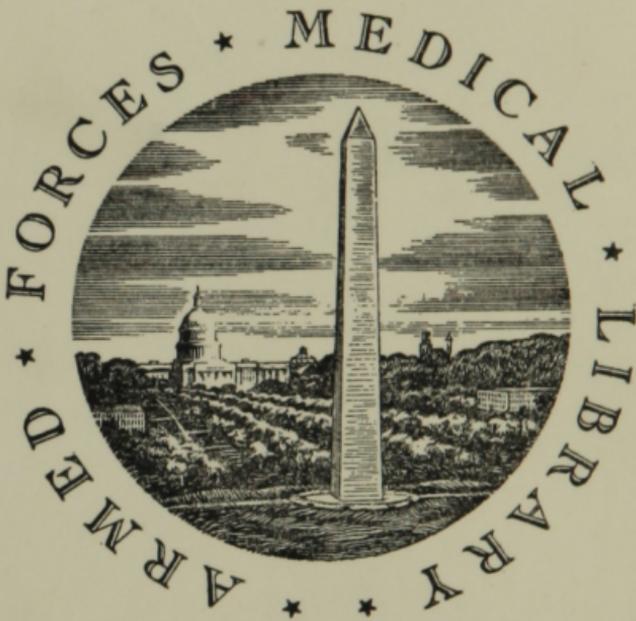




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REGULATIONS FOR THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

SURGEON GENERAL.

The Surgeon General shall be the director and immediate accounting officer of the Medical Department. He shall issue all orders and instructions relating to the professional duties of the officers of the medical staff; and call for and receive such reports and returns from them as may be requisite for the performance of his several duties.

He shall receive from the Assistant Surgeons General and the medical directors of armies, districts and departments, confidential reports relative to the condition of the hospitals and infirmaries, the character and conduct of the surgeons and mates, the state of their books and accounts, the medical topography of the several posts and stations, the nature of the prevailing complaints, their probable causes, and the treatment adopted.

He shall receive from every surgeon, and mate performing the duties of surgeon, quarterly reports of sick, with such remarks as may be necessary to explain the nature of the diseases of the troops, the practice adopted, and the kinds of medicines and stores required; together with a copy of the entries made for the quarter in the book kept for the diary of the weather, accompanied with suitable observations.

He shall receive from every surgeon and mate, having charge of public property of any description for the use of the sick, duplicate semi annual returns of the same in the form and manner prescribed; and also annual requisitions for the supplies required for each hospital, regiment, post, or garrison for the ensuing year; and transmit them with his remarks and instruc-

tions to the apothecary general, accompanied with a statement, to be obtained from the office of the Adjutant and Inspector General, of the probable number of troops to be stationed at the several posts, &c. for which they are made.

He shall examine the annual estimate of supplies furnished by the apothecary general, making such remarks and alterations as the good of the service may appear to require; and receive from him and his assistants detailed returns of all supplies put up for, and delivered or forwarded to, the several surgeons and mates.

He shall examine the returns and accounts of the surgeons and mates; see that proper vouchers are sent for articles issued, and that the quantities expended with the sick are agreeable to the numbers on the sick reports, and the nature of their complaints; if so he shall certify it, and at the end of each year, and oftener if necessary, send the returns and accounts thus certified to the office of the Second Auditor for final settlement. If he does not receive proper vouchers for issues, and satisfactory evidence that articles so reported have been lost or destroyed by unavoidable accident, he shall forthwith obtain the necessary documents from the person making the return, or transmit the amount to the office of the Second Auditor, to be charged to his account. If upon comparing the returns with the reports of sick, there appears to have been any improper expenditures of medicines or stores either in quantity or quality, he will require an explanation thereof from the person making the return; and if necessary direct the Assistant Surgeon General or the medical director to examine the books and accounts of said person, and to ascertain how and why such expenditures have been made; and the amount of any articles proven to have been improperly applied will be charged in the office of the Second Auditor to the account of the person who has thus misapplied them.

He shall keep a register of all the medical officers in service, in which shall be recorded the dates of their appointments, promotions or transfers, the posts and stations at which they have been on duty, and for what length of time at each place, the furloughs they may receive, by whom and for what length of time they were granted, and the time of their return to duty; he shall also enter in this register his remarks on the several reports and returns made to him, together with the substance of the confidential reports of the assistant surgeons general and medical directors, as well as of all other communications he may receive relating to the character, conduct and professional quali-

fications of the surgeons and mates keeping a regular file of the original documents, and submitting the whole from time to time to the examination of the Secretary of War.

He shall make to the Secretary of War such reports and returns as may be necessary to explain all the concerns of the department under his charge; with such remarks relative to improvements in practice and police, and to the cloathing, subsistence, &c. of the army, as may seem to be required for the preservation of health, the comfort and recovery of the sick, and the good of the public service.

