

157. Ammunition received or expended during periods of encampment will not be entered in camp equipment accounts.

158. Charges for deficient camp equipment will be assessed in accordance with the instructions contained in paras. 161 and 162, except that a reduction from full Vocabulary rates will only be made upon the certificate of the Ordnance Officer who made the issue, that the rates charged are the actual or fair proportionate value of the articles deficient.

For adjustment of charges see Regulations, Army Ordnance Department, and paras. 82, 164, Regulations, Camp and Barrack Services.

159. When the O.C. District finds it necessary to increase the regulated proportions of stores supplied in camp he will proceed as directed in para. 6 of these regulations.

160. In all issues for camps, manœuvres, or flying columns the G.O.C. may reduce the proportions in view of the requirements of the particular service and the strength of the troops and companies, and so diminish the weights to be transported.

161. Prior to leaving the camp, or at the termination of the service, accounting officers will ensure that all the articles taken on charge are duly accounted for on G 59 as either returned into store or deficient. (See para. 166, Regulations, Camp and Barrack Services.)

162. Any deficiencies will be charged against the unit or individual officer to whom the equipment has been issued, except in the case of wooden tent-pins, of which 5 per cent. may be written off charge as expended by fair wear, as laid down in Regulations, Camp and Barrack Services.

163. In the event of lost stores being subsequently found, the procedure laid down in para. 83 will be followed.

164. Wood bottoms, or circular tents for officers and men, or for marquees used for hospital purposes, will be issued when, owing to the dampness of the ground or to other causes, their use is certified to be necessary by the Director of Medical Services. They will not be supplied for the store, office, or workshop tents of units.

165. To prevent the injury caused by damp and mildew, all tents, blankets, nosebags, canvas and leather buckets, and other canvas, linen, cotton, woollen, or leather articles which have become wet while in use will be thoroughly dried and cleaned as far as possible by the troops before being returned into store.

166. The D. of E. and O.S. will bring to the notice of the O.C. District any instance in which the camp equipment is not returned into store in a proper state, due allowance being made for fair wear-and-tear.

167. In case of nails or nail-holes being found in tent-poles, a charge of 6d. will be made for each hole. No marking of any kind is allowed to be made on tents or other articles. These cases will be dealt with by the G.O.C. as a disciplinary matter.

SECTION IX.—SIGNALLING AND RANGE-FINDING EQUIPMENT.

A. Signalling Equipment.

168. Supplies will be issued in accordance with Appendices 8 and 9.

B. Field Range-finders.

169. Field range-finders will be supplied as shown in the several sections of Equipment Regulations.

Instructions for the repair of these instruments will be found in Appendix 10.

C. Inspection of Telescopes and Binoculars.

170. Telescopes and binoculars held on charge for signalling and reconnaissance work under Equipment Regulations, Appendix 11, will be inspected annually by Instructors in Musketry or by Signalling Officers.

171. The report of inspection is to be made for the information of the D. of E. & O.S., and no reference need be made to the G.O.C. unless the inspection shows that equipments appear to be defective in design, in which case proposals to remedy defects will be submitted in the usual way.

SECTION X.—ARMOURERS, ARTIFICERS, AND WORKSHOP TOOLS.

172. Armourers' boxes, with tools and materials detailed in Appendix 29, will be supplied to permanent camps and Ordnance depots to which Armourers are attached.

173. They will be held—by permanent camps, on Equipment Ledger charge; by Ordnance depots, on charge in Articles-in-use Ledgers. When worn out by fair wear-and-tear, or expended in the repair of service arms or bicycles, they will be replaced at the public expense.

174. Should an armourer require for service purposes tools not included in this set he must, as far as possible, make or improvise them locally.

175. Material for such small services will usually be available in workshops, but failing that source of supply an indent for necessary material, accompanied by an explanation of the circumstances under which it is required, should be submitted to the O.O. of the district.

SECTION XI.—MISCELLANEOUS STORES.

176. One foot of wick will be issued by the Ordnance Department with each oil-burning lamp or lantern, except those issued for barrack services.

177. Slings, horse, sea transport, for the instruction of troops in slinging horses for embarkation, will be held on charge at Ordnance depots in districts. The distribution of these slings will be left to the O.C. District.

178. Consumable stores for veterinary purposes will be issued on the indent of the A.D. of Veterinary Services. The issue voucher upon which they are charged will be signed by the Veterinary Officer.

Bicycles.

179. Government bicycles are only to be used on military duty or service connected with military requirements. O.C. District will ensure that bicycles are at all times maintained in a serviceable and complete condition.

Material for cleaning and browning bicycles; see Appendix 12.