

76. SUPPLIES AT TRAINING-CAMPS.

The supplies for practically all training-camps throughout the Dominion were obtained by contract by either the Munitions and Supplies Department, the Director of Supplies and Transport, or the Assistant Directors of Supplies and Transport in the various districts.

All issuing and accounting was done by the Army Service Corps.

The number of tenders received was up to the average, the contracts were well carried out, and the quality of the supplies was good.

77. CANTEENS.

The dry canteens in the annual Territorial camps were arranged regimentally. No complaints were received.

The canteens in the training-camps at Featherston and Trentham are let by contract for a period of six months. The prices are the same for both camps, and are laid down by the Department. The system of letting by contract is satisfactory.

78. RATIONS AND FORAGE.

The scale of rations for the Expeditionary Force and annual Territorial training-camps is as follows:—

Expeditionary Force Training-camps: Bread, $1\frac{1}{4}$ lb.; fresh meat, $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb., or preserved meat, 1 lb.; cheese, 2 oz.; coffee, $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.; jam, 4 oz. (includes 1 oz. treacle per man per week); fresh milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint, or condensed milk, $\frac{1}{8}$ tin; flour, $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; baking-powder, 3 lb. for every 100 lb. flour issued; oatmeal, 1 oz.; onions 4 oz.; fresh vegetables, 8 oz. (when available); potatoes (old), 1 lb., or new, $\frac{3}{4}$ lb.; salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; sugar, 4 oz.; tea, $\frac{3}{4}$ oz.; butter, 4 oz.; candles, $\frac{1}{8}$ lb.; dried fruit, 4 oz. per man per week; pepper, $\frac{1}{8}$ oz.; rice, 2 oz. per man twice weekly; currants, 1 oz. per man twice weekly; tapioca, 1 oz. per man per week; sago, 1 oz. per man per week; curry-powder, $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. per man thrice weekly.

Annual Territorial Training-camps: Bread, $1\frac{1}{4}$ lb., or biscuits, 1 lb.; fresh meat, $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb., or preserved meat, 1 lb.; butter, 4 oz.; cheese, 2 oz.; coffee, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; flour, 1 oz.; jam, 4 oz.; fresh milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint, or condensed milk, $\frac{1}{8}$ tin; oatmeal, 2 oz.; potatoes, 1 lb.; onions, 2 oz.; pepper, $\frac{1}{8}$ oz.; salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; sugar, 4 oz.; tea, $\frac{3}{4}$ oz.; baking-powder, 3 lb. to 100 lb. flour issued.

In each instance the items are a daily issue, except where otherwise stated.

So far as concerns the annual Territorial training-camps, an allowance of 2d. per man per diem was granted in addition to ration, and is much appreciated, as it enables officers commanding units to purchase any extras they consider necessary for their men.

No complaints regarding the quality or quantity of the rations were received.

The scale of forage rations for the Expeditionary Force and annual Territorial training-camps is as follows:

Expeditionary Force Training-camps: Chaff, 12 lb.; hay, 6 lb.; oats, 6 lb.; bran, $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

Annual Territorial Training-camps: Three scales were set down, and it was left to the officers commanding units to use whichever they thought most fitting: (a.) Chaff, 12 lb.; hay, 6 lb.; oats, 6 lb. (b.) Chaff, 18 lb.; oats, 6 lb. (c.) Chaff, 18 lb.; hay, 6 lb. An additional 2 lb. oats was allowed for draught horses.

The following gives the average cost of rations and forage per head per diem, and in the case of the Territorial camps includes the allowance of 2d. per diem:—

Camp or District.	Average Cost of Rations, Fuel, Light, and Straw per Man per Diem.	Average Cost of Forage per Horse per Diem.
Territorial Camps—	s. d.	s. d.
Auckland District	1 11-40	1 4-50
Wellington District	1 11-50	1 5-43
Canterbury District	1 9-50	0 9-03
Otago District	1 11-48	1 3-26
Expeditionary Force Training-camps—		
Trentham	1 5-531	1 5-632
Featherston	1 6-514	1 5-632

79. FIELD TRANSPORT.

Each district has now on charge wagons and harness, and during this year's Territorial camps the Remount Department purchased draught horses where necessary, and the Army Service Corps were thus enabled to carry out the transport work in connection with the removal of baggage, supplies, stores, &c.

At Auckland, Wellington, Palmerston North, and Trentham and Featherston Camps the Army Service Corps are well established with wagons, horses, &c., and the hiring of transport at these places is now a thing of the past, whilst the Department has an efficient transport service which is at all times available for use.

Army Service Corps transport will shortly be installed at Dunedin and Christchurch.

A very important point is that the A.S.C. wagons, horses, &c., are available for the instruction of the A.S.C. Territorials, and thus the cost for this service is cut down.