Assistant Surgeons General.

The Assistant Surgeon General shall be the medical inspector for the division, district, department or army to which he is attached. It shall be his duty to inspect the hospitals and infirmaries under his charge, according to the instructions he may receive from the Surgeon General; to ascertain the manner in which each officer performs his duties; to see that the necessary supplies are received for the sick; that they are of a good quality, and that they are properly expended.

He shall strictly examine the case books, prescription books and diet books of the surgeons and mates, and from them ascertain the nature of the diseases that have prevailed, their symptoms, the practice adopted and the result; and hence judge of the professional abilities of the attending surgeon, and ascertain that the quantity and quality of the stores and medicine used are conformable to the nature and duration of the complaints.

From an examination of the book containing the diary of the weather, medical topography of the station or hospital, account of the climate, complaints prevalent in the vicinity, &c. and from suitable inquiries concerning the clothing, subsistence, quarters, &c. of the soldiers, he will discover as far as practicable the probable causes of disease, and recommend the best means of preventing them; and also make such suggestions relative to the situation, construction, and economy of the hospitals and infirmaries, as may appear necessary for the benefit and comfort of the sick and the good of the service.

He shall examine the books and accounts of the steward; see that his issues of hospital stores and furniture agree with the diet books and written orders of the surgeons and mates, and that he has kept a correct account of the number of rations drawn, agreeably to the register and muster rolls of the hospital; of the parts commuted or sold; and of his disposal of the proceeds. Ascertain also that the wardmaster keeps a strict account of the bedding, furniture, cooking utensils, &c. received for the use of the hospital; of the articles lost, worn out or des-

troyed by order; and also of the cloathing, arms and equipments of every patient admitted, and that they are disposed of agreeably to the regulations on that subject; and that he pays due attention to enforcing the police prescribed, and to the order and cleanliness of the patients, wards and kitchens.

He shall make to the Surgeon General in October annually, and at such other times as he may direct, confidential reports, containing all the information he may obtain concerning the character, conduct, and attention to duty, of the several surgeons and mates; the order and condition of their hospitals and infirmaries, and the state of their books and accounts; with such remarks relative to the causes of diseases, the best means of preventing them, their symptoms, and the treatment adopted, as appertain to the report of a medical inspecting officer; which report shall be submitted to the commanding officer of the division, district, or army to which he is attached, for his examination, remarks and signature.

Apothecary General and his Assistants.

The Apothecary General shall, agreeably to the returns and requisitions of the several surgeons and mates received from the Surgeon General's office, and to a standard supply table, make an annual estimate of the supplies of medicines, instruments, hospital stores, &c. required for the ensuing year, which shall be submitted to the Surgeon General for his examination and approval.

The Apothecary General and his assistant shall purchase, according to this estimate, all medicines, hospital stores, surgical and other instruments, books, and dressings, required for the public service of the army. The articles so purchased shall be carefully packed under their direction, and by them delivered either to the surgeons or to a military storekeeper, or to a quartermaster, for transportation to the places of their destination and use; and all parcels so packed shall be legibly marked with the name of the place to which they are to be sent, or of the regiment or corps for which they are intended, and accompanied with an invoice of the articles contained in them.

They shall compound and prepare such medicines as may be thought necessary for the good of the service; cause suitable medicine chests to be constructed, according to the directions of the Surgeon General, and furnished to the several hospitals, regiments, posts and garrisons; and supply printed forms of the reports and returns required by the regulations.

They shall make quarterly returns of their purchases to the Second Auditor accompanied with invoices of the articles pur-

chased, for which they shall be charged; and nothing will exonerate them from such charge, but the receipt of a surgeon, military storekeeper, quartermaster, or other person authorized to receive supplies of this nature, or a certificate on honor for what may have been expended in the apothecary's department, stating for what purpose. If articles become damaged or unfit for use, they will not be taken off the books of the Second Auditor to their credit until sold by order of the War Department.

They shall make to the Surgeon General returns in detail, of the medicines, stores, &c. put up for, and delivered or forwarded to, the several surgeons and mates, stating the numbers and marks of each chest, package, &c. and to whom they were delivered.

The Apothecary General will make in October annually an estimate of the expenses of the medical department for the ensuing year, to be forwarded to the Surgeon General for the information of the War Department.

The assistant apothecaries general will purchase and issue whatever articles composing the yearly supply the apothecary general may deem necessary to have purchased in their respective districts, making returns of the same to him.

