

GENERAL ORDERS, }

No. 91. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, October 26, 1861.

I..United States Mustering and Disbursing Officers will supply subsistence, both prior to and subsequent to muster, for all Volunteer organizations raised under proper authority, whether originally granted by Governors of loyal States or directly by the War Department.

Subsistence, prior to muster, will be paid from the appropriation for "collecting, drilling, and organizing Volunteers," and subsequent thereto from the appropriation for the Subsistence of the Army. Requisitions for funds for the former expenditures will be made upon the Adjutant General, and for the latter upon the Commissary General of Subsistence.

Accounts for expenditures under the first head will be rendered to the Adjutant General, and under the second to the Commissary General of Subsistence.

II..The attention of officers supplying subsistence to Volunteers in the process of their organization into companies and regiments, both prior to and subsequent to muster, is called to the exorbitant prices demanded and paid for this object. Rations, in kind, will hereafter be issued whenever cooking facilities can be furnished to the troops, whether in squads or in larger bodies. If the rations cannot be contracted for at a reasonable rate, subsistence will be procured in bulk, and issued to the Volunteers. In no case should the cost of the ration, uncooked, exceed nineteen cents, and at most of the points in the Western States it should not exceed fourteen cents. When cooking facilities cannot be furnished, contracts for the rations, cooked, may be made at reasonable rates, and the necessity for the same must be clearly stated on the accounts. When board and lodging are necessary, the prices for each should be stated, and the aggregate cost of both must not exceed forty cents per day.

III..No bands for Volunteer Regiments will in future be mustered into service, and vacancies that may hereafter occur in bands now in service will not be filled.

All members of bands now in service that are not musicians will

be discharged upon the receipt of this order, by their respective Regimental Commanders.

BY ORDER :

L. THOMAS,  
*Adjutant General.*

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*Assistant Adjutant General.*