

The following scales of rations are in force for (a) soldiers undergoing detention, (b) second-class prisoners of war :—

Item.	Soldiers undergoing Detention.	Second-class Prisoners of War.
Bread	12 oz.	16 oz.
Fresh meat or	12 oz.	12 oz.*
Preserved meat .. .. .	..	6 oz.
Coffee .. .. .	..	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Jam .. .. .	..	2 oz.
Fresh milk	$\frac{1}{4}$ pint	..
Condensed milk .. .. .	..	$1\frac{1}{2}$ tin.
Flour .. .. .	..	1 oz.
Oatmeal	2 oz.	2 oz.†
Fresh vegetables	8 oz.	4 oz.
Potatoes	16 oz.	20 oz.
Salt	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Sugar	2 oz.	2 oz.
Tea	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	$\frac{1}{4}$ oz.
Butter	1 oz.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Pepper .. .. .	..	$\frac{1}{72}$ oz.

* Cheese, 4 oz., or rice, 28 oz., in lieu of fresh meat once weekly (optional). If both cheese and rice required, then 1 oz. cheese is equal to 7 oz. rice. † Or equivalent amount peas or beans.

In each instance the items are a daily issue unless otherwise stated.

In addition to the ration allowed for annual Territorial camps an allowance of 2d. per man per diem was granted, and was much appreciated. The object of this allowance is to enable officers commanding units to purchase such extra food as they consider necessary for their men.

Owing to the small numbers attending several camps it was found more economical to authorize the issue of a cash allowance of 2s. per man per diem in preference to establishing a supply-depot. In such cases the ration scale was observed, and in one or two instances the allowance was exceeded.

No complaint regarding the quality or quantity of the rations was 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. ; bran, $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb. ; oats, 6 lb.

Annual Territorial training-camps : (a.) Chaff, 12 lb. ; hay, 6 lb. ; oats, 6 lb. (b.) Chaff, 18 lb. ; oats, 6 lb. (c.) Chaff, 18 lb. ; hay, 6 lb. It was left to the discretion of officers commanding units to use whichever scale they thought most fitting. An additional 2 lb. oats was allowed for draught horses.

The following gives the average cost of rations and forage per head per diem at the Expeditionary Force and annual Territorial training-camps :—

Camp or District.	Cost of Rations, Fuel, Light, and Straw per Diem.	Average Cost of Forage per Horse per Diem.
Territorial camps—	s. d.	s. d.
Auckland District	2 0·774	..
Wellington District	2 0·050	1 10·360
Canterbury District	1 11·489	1 5·417
Otago District	2 2·110	1 3·630
Expeditionary Force camps—		
Featherston	1 7·107	2 4·166
Trentham	1 6·781	2 3·468

NOTE.—Only transport horses and a few hacks in Territorial camps this year.

67. FIELD TRANSPORT.

Each district has now on charge wagons and horses, and during this year's Territorial camps horses were sent from the Remount Depot to one or two districts, thus enabling the Army Service Corps to carry out the transport-work in connection with the removal of baggage, supplies, stores, &c., with a considerable saving to the Department. Only a small amount of hiring was done, at places unapproachable by the Army Service Corps.

The carting of supplies, stores, &c., at Headquarters of districts, Wellington, and Expeditionary Force training-camps is carried out satisfactorily as an Army service. Where mechanical transport