Surgeons attending General Hospitals

The senior surgeon shall be *ex officio* medical director and inspector of hospitals for the army or district to which he is attached. He shall enforce the rules and regulations given for the government and direction of the surgeons and mates; examine, and if he approve, countersign all requisitions upon the Apothecary General or his assistants, except that made on the 30th of September for the ensuing year; and as inspector of hospitals, he shall perform all the duties required of the assistant surgeon general.

The surgeon attending a general hospital shall observe the instructions of the assistant surgeon general and of the medical director in every thing relating to the hospital under his charge; superintend its construction, government and police, and be held responsible for the manner in which the subordinate officers perform their respective duties.

He shall keep a register of all patients admitted into his hospital, in the form and manner prescribed

He shall receive, and carefully preserve, the descriptive list of each individual, noting on it any payments made, or clothing issued to him while in hospital. Should any surgeon or mate send patients to his hospital without the report required by the regulations, and certified copies of their descrip-

tive lists, or should they be sent by any officer of the line without their descriptive lists, it shall be his duty forthwith to demand them, and if they be not sent within a reasonable time, or some good cause given for the neglect, he shall immediately apply to the commanding officer for the arrest of such delinquent on the charge of disobedience of orders.

He shall keep a *case book*, *prescription book* and *diet book*, in which shall be daily recorded the symptoms in every important case, together with the medicines and diet prescribed; and these shall serve as a guide to the assistant surgeon or apothecary in delivering the medicines, to the steward in distributing the stores, and for the information of the medical inspector. He shall keep a diary of the weather in the form and manner prescribed, noting every thing of importance relating to the medical topography of his station, the climate, complaints prevalent in the vicinity, &c. and also an orderly book, in which shall be transcribed all orders concerning, or any ways relating to the Medical Department.

He shall divide his hospital into as many wards as he may have medical attendants, and every morning, at as early an hour as practicable, visit each ward, prescribe himself in all important cases, and consult with the attending surgeon; and in the evening inquire of the resident surgeon the state of the sick, and again visit such as may require particular attention.

He shall, as far as practicable, assign appropriate wards to the patients according to the nature of their complaints; be careful that the wards are well ventilated, and the patients not too much crowded; by a rigid attention to police, prevent, if possible, the origin of contagion, and, should it appear, make every exertion to counteract it by enforcing personal cleanliness, and by frequent changes of linen, bedding, &c.

He shall prescribe such rules and regulations as he may think necessary for the direction of the attendants, and the order, cleanliness, and convenience of his patients; and cause them to be printed or written in a legible hand, and hung up in some conspicuous place in each ward.

He shall from the descriptive lists in his possession, make regular muster rolls of the patients in his hospital, and also of his steward, wardmaster, cooks, nurses, and matrons, in the form prescribed, for the examination and certificate of the Inspector General, or officer acting as such, as in other cases of muster and inspection for payment.

He shall see that his steward makes out correct returns for rations, agreeably to the number of patients and attendants present; direct what part of the ration shall be sold or com-

muted, and sign the requisitions; and from the proceeds of the parts thus commuted or sold, he shall cause such articles to be purchased as he may judge necessary and proper for the use of the sick.

He shall once a month examine the books and accounts of his steward and wardmaster; see that the hospital stores have been properly applied, and that the money received for parts of rations commuted or sold, has been expended agreeably to his instructions; that the arms, clothing, and equipments of the patients are cleansed, numbered, marked, registered, and deposited in the wardmaster's room, and that a regular account is kept of the furniture, bedding, &c in use in the hospital; and if any attendant or patient shall be convicted of wilfully destroying or purloining any article of public property, the amount of its value shall be charged to him by the surgeon on his descriptive list, and deducted from his pay at the next payment; and it shall be the duty of the surgeon to prosecute any citizen who may buy or receive public property of any description from any one attached to the army, agreeably to the law on that subject.

Assistant Surgeons to General Hospitals.

The assistant surgeons shall obey the orders and instructions of the senior surgeon; see that subordinate officers attend strictly to their duties, and aid in enforcing the regulations of the hospital.

Each assistant shall accompany the surgeon in his morning visit to the ward assigned to his particular charge, make the proper entries in the case book, prescription book, and diet book, and from the latter fill up the diet table for the day; in the evening he shall again visit his ward, and, if necessary, report to the surgeon.

He shall be responsible for the proper distribution and administration of the medicines prescribed, for the manner in which the wardmaster and nurses perform their duties in his own division, and that the patients conform to the prescribed regulations.

One of the assistant surgeons shall be detailed daily to reside within or near the hospital, at all hours of the day and night; he shall prescribe in urgent cases, examine such patients as may be sent to the hospital, see that they are regularly entered in the register, that their descriptive lists are filed, and if they do not bring them, report it forthwith to the surgeon, that the wardmaster takes charge of their clothing, arms, and equipments, that they are washed, furnished with clean gar-

ments, and placed in their appropriate wards, and report to the surgeon the next morning, and immediately in important cases. He shall make the proper entries in the book containing the diary of the weather, and, as police officer of the day, see that all the orders and regulations of the hospital are duly attended to.

