

Mess-tins: $\frac{1}{4}$ in. steel stamps. Tins should be well supported by a smooth surface during process of marking. Judgment must be used in delivering blows so as not to cut the metal through.

Branding accoutrements is strictly prohibited.

In all cases when marking black and brown accoutrements the stoutest parts should be chosen. Bandoliers should be marked on the bodies, and the pockets on the back loops.

196. The whistles of Infantry will be marked on one side of the acorn with the Territorial letters, and on the other side with the number of the whistle, from 1 upwards. The battalion numeral will be dispensed with. The whistles of sergeants of R.E. will be marked in the same manner as their arms. For the purpose of marking, the steel stamps for metal in possession of armourers for marking small-arms will be employed.

197. Stamps will not be supplied specially to Mounted services for marking accoutrements, some of the stamps issued for marking the saddlery and harness being suitable for this purpose also.

E. Marking Musical Instruments.

198. Musical instruments will be marked in consecutive numbers, from 1 upwards, in the manner approved for marking arms.

The service will be performed in the following manner: Bugles, drums, and trumpets will be marked with the stamps in possession of units for marking metal articles.

F. Marking Harness and Saddlery.

199. All new articles of harness and saddlery of $\frac{3}{4}$ in. or more in width will be marked by the Ordnance Department, before issue to the troops, with the month and last two figures of the year of issue, beneath the N.Z. and the broad arrow, thus: 2/16, 3/16, &c. Articles that have been in use will, when issued for a further period of wear, be again marked by the Ordnance Department with the month and year of issue as above, and with the letter "W," showing that they have been in wear before, the date being stamped close under the part-worn mark.

200. Harness and saddlery when received by the troops for use will be stamped with the distinguishing marks of the corps. The sets will be numbered consecutively, harness and saddlery being given different series of numbers. As articles common to both harness and saddlery will be distinguished only by the position of the set-number, care must be taken to place the number correctly.

In batteries of Artillery the numbering will be by subsections, and in the M.R. by squadrons, as in the specimens given below.

In other units there will be, for the entire establishment, one series of numbers for sets of universal saddlery, another for sets of officers' saddlery, and a third for single sets of harness.

The numbers will be placed on saddlery vertically under the corps marks, and on harness in the same line with and following corps or subsectional marks, as in the specimens given below.

201. In every case the head and neck-collars will be marked with the number of the horse instead of that of the set.

N.Z. Field Artillery:—

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| N.Z.F.A. | .. | .. | New Zealand Field Artillery. |
| A | .. | .. | A Battery, N.Z.F.A. |
| B | .. | .. | Subsection. |
| 1 | .. | .. | No. 1 set saddlery. |

Mounted Rifles:—

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| N.Z.M.R. | .. | .. | New Zealand Mounted Rifles. |
| 1 N.Z.M.R. | .. | .. | 1st New Zealand Mounted Rifles. |
| A | .. | .. | Squadron. |
| 2 | .. | .. | No. 2 set saddlery. |

Engineers:—

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| 1 S. Company N.Z.E. | .. | .. | 1st Signal Company, N.Z. Engineers. |
| 4 | .. | .. | No. 4 set of harness. |
| 1 S. Company N.Z.E. | .. | .. | 1st Signal Company, N.Z. Engineers. |
| 0.2 | .. | .. | No. 2 set officers' saddlery. |
| 1 F. Company N.Z.E. | .. | .. | 1st Field Company, N.Z. Engineers. |
| 1 | .. | .. | No. 1 set universal saddlery. |

N.Z.A.S.C.:—

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| 10 N.Z.A.S.C. | .. | .. | No. 10 Company, N.Z.A.S.C. |
| 4 | .. | .. | No. 4 set single harness. |
| 10 N.Z.A.S.C. | .. | .. | No. 10 Company, N.Z.A.S.C. |
| 2 | .. | .. | No. 2 set saddlery. |

202. The leather-work will be marked with $\frac{3}{16}$ in. steel stamps.

203. The ironwork will be worked with $\frac{1}{8}$ in. steel stamps for metal—the port-mouth-bit in front of the port, the bridle-bit on top of the mouthpiece, and the stirrup-irons on the bottom.

204. If, on a transfer of harness or saddlery, any of the sets received are found to bear numbers already on the harness or saddlery on charge the articles will be renumbered either with the numbers of sets transferred from charge or as additions to the establishment.

205. Sheepskins, nosebags, corn-sacks, and corn-bags will be marked with marking-ink; saddle-blankets and horse-rugs with "ink stamping woollens." Stamps, copper, inlaid, $\frac{1}{16}$ in., will be used, and the marking will be placed immediately under the Ordnance Department store mark.

G. Marking Vehicles and Bicycles.

206. Instructions for marking vehicles and bicycles are given in Appendix 27.

SECTION XIV—REPAIR AND PRESERVATION OF EQUIPMENT.

A. General Instructions.

207. C.O.s will not allow or pay for the performance of any work connected with equipments or armaments for which there is no regulated provision, without previous authority obtained from the G.O.C.