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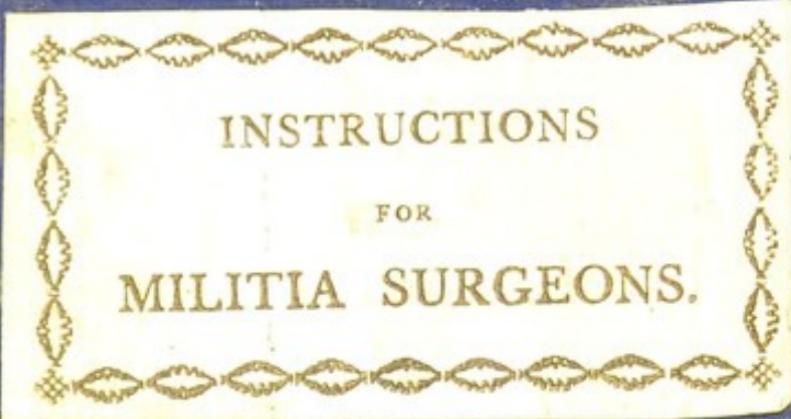
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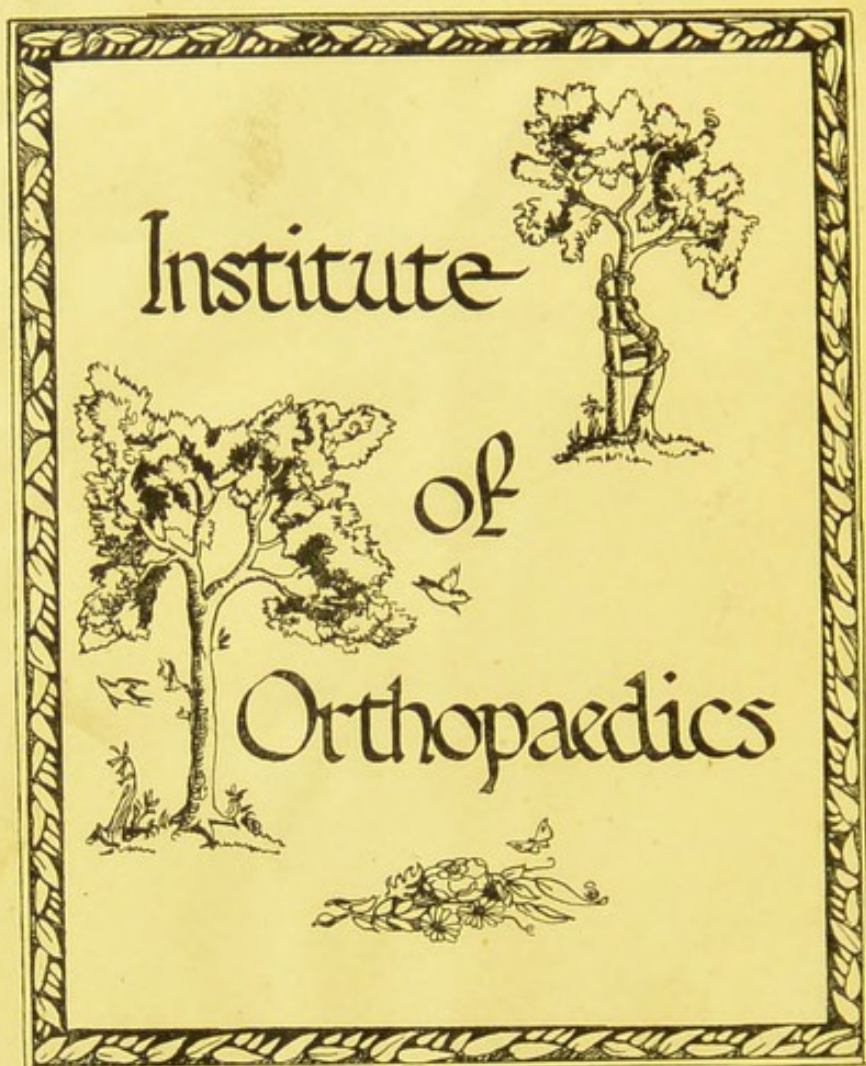
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