One of the assistant surgeons shall take charge of the books of the hospital, viz. the register, case book, prescription book, and diet book, that containing the diary of the weather, and the orderly book; and shall call at the office of the adjutant general every day, or as often as may be convenient, and transcribe all orders relating to the Medical Department. He shall also take charge of the descriptive lists of the patients, and have them regularly filed according to their companies and regiments or corps.

One assistant surgeon shall take particular charge of the dispensary, instruments, and medicines; keep an account of expenditures, agreeably to the prescription book; make out the regular semi annual returns of medicines, instruments, stores, &c. and present them to the surgeon for his examination and signature.

Hospital Steward.

It shall be the duty of the Steward to receive and take charge of all hospital stores, furniture of every description, and supplies purchased for the use of the sick; to keep a roster of the nurses and attendants, and from this and the register to make out returns for rations agreeably to the number in hospital, and present them to the surgeon for his examination and signature; to receive and distribute the rations, and to commute or sell such parts, and employ the proceeds in such manner as the surgeon may direct. He shall keep an account of the number of rations drawn, the articles commuted or sold, and the amount received for them; take proper vouchers for all expenditures, and present the whole to the surgeon for examination at the end of each month.

He shall issue the hospital stores and other supplies to the cooks and nurses, and enter in a book daily the amount of each article delivered; for which the diet book and written orders of the surgeon and assistant surgeons shall be his vouchers. He shall deliver to the wardmaster such articles of bedding, furniture, cooking utensils, &c. as shall by written orders be directed for the use of the hospital; be responsible for the order and neatness of the storeroom; and on no account allow any of the patients or attendants to enter it in his absence, or to remain there longer than may be necessary to obtain their supplies.

Ward Master.

The ward master shall receive from the steward all the furniture, bedding, cooking utensils, &c. required for the use of the hospital, and be held responsible for them. He shall keep a book in which shall be recorded the articles distributed to the several wards and kitchens, holding the nurses and cooks responsible for whatever he may deliver them. He shall once a week take an inventory of every thing in use, and report to the surgeon whatever is missing, worn out, or destroyed by order; and also the name of any patient or attendant whom he may suspect of wilfully destroying or purloining any species of public property.

On the admission of a patient he shall take charge of his clothing, arms, and equipments; see that they are made perfectly clean; that they are registered in a book, which he shall keep for the purpose, numbered, labelled with the name, rank, company, and regiment or corps of the owner, and deposited in an appropriate apartment; and, in case of his death, he shall deliver the surgeon an inventory of the abovenamed articles, together with any money, &c. left by him.

The cooks, nurses, and attendants, shall be under his immediate direction, and subject to his orders. He is responsible for the cleanliness of the patients and attendants of the kitchens, wards, furniture, and cooking utensils. He shall call the rolls of the wards at sun rise and sun set, and report absentees; see that every patient is washed and his hair combed every morning, and shaved, when his case will permit, at least thrice a week; that the wards are swept and sanded, and the beds made before the time of the morning visit of the surgeon; that the close stools and spit boxes are made perfectly clean every morning, and the pans emptied and washed immediately after being used, and partly filled with powdered charcoal and water; that the beds and bedding are frequently aired and exposed to the sun, and the straw changed once a month, and oftener if necessary; and when a patient dies, that the straw is burned, the bunk, bed sack, and bedding cleansed and returned to the steward, if not wanted in the hospital.

Regimental Surgeons.

The regimental surgeon shall obey the instructions of the Assistant Surgeon General, and the Medical Director; be responsible for the order and neatness of his hospital or infirmary, for the manner in which his mates and attendants perform their respective duties, and for the comfort and convenience of those sick in quarters.

He shall observe all the regulations given for the surgeon attending a general hospital in relation to the register, case book, prescription book, diet book, orderly book, and that containing a diary of the weather, the medical topography of his post or station, &c.; and also all those respecting the ventilation of his hospital, preventing, or obviating the effects of, contagion; prescribing suitable police regulations; making out muster rolls of his nurses and attendants; signing requisitions for rations; directing what parts shall be commuted or sold, and in what manner the proceeds shall be disposed of; examining the returns, books, and accounts of his steward and wardmaster; and punishing those who wilfully destroy or purloin public property, or receive any property thus purloined.

He shall receive written morning reports of sick from the orderly sergeant of each company, who shall see that those reported present themselves at the place appointed by the surgeon, and be present himself at their examination; he shall immediately report all cases of feigned sickness to the commanding officers of companies, prescribe for those who are able to remain in their quarters, and send those who require it to the hospital; he shall then visit his hospital, prescribe himself in all important cases, and in the evening again see those who require particular attention.

