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GENERAL ORDERS, } HEAD-QUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF S. C. AND GA.

No. 95.

CHARLESTON, November 11, 1862.

I..The CHIEF OF STAFF superintends and directs all branches and Departments of the service, and is responsible for the thorough efficiency of the whole military mechanism.

II..All field and other military works in this Department will be ordered, planned, located, and constructed, as far as practicable, only under orders from these Head-quarters, superintended by the Chief Engineer and his Assistants, except when this course shall be impracticable or attended with undue delay, in which cases the Commanders of Districts will be authorized to give the necessary orders to and through the senior Engineer officer on duty in their Districts, for immediate execution. Plans of the works thus ordered, and the ends to be subserved by their construction, will be promptly forwarded to these Head-quarters.

III..All officers and employees on duty in the Engineer service in the Department, will report to, and be under the orders of the Chief Engineer, except in cases provided for in the foregoing paragraph.

IV..Requisitions for labor to be done by soldiers, and for supplies, may be made on the Post or District commanders by the Chief Engineer, when practicable, or, on occasion, by the senior officer in charge of any work under construction, and they will be promptly obeyed, without reference to superior authority or to these Head-quarters.

V..The CHIEF ENGINEER will be expected to consult freely with the Chief of Artillery, touching whatsoever in the construction of the works that may relate to the greater efficiency of the guns to be mounted, and their protection when in position.

VI..As far as practicable, the armament of all works in the Department will be determined at these Head-quarters; but when this course will involve injurious delay, District Commanders will act, after consultation with the senior Engineer and Artillery officers present.

VII..The Chief of Artillery will be advised, in writing, by the CHIEF OF ORDNANCE, with as little delay as practicable, of all accessions of armament in his Department, in order that the former may immediately assign the same to positions.

VIII..The CHIEF OF ARTILLERY is ex officio Chief Inspector of all Field and Siege Batteries, and of Heavy Artillery in position in the

Department. He will, also, have command of any Light and Siege Batteries in reserve, or not assigned to brigades or other commands.

IX..Heavy Artillery in position is not to be moved, except when ordered through the Chief of Artillery (or directly) by these Head-quarters.

X..All changes of position of Light Batteries (except on field of battle) ordered by officers commanding Districts, will be communicated at once, or as soon as practicable, to these Head-quarters, through the Chief of Artillery.

XI..Requisitions for increase of armament in Light and Heavy Batteries must be transmitted to these Head-quarters, through the Chief of Artillery, for examination and approval. Requisitions for equipments must be proportionate to the armament allowed.

XII..Commanders of Forts and Heavy Batteries, as well as of Batteries of Light Artillery, are strictly enjoined to keep their supply of ammunition fully up to the number of one hundred (100) rounds allowed them per gun, except for works at all liable to be isolated, when two hundred (200) rounds shall be provided.

XIII..Any expenditure of ammunition in action or practice will be certified at once to the Chief of Artillery, with a statement that a requisition has been made on the Ordnance Department to supply the deficiency.

XIV..Light and Siege Battery commanders will inspect their commands before guard-mounting every morning, and will be held responsible that their respective batteries are prepared for action. They will also make such returns to the Chiefs of Artillery and Ordnance as these officers may direct.

XV..Light Batteries will be presented for inspection with the ammunition chests filled, and implements, spare parts, etc., attached to the carriages. The inspecting officer will particularly report any neglect in the grooming of horses, carelessness of harness, or neglect of material pertaining to the battery.

XVI..Ordnance stores will be issued from Ordnance depots on requisitions approved by District commanders, in the following instances: For field or siege batteries, by commanders of such batteries; for forts and entrenched works, by the commanding officers of the same; for regiments, battalions, independent squadrons, or unattached companies, by their respective commanding officers. These requisitions will be in duplicate: one of which will be returned to the officer making, in case it cannot be filled, or only partially so—the Ordnance officer having endorsed thereon why not filled.

XVII..Commanders of Regiments, Battalions, and unattached Companies, will be held responsible for the arming and equipping of

their respective commands. Each non-commissioned officer and private must be armed with a musket or such other small arm as can be supplied by the Ordnance Department. Forty ball cartridges to be carried in the cartridge-box of the soldier, in addition to sixty rounds per man, which shall be habitually provided as a reserve supply.

XVIII..Acting Ordnance Sergeants for Regiments, will be appointed as directed in Paragraph V, General Orders, No. 24, Adjutant and Inspector-General's Office, Richmond, April 16, 1862.

XIX..DISTRICT COMMANDERS will designate in their commands a suitable Staff officer, who will ascertain and report to the Chief of Ordnance of the Department, on the Saturday of each week, whether each regiment, battalion, or unattached company is armed and equipped, and has the prescribed quantity of ammunition, as directed above. *In the first report will be given the number and calibre of the arms in each regiment, battalion, and unattached company.*

XX..District Ordnance officers, or some other suitable Staff officer, to be designated by District Commanders, will inspect all arms reported unserviceable by regimental or other commanders, and such as are unfit for service they will order to be turned into the depot. These inspectors will report to their District or other commanders, *all officers and men who have neglected or permitted their men to neglect their arms.*

XXI..District commanders will organize schools of instruction, one for non-commissioned officers and the other for company officers, who will be required to recite, each day, such parts of the Tactics and of the Ordnance and Roberts' Manuals as may be deemed necessary. The senior artillery officer present at the post, in the absence of any one specially designated by superior authority, will be held responsible that these schools are regularly held and conducted.

XXII..All Ordnance and Ordnance stores taken or lost, and the ammunition expended in action, will be reported within three days thereafter to the Chief of Ordnance of each Military District or organized Brigade, who will forward a consolidated return thereof, through the Chief of Ordnance of the Department, to these Head-quarters.

XXIII..Through the CHIEF OF ORDNANCE will be supplied all guns, carriages, chassis, small arms, ammunition, ordnance stores, and equipments of every description, on requisitions approved by the Chief of Artillery, or the proper commanding officer. The Chief of Ordnance will transport, mount, or dismount all guns, when called upon to do so by the proper authority. He will also collect and keep in proper and convenient depots, ample supplies of ammunition for all heavy guns, light artillery, and small arms in service, or for possible contingent wants in the Department.

XXIV..The special attention of commanding officers is called to the

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following paragraph (VII), Special Order, No. 48, Adjutant and Inspector-General's office, Richmond, March 1, 1862:

“Commanding generals will have furnished to the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, in this city (Richmond), monthly reports from the batteries, as to the number of guns, their calibre, how mounted, a full list of the ammunition on hand, the exact locality of the batteries, whether for casemate or barbette guns, and whether the range is short or long. They will also instruct the officers in charge of the batteries to submit all requisitions for their approval before forwarding them to the Ordnance officer.”

By Command of General BEAUREGARD.

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