

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, November 25, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 95.

To carry into effect the provisions of "an act to better provide for the sick and wounded of the army in hospitals," approved September 27, 1862, the following Instructions are published:

1. The commuted value of rations for the sick and wounded in hospitals, will be one dollar. Rations for hospital attendants will be commuted at the rates heretofore fixed by Regulations.

2. Commissaries of Subsistence will transfer, for the purchase of necessary supplies for the sick and wounded, to the medical officer in charge of a hospital (taking duplicate receipts therefor), such portion of the hospital fund as may be demanded on requisition.

3. Accounts current of the portion of the hospital fund thus transferred, will be rendered weekly to the Surgeon General, by the medical officer in charge of a hospital, accompanied by vouchers (numbered) for the expenditures. The fractional part of the week corresponding with the termination of a month, will be included in the fourth or last account current of the month. The following form will be adopted:

ACCOUNT CURRENT OF THE HOSPITAL FUND EXPENDED FOR THE
WEEK COMMENCING ——— AND ENDING ——— 186 .

Surgeon ———, *in charge of* ——— *Hospital at* ———, *in account with*,
Confederate States.

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186 .		To balance on hand, by last account current,	55	50
October	1,	To amount transferred by the Commissary, for the		
"	2,	purchase of supplies for the subsistence or comfort	500	00
		of the sick and wounded,	555	50
		CR. PURCHASED:		
Voucher No. 1,		By 70 qts. milk, at 10 cents,	7	00
" " 2,		By A. B., Hospital Steward, marketing, -	175	00
" " 3,		By 50 chickens, at 25 cents,	12	50
" " 4,	}	By 12 bu. potatoes, at 75 cents,	9	00
" " 4,		By 35 lbs. butter, at 30 cents,	10	50
		By 28 doz. eggs, at 25 cents,	7	00
		Total purchased,	221	00
		Balance on hand,	\$ 334	50

————— *Hospital at* ———, ——— 186 .

————— *Surgeon in Charge.*

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4. A copy of the "statement of the Hospital Fund" will be rendered monthly, by medical officers to the Surgeon General, according to the following form:

STATEMENT OF THE HOSPITAL FUND AT _____ FOR THE MONTH OF _____ 186 ____

To balance due hospital last month,	4890	20
450 rations for hospital attendants, at 30 cents per ration,	135	00
135 rations for the sick and wounded, at \$1 per ration,	135	00
Total	6487	20
CR. ISSUED:		
By the following provisions, at contract prices:		
2834 lbs. of pork, at 10 cents per lb.	283	35
690 lbs. of fresh beef, at 8 cents per lb.	55	20
124 lbs. of ham, at 34 cents per lb.	56	42
10 lbs. of hard bread, at 4 cents per lb.	40	00
40 lbs. of rice, at 6 cents per lb.	4	20
56 lbs. of coffee, at 12 cents per lb.	67	20
193 lbs. of sugar, at 8 cents per lb.	15	51
12 gals. of vinegar, at 5 cents per gal.	60	00
15 5-16 lbs. of candles, at 12 cents per lb.	1	83
24 lbs. of soap, at 6 cents per lb.	3	68
167 qts. of salt, at 3 cents per qt.	50	00
12 gals. of molasses, at 28 cents per gal.	3	36
Total	177	31
Amount transferred to the medical officer in charge, for the purchase of supplies for the subsistence or comfort of the sick and wounded:	500	00
October 2	250	00
" 12	250	00
" 27	150	00
Total issued and transferred,	1077	31

Amount of hospital fund,	5409	89
Excess of fund (over \$5,000), to be returned to treasury,	409	89
Balance due this month,	5000	00
<i>Surgeon in Charge.</i>		

5. When a hospital fund shall exceed five thousand dollars, the Commissary of Subsistence having the fund in hand, will deposit such excess in the Treasury of the Confederate States, or other place of deposit where government moneys are kept, to be liable to draft as other public moneys are. Commissaries will account for hospital funds on their Monthly Abstracts and Summary Statements.

6. The Quartermaster will have arrangements made with the various rail road companies and lines of boats, for the speediest practicable transportation of supplies for the hospitals; and general transportation tickets will be furnished to accredited agents engaged in the actual purchase of these supplies, upon the request of the medical officer in charge of a hospital.

7. Medical officers in charge of general hospitals will make requisitions on the Medical Purveyors for hospital suits (shirts, pantaloons and drawers), for the use of the sick and wounded while in hospital, not to exceed in number the number of beds; which clothing shall be borne on the returns, and be accounted for as other hospital property.

8. There will be allowed to each general hospital, with rations and suitable places of lodging, two Chief Matrons, at a salary not to exceed forty dollars per month each, whose general duties shall be to exercise a superintendence over the entire domestic economy of the hospital; to take charge of such delicacies as may be provided for the sick; to apportion them out as required; to see that the food or diet is properly prepared; and all such other duties as may be necessary; two Assistant Matrons, at a salary not to exceed thirty-five dollars per month each, whose general duties shall be to superintend the laundry; to take charge of the clothing of the sick and the bedding of the hospital; to see that they are kept clean and neat; and perform such other duties as may be necessary; two Ward Matrons for each ward (estimating 100 patients for each ward), at a salary not to exceed thirty dollars per month each, whose general duties shall be to prepare the beds and bedding of their respective wards; to see that they are kept clean and in order; that the food or diet for the sick is carefully prepared and furnished to them; the medicine administered; and that all patients requiring careful nursing are attended to; and all such other duties as may be necessary; one Ward Master for each ward (estimating 100 patients for each ward), at a salary not to exceed twenty-five dollars per month each; and such other nurses and cooks, male or female (giving preference to females when their services may best subserve the purpose), at a salary not to exceed twenty-five dollars per month each, as may be necessary for the proper care of the sick. These attendants to be paid monthly, on hospital muster rolls, by the Quartermaster's Department, and to be removed, when expedient, by the medical officer in charge. Other attendants, not herein provided for, necessary to the service, shall be allowed, as now provided by law.

9. If a sufficient number of nurses and ward masters, not liable to military service, cannot be employed, and it shall become necessary to assign to this duty soldiers in the service, then, upon the requisition of

the medical officer in charge of a hospital, the soldiers so assigned, who are skillful and competent, shall be permanently detailed to this duty, and shall only be removable for neglect or inattention, by the medical officer in charge.

10. Hospitals will be known and numbered as hospitals of a particular State. The sick and wounded, when not injurious to themselves, or greatly inconvenient to the service, will be sent to the hospitals representing their respective States, and to private or State hospitals representing the same.

11. The Quartermaster General will have arrangements made with the rail road companies to reserve seats in one or more cars, as may be necessary, for the use of the sick and wounded soldiers and their attendants, to be transported; and until they are seated, to prevent other persons from entering those reserved cars; and also to require conductors of the trains to provide for the use of the sick and wounded in the reserved cars, a sufficient quantity of pure water.

12. Medical officers in charge of hospitals, will detail an attendant to accompany the sick and wounded, furloughed, discharged or transferred, to rail road depots, to see that they are cared for and provided with seats in the reserved cars.

By order.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.