Unless when specially directed, or in uncommon cases, he will send no patients to the general hospital, except his own be crowded, or he be ordered to march; when he will send all whom he may judge unable to accompany the regiment; and with them a report, in the form prescribed, stating their names, rank, &c. together with a general account of the symptoms and duration of their complaints, and the treatment adopted; and he shall on no account neglect to obtain from the commanding officers' of companies certified copies of their descriptive lists, and to transmit them, together with their clothing, arms, and equipments, to the surgeon having charge of the hospital.

He shall designate to the commanding officer those who should be allowed to ride, or have their knapsacks, &c. carried in the wagons; accompany the regiment; be within call in case of accident, and at all times have his instruments and dressings ready and at hand to attend the wounded.

He shall accompany the officer appointed to select ground for an encampment, and, as far as consistent with other arrangements, recommend such places, and that the tents be pitched in such manner, as may be best calculated to protect the soldier from the inclemencies of the weather; and, when necessary, advise that the floors be raised, or other means taken to prevent the bad consequences of low and uneven positions.

When his regiment is in quarters or permanent encampments, he shall immediately point out, and the quartermaster shall furnish, a suitable place for the reception of the sick; and whenever it is practicable he shall procure for this purpose some building in the vicinity, only putting his patients in tents when absolutely necessary. He shall frequently visit the tents, see whether they are kept as dry as the nature of the ground will permit, and whether they are clean, and occasionally aired and struck. When in quarters he shall from time to time inspect the rooms and kitchens, and so far direct the manner of preparing the food as he may think necessary for the health of the soldiers; examine the quality of the various parts of the ration, and immediately report to the commanding officer any defects he may discover; see that the vaults are dug at a proper distance from the camp, and frequently covered with fresh earth; and either by special reports, or in his remarks on his morning reports, make such observations and suggest such improvements upon all these points, as he may think necessary to preserve the health of the troops, and for the comfort, convenience, and recovery of the sick; and the commanding officer of his regiment shall issue such orders as he may think necessary and proper to remedy the evils and supply the defects thus reported to him.

He shall report to the commanding officers of companies such men as are unfit for service; furnish a certificate of the cause, the time when, and place where, it arose, the degree of disability, &c and accompany the inspecting officer on muster and inspection days, and see that they are mustered accordingly.

Regimental Mates.

When the number of patients permits, and both mates are present, the hospital shall be divided into two equal wards, which shall be under the immediate direction of the respective mates. They shall accompany the surgeon in his morning visit; make the proper entries in the case book, prescription book, and diet book; frequently visit the hospital during the day, and report to the surgeon in the evening, and oftener in urgent cases; attend to the preparation and distribution of the medicines; assist in making out the proper reports and returns; see that the nurses are attentive to the sick, and regularly administer the medicines prescribed; and that the regulations of the hospital are strictly attended to.

If both mates be present, the senior shall take charge of the register, and see that each patient be regularly entered therein; that the diary of the weather be properly kept; and that the steward and ward master attends to all the duties re-

quired by the regulations. The junior shall have particular charge of the medicines and instruments, and be responsible to the surgeon for their good condition; and see that all orders relating to the medical department are transcribed in the orderly book.

In the absence of the surgeon the senior mate present shall perform his duties.

Post Surgeons.

The post surgeon shall obey the instructions of the assistant surgeon general and medical director; be responsible for the order and cleanliness of his hospital, the manner in which his attendants perform their duties, and for the comfort and convenience of the sick.

He shall observe all the regulations given for the surgeon attending a general hospital in respect to the books and accounts to be kept; the ventilation of his hospital; preventing and obviating the effects of contagion; prescribing suitable police regulations; making out muster rolls of his nurses and attendants; signing requisitions for rations, and directing what parts shall be commuted or sold, and in what manner the proceeds shall be disposed of; examining the books and accounts of the steward and ward master; and punishing those who destroy or purloin public property, or who receive any property thus purloined

He shall also observe all the regulations given for the regimental surgeon in respect to receiving morning reports; reporting cases of feigned sickness; visiting his hospital and prescribing for his patients; selecting a suitable place for their reception; inspecting the tents, or quarters and kitchens, and directing the manner of preparing the food; examining the quality of the rations; making special reports to the commanding officer, or suitable remarks on his morning reports, upon whatever may conduce to the health of the troops or the recovery of the sick; reporting those unfit for service, attending the inspecting officer, and seeing them mustered accordingly.

Steward and ward masters of regiments, posts, or garrisons.