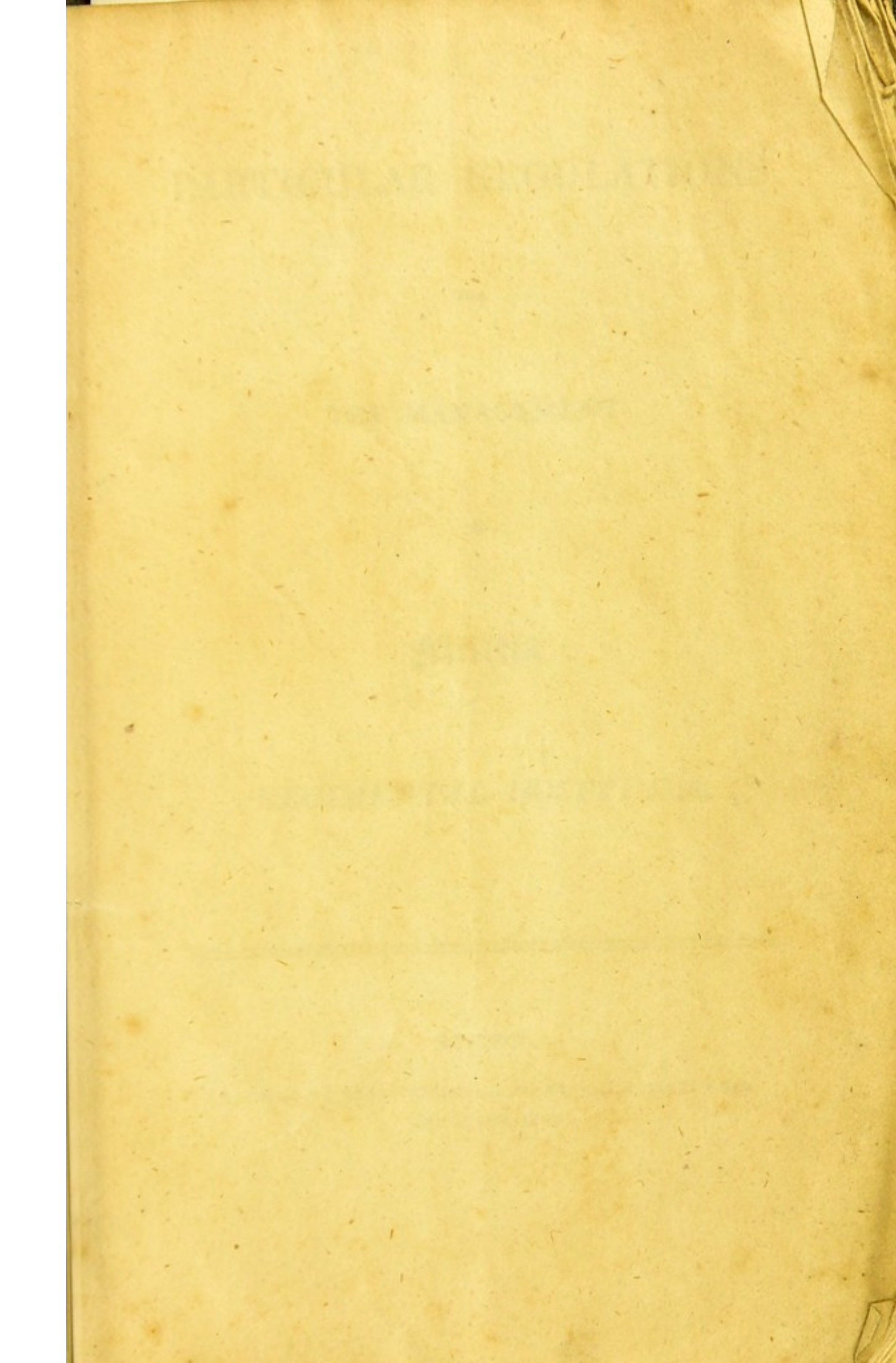
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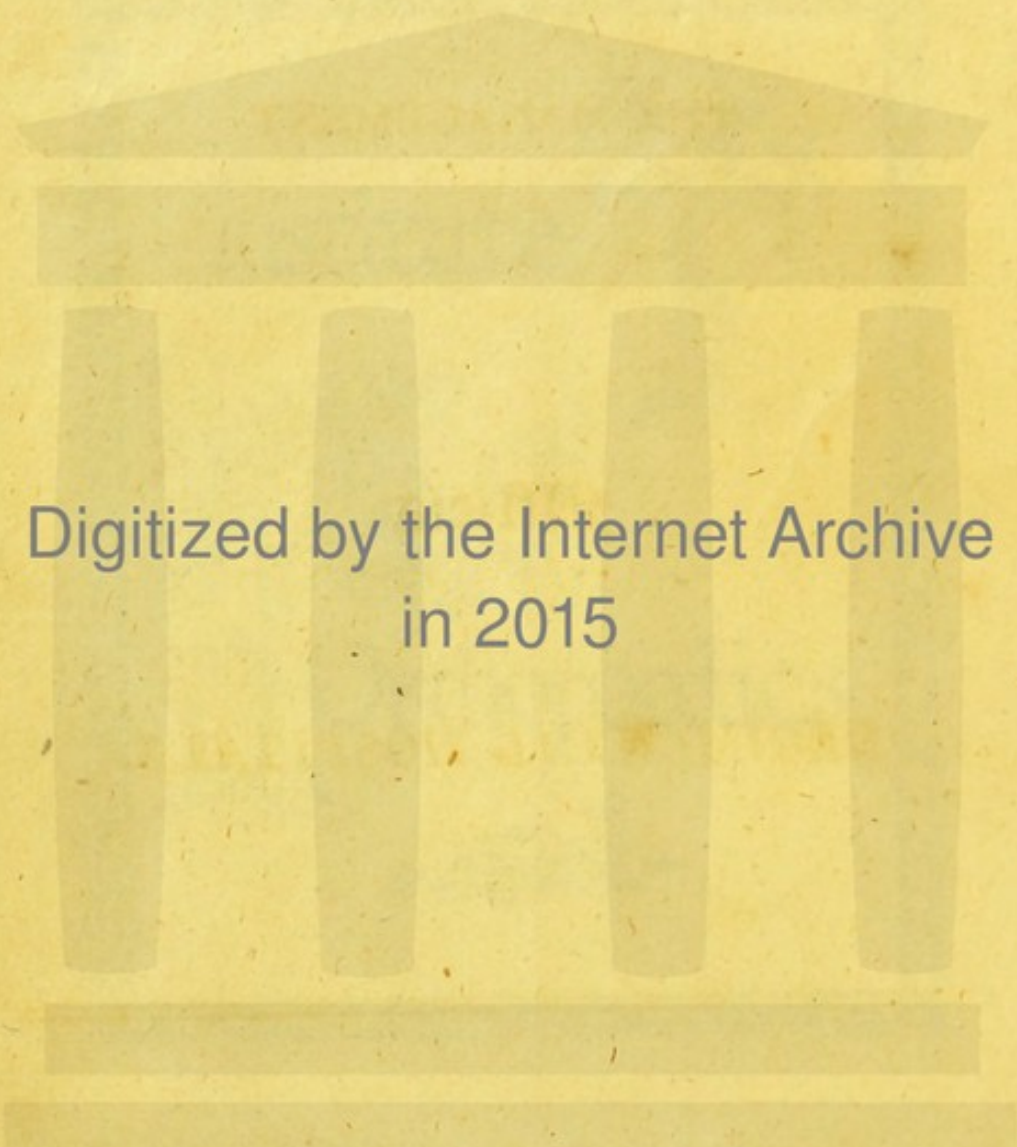


