be packed in the 4-bushel corn-sack in the following manner: Detach numnah and stirrup-irons; fold numnah in four, and place it in hollow of seat between pommel and cantle; wrap surcingle and strapping round; lower the saddle-front arch downwards into sack; pack stirrup-irons and bridle complete into saddle, together with traces in the case of R.A. and A.S.C. saddlery; place blanket on top.

The second set will be packed in a similar manner, except that the saddle-seat will be on opposite side of sack to first one.

141. Stable necessities (including nose-bags, corn-sacks, and corn-bags) will be supplied in the proportions laid down in the appendices for all horses the property of the public. Officers entitled to the free issue of one or more public horses, but permitted under regulations to provide their own horses for military duty in lieu, may also be supplied with the foregoing articles for each horse as provided. For hired horses when employed on the public service there may be issued one horse-brush and one curry-comb for every two horses, one horse-rubber, and one nose-bag.

142. In the event of stable necessities becoming unserviceable before the expiration of the period of duration prescribed for them they must be replaced at the expense of the troops.

143. Where issue of saddle-panels are authorized they are, as a rule, issued stuffed, but should it be advisable at any time to issue empty cases they will be converted into panels by the regimental artificers without charge, and 2 lb. of horsehair will be supplied for stuffing each pair.

144. The following proportions of hair and flock in addition will be issued with each pair of new stuffed panels authorized in para. 143: Panels, luggage,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. horsehair; panels, officers' Yeomanry pattern,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. flock; panels, pack-saddlery,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lb. horsehair

#### SECTION VII.—HORSESHOES.

##### *General Instructions for Supply of Shoes and Nails.*

145. Shoes and nails will be demanded quarterly as follows:—

Shoes: Mounted Rifles, Field Artillery, Field Engineers, A.S.C., Military Mounted Police.—Not more at any one time than three sets for 50 per cent. of the horses on the strength of the unit.

Nails: All units.—Not more at any one time than three sets for each horse on strength of unit, plus (as spare) 10 per cent. of the number demanded as sets.

146. These numbers are regarded as normally sufficient for three months, and no additional issues will be made without a certificate from the Veterinary Officer, countersigned by the Commanding Officer, explaining the circumstances which render the additional supplies necessary.

147. A spare set of shoes ready fitted for immediate use, and with the proper complement of nails, will be held by units, for every public horse. These shoes will be used every quarter and replaced by new ones.

148. Horses supplied free to officers entitled to them under the Allowance Regulations, and used solely for military purposes, will be shod at the public expense.

149. All horses the property of the public for which a hiring charge is paid by officers under the provisions of the Allowance Regulations, and all horses the private property of officers, must be shod at the officer's expense.

150. Monthly returns will be rendered by farriers in permanent camps to Camp Quartermasters through their Officer Commanding, and other camps to O.C. unit, in order that the necessary credit may be given in the accounts of the Command Paymaster, for the number of officers' horses shod under the provisions of the preceding paragraph.

#### SECTION VIII.—CAMP EQUIPMENT.

151. The proportions of camp equipment for manœuvres and in standing camps are contained in Appendix 7. The scale for standing camps will guide issues to troops placed under canvas for any purpose other than manœuvres.

152. Indents for camp equipment will be prepared by units or individuals to whom issues are authorized by regulations, and transmitted to the Ordnance Officer of the district in which the encampment is to take place.

153. Officers authorized to indent for camp equipment will ensure that the whole of the information required by the forms is fully detailed upon them, that the quantities of equipment included are in accord with the authorized scales for the number of officers and men to be in camp, and that the indents are transmitted in ample time to allow the Ordnance Officer to arrange for delivery of the equipment by the date desired.

154. Camp equipment will not be brought on charge in Equipment Ledgers.

155. All issues for temporary use of units, which will be regarded as a temporary loan, will be accounted for in book G 59 by the Commanding Officer of the unit, or the individual officer to whom the issue is made.

156. At the termination of the encampment the accounts, with the whole of their supporting vouchers, will be transmitted to the Ordnance Officer of the district in which the issues were made, irrespective of the locality of the Ordnance depot to which the stores have been returned.