Every regimental surgeon may, with the consent of the commanding officer, select an active, intelligent, noncommissioned officer, and every post surgeon, a private, who shall be permanently attached to the hospital, and act as steward and wardmaster; and who shall observe all the regulations above given for the direction of the steward and the ward master of a general hospital. Citizens may be employed in lieu of soldiers, at the option of the surgeon; if engaged for the hospi-

tal or infirmary of a regiment, they will be allowed sixteen dollars per month, and one ration per day; if employed at a post or garrison, they will receive ten dollars per month and one ration per day

Of reports, returns, requisitions, &c.

Every surgeon, and mate acting as surgeon, shall make a quarterly report of sick to the surgeon general in the form and manner prescribed, with remarks relative to the nature and symptoms of the complaints reported, the treatment adopted, and the medicines and stores most in demand; and also transmit therewith a correct copy of the entries for the quarter in the book kept for the diary of the weather, with his observations upon the medical topography of the post, station or hospital; the climate, prevalent diseases, and their probable causes.

Every surgeon and mate, having charge of sick, shall make a monthly report to the medical director of the army or district to which he belongs; and every one attending the sick of a regiment, post, or garrison, shall make a morning report to the commanding officer in the form prescribed.

Every surgeon and mate, on being ordered to a new station, shall immediately inform the surgeon general thereof, and also from whom he received the order; on receiving a furlough he shall also report it, stating by whom and for what length of time it was granted; and report himself once a month until his return to duty.

Post surgeons making application for change of station shall report it to the Surgeon General, with the reasons assigned therefor.

Every surgeon and mate having charge of public property of any description for the use of the sick shall make duplicate returns of the same to the Surgeon General on the 31st of March and the 30th of September, annually; and on the 30th of September make also duplicate requisitions or estimates of the supplies required for the ensuing year, noting the number of troops for which they are made.

All requisitions made upon the Apothecary General or his assistants, in active service, except that on 30th of September, shall be examined and countersigned by the medical director of the army, department or district to which the surgeon belongs.

Requisitions for cooking utensils and such other articles of hospital furniture as cannot be conveniently obtained from a commissary of purchases, or a military storekeeper, will be made upon an officer of the quartermaster's department, who will furnish the articles required, the requisitions being countersigned by the commanding officer of the department or post.

When a surgeon is ordered away from the medical supplies under his charge, he shall immediately make to the Surgeon General a return of all articles received, expended and issued since his last regular return, accompanied with a receipt in detail for the remainder, if he be relieved by a surgeon; but if he deliver it to the quartermaster of a regiment or post, a military storekeeper, or other person than a surgeon, he shall, with the returns and one of the receipts given him, transmit an invoice of the articles delivered certified on honor; a copy of which invoice, signed by him, shall be left with the medicines, stores, &c. And when any surgeon or apothecary receives the articles thus left with a quartermaster, military storekeeper, &c. he shall in his next return state by whom they were left, as well as from whom they were received.

Surgeons receiving a furlough will be held responsible for all public property under their charge; they will therefore take duplicate receipts for the same; and if they be absent three months, they will be required to transmit to the Surgeon General returns, receipts, and invoices, as directed in the preceding regulation.

Whenever any instruments, stores, &c. put up for and directed to, one post, garrison, regiment or hospital, are by the orders of any officer taken for the use of another, it shall be the duty of the surgeon receiving them to report the circumstances immediately to the Surgeon General, and to transmit to him a certified copy of the order, the reasons for which it was given, and a receipt for the articles; and also when practicable, to notify the surgeon for whom they were intended, and on the receipt of his own supplies to furnish him with the same amount.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Every surgeon having charge of a general hospital, shall appoint his own steward, wardmaster, cooks and nurses; and if they be taken from the line of the army, it must be with consent of the commanding officer of the army, district or department. Every surgeon of a regiment, post or garrison shall also, with the consent of his immediate commanding officer, select his attendants. They shall be permanently attached to the hospital or infirmary, and exclusively under the orders of the surgeon and mates; and shall not be removed, except for misdemeanor, unless in cases of urgent necessity; and then only by the order of the commanding officer of the district, department, army, regiment, post or garrison to which they belong.

The following will be the allowance of attendants on a hospital or infirmary in ordinary cases: To a general hospital

one nurse to every ten, one matron to every twenty, and one cook to every thirty patients. To a regimental hospital, one noncommissioned officer, as steward and wardmaster, one cook, two matrons and four nurses. To a post or garrison with one company, one private as steward and wardmaster, and two nurses, or one nurse and one matron; for each additional company one nurse. The noncommissioned officer who acts as steward and wardmaster, to receive 20 cents per day extra pay, and the private employed as steward and wardmaster to receive 15 cents per day extra pay. The women to receive 6 dollars per month and one ration per day.

The allowance of quarters, fuel and straw, for the sick, and of wagons for transporting medicines, stores, furniture, &c. will be regulated by the surgeon and commanding officer or medical director; the requisitions to be made by the former and countersigned by the latter.

Whenever a soldier is sent to a general hospital, or left in the hospital or infirmary of a regiment, post or garrison, it shall be the duty of the officer or surgeon sending or leaving him to furnish a certified copy of his descriptive list to the surgeon taking charge of him; who shall, on the return of the soldier to duty, transmit it to the officer under whose command he is put, with a certificate of any payments made or clothing issued to him while in hospital.

Should a soldier leave an hospital on furlough, he shall be furnished with a certified copy of his descriptive list; should he desert, it shall be the surgeon's duty to advertise him in the usual manner; and in case of his death, his descriptive list shall be preserved in the hospital for the benefit of his friends and heirs, and on it shall be stated the amount of clothing, money, &c. left by him; and the surgeon shall in all these cases forthwith inform the commanding officer of his company or regiment of the facts and the attending circumstances; and also of the time to which those who die were last paid, and the money and effects in their possession at the time of their decease.

Whenever a soldier is rendered incapable of performing military duty by reason of wounds or injuries received in service, and while in the line of his duty, any surgeon or mate of the army, upon obtaining sufficient evidence of the fact, the time, place, and manner of its occurrence, shall furnish him with the necessary certificate to obtain his discharge and pension.

No candidate shall receive the commission of surgeon or mate in the army, who has not obtained a diploma or certificate from some respectable medical school, college, or society, or passed the examination of an army medical board.

No surgeon of the army shall be engaged in private practice.

When any officer employs a citizen surgeon, he shall immediately inform the Surgeon General of his name and place of residence, and also cause him to be furnished with a copy of the regulations of the Medical Department.

Citizens employed as surgeons will be allowed the following rates of compensation: For attending a post, garrison or detachment of one hundred men and upwards, forty dollars per month; of from fifty to one hundred men, thirty dollars per month, and for attending any number under fifty, twenty dollars per month, exclusive of medicine. When they furnish their own medicine they shall be allowed an addition of from twenty-five to fifty per cent. upon their pay, the proportion to be determined by the Surgeon General or medical director. If engaged to accompany a regiment or detachment on a march or expedition they will, while actually thus employed, be allowed the full pay and emoluments of a regimental surgeon's mate. They will be required to make quarterly reports of sick to the Surgeon General, and morning reports to the commanding officer, in the form and manner directed for the surgeons of the army; and when they have charge of public property of any description, they will make returns of the same at the times, and in the manner required by the regulations, or as often as the Surgeon General may direct. Their accounts must be accompanied with a certificate from the officer employing them of the number of men under his command and the length of time they were employed, and also with a report of the sick under their charge; or of the cases that may have occurred subsequent to their last quarterly reports.

Recruiting officers will, if necessary, employ citizens agreeably to these regulations; the rate of compensation to be determined by the average number present during the month. If engaged merely to inspect recruits, they will be allowed one dollar per man for inspecting and signing the necessary certificates.

No citizen shall be employed to inspect recruits at posts or places where there is a surgeon or mate belonging to the army.

Surgeons shall be particularly attentive to the examination of recruits, and will suffer no man to pass, who has not at his examination been stripped of all his clothes, in order to ascertain, as far as possible, that he has the perfect use of all his limbs; that he has no tumours, ulcerated legs, rupture, nor chronic cutaneous affection, nor other infirmity which may render him unfit for the active duties of the field; and it shall be their

duty to ascertain, as far as practicable, whether he is an habitual drunkard, or subject to convulsions of any kind. With any of these defects the man is to be rejected as unfit for service; and any surgeon or mate, who shall suffer any one to pass without a careful examination on all these points, shall be dismissed the service; and the accounts of no citizen shall be allowed, who does not conform to this regulation in every particular.

Invalids having piles or other infirmity, not always to be discovered by the inspecting surgeon, who shall impose themselves upon recruiting officers as sound and able bodied men, shall previous to dismissal be put into close confinement, or otherwise punished at the discretion of a court martial as swindlers and impostors.

Whenever a recruit arrives at the post, garrison, station or depot to which a surgeon is attached, or joins the regiment or corps to which he belongs, it shall be his duty forthwith to ascertain whether he has had the variolous or vaccine infection, and if he has not, to see that he be vaccinated as soon as practicable; and for this purpose he shall constantly keep good matter on hand, making application to the Surgeon General for a fresh supply as often as may be necessary.

Diary of the Weather.

Date	Thermometer.			Course of the winds.	Weather.	Remarks.
	7	2	9			
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.			
						Under this head will be noted the medical topography of the station or hospital, the climate, &c. &c.

Form of the Prescription Book, Diet Book, and Diet Table.

Names.	Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.

The spaces in the Prescription Book are to be filled up with the prescription at length, the times of administering the medicines, and the quantities to be given at each time. The diet of the patients will be divided into full, half, and low, to be designated in the Diet Book by the letters, F, H, and L; and in order that the steward may have precise instructions for delivering the Hospital Stores, &c. the surgeon shall from time to time insert in the Diet Book written directions of the quantity of each article in his store room, which he may think necessary to each degree of diet.—To each ten patients, for example, on low diet, a certain quantity of tea, sugar, &c.—To each ten on half diet, a certain quantity of rice, milk, &c.—These proportions would soon become familiar to the steward, who has only to refer to the letters in the Diet Book to ascertain the whole quantity of any article to be delivered for the day, as well as the quantity for each ward. When any liquor is directed, or any other article not contained in these general instructions of the surgeon, the precise quantity directed for each patient, will be noted in the Diet Book. The Diet Tables are to be filled up daily from the Diet Book, and hung up in each ward of a General Hospital to prevent difficulty and disputes among the patients and attendants.

STEWARD'S BOOKS.

Account of rations drawn, and parts commuted or sold.

Date.	No. present.	No. of days.	No. of rations	Parts of rations commuted or sold,					Amount received, or due.	
				Bread lbs.	Pork lbs.	Beef lbs.	Vinegar galls.	Whiskey galls.		&c. &c.

Account of moneys received for parts of rations, and of their expenditure.

Account of Hospital Stores, Furniture, &c. issued.

Date.	From whom received, and what for.	Dr.		Cr.		Articles purchased, from whom, and number of voucher.	Date.	Rice. lbs.	Sugar. lbs, ozs	Tea ozs	Wine. qts.	Brandy. qts.	Coffee. lbs.	&c. &c.	Remarks.	
		\$	Cts.	\$	Cts.											

N. B. From the entries in the Diet Book, the direction of the surgeon as to the quantities of each article to each degree of diet, and the written orders of the surgeon and mates, the steward will be easily able to keep a correct account of his daily issues.

Account of Furniture, Cooking Utensils, Bedding, &c. in use.

Number of the ward or kitchen.	Bunks	Bedsacks	Sheets	Blankets	Kettles	Spoons	Knives	Forks	Kc.	Kc.	Kc.									Lost	Worn out	Destroyed by order	Returned to the steward.	Remarks.	
																									The remarks will state how articles have been lost, and by whom destroyed, or the person suspected, &c.

Morning Report of the Surgeon of a regiment, post, or garrison.

Date and company.	Sick at last report.		Taken sick.	Total.		Returned to duty.	Discharged service.	Sent to general hospital.	Died.	Remaining.		Remarks.
	In hospital.	In quarters.		In hospital.	In quarters.					In hospital.	In quarters.	
												Under this head the surgeon will make such observations and suggestions to the commanding officer respecting the diet, cloathing and police of the men, and the nature of their complaints, as may be required for the preservation of health, and the comfort of the sick.

Return of Medicines, Instruments, Hospital Stores, Furniture, &c.

Articles and characters or quantities.	On hand at last return.	Received since last return.	Total.	Expended with the sick.	Issued.	Lost or destroyed by unavoidable accident.	Worn out or unfit for use.	Total expended, &c.	On hand.	Remarks:
										The remarks will state at what time and from whom medicines were received, their quality, &c.

Annual requisition for Medicines, Instruments, Hospital Stores, Furniture, &c.

Articles and characters or quantities	On hand at last requisition.	Received since last requisition.	Total.	Expended with the sick.	Issued.	Lost, destroyed, worn out, &c.	Total.	On hand.	Wanted.	Remarks.
										The remarks will state the number of men for which the requisition is made, the reason for requiring any medicine not generally supplied, or an unusual quantity of any medicines or hospital stores, &c. &c.

Form of the Report to be sent with Patients to a General Hospital.

Names.	Rank	Company	Regiment or corps	Date of admission into the hospital or infirmary	Complaints.	Remarks.
						The remarks will give some account of every important case, of the practice adopted, &c.

*Form of a Certificate for an officer disabled in the
service of the United States.*

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, That
late a _____ in the _____ of U. S.
_____ is disabled by reason of wounds
or other injuries, received while actually in the ser-
vice aforesaid, and in the line of his duty.

By satisfactory evidence, and accurate exami-
nation, it appears, that on the _____ day of
_____ in the year _____ at or near a place called
_____ in the _____ of
he _____

and he is therefore, in the opinion of the undersign-
ed, entitled to _____ of the pension
allowed by law.

Surgeon.

N. B. The last line but one to be filled up with the pro-
portion to be allowed; as "one half," "two thirds," &c.