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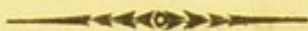
PARTICULAR REGULATIONS

FOR

THE MANAGEMENT

OF

Militia Regimental Hospitals.



WHEREAS, by a late Act of Parliament, the Surgeons of Militia Regiments are put on the same footing with those of the regular forces, so far as the rules of the one service may be applicable to the other, His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief is pleased to order that (until a more perfect system be formed) the following instructions for the management of Militia Hospitals, be strictly attended to.

When a Regiment is in Barracks, a Hospital is required to be provided, and properly furnished by the Barrack department; when in quarters, the Surgeon must look out for a house

Hospital establishment and accommodation,

house suitable to the strength of the Regiment, in a dry situation, and with good water: but before he engages it, he must state to the Inspector General of Army Hospitals, its rent, situation, and size, describing the number of rooms, what wards have fire-places, and how many beds each room will contain. Without this sanction first obtained, no charge for a hired house will be allowed, unless very pressing emergency shall justify a departure from this regulation; and which must be stated in the first Weekly Return.

During encampment, a Hospital Tent is allowed in aid of a Hospital; but, except in cases of absolute necessity, it is not to be the sole Hospital: and great care should be taken to select a dry piece of ground for the Tent, in the neighbourhood of the Regimental Hospital.

Sentries. The Commanding Officers should be applied to for a guard, in order to furnish one or more sentries to the Regimental Hospital, and the same to the Hospital Tent, which sentries are to be directed to permit no person to enter but those concerned in the Hospital, the Staff, and Officers of the Regiment. They are to be particularly careful in preventing liquor, or
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any thing improper, from being carried into the Hospital: nor are they to permit any patient to go out (to the necessary excepted) without a ticket of leave from the attending Surgeon.

In Barrack Hospitals, all articles of bedding and utensils are furnished by the Barrack-Office, to the extent of their schedule, on the requisition of the Surgeon, duly certified by the Commanding Officer. In other situations, the Surgeon will resort to his own regimental stores.

Hospital utensils
and equipments.

On the formation of a Corps, a chest or chests of medicines, according to the strength of the Regiment, are furnished by direction of the Inspector-General; and, for subsequent supplies, the Surgeon is to make his requisition to that Officer half-yearly, viz. on 24th June and 24th December. At these periods, he will send returns, stating the quantities last received, the present stock in hand, and a detail of the articles to be renewed, with the quantities that may in his judgment be equal to the probable wants of the ensuing six months, not exceeding the original supply.

Medicines.

It is very desirable that all intermediate requisitions be avoided; but if real and unexpected consumption should make it necessary, the extra. supply must be drawn as before from the public Elaboratory: no druggists charge will be admitted, unless the Surgeon has previous permission to purchase an occasional article, or unless the pressure of the moment will not allow of that delay. The circumstances, with the charge, must be then stated in the next Week's Return.

Hospital Servants.

The establishment of Hospital Servants gives for a Regiment of 500 men and upwards, one Nurse at 1s. one Serjeant at 6d. and one Orderly at 4d. This is understood to be the maximum of expence to be generally brought against the public under that head.—In Battalions of inferior numbers, the expence of Hospital attendants must be regulated in due proportion to their strength. If from unusual sickness further assistance be necessary, application must be made to the Inspector General for his approval of it.

This regulated allowance is intended for an entire Regiment. When the Regiment is separated, the Surgeon is expected to exercise his discretion in dividing and apportioning the ordinary

ordinary expence of the whole in such a way as to meet the exigencies of all: thus, in the situation of a Regiment detached in three parts, its has been lately recommended and usefully practised, to discontinue the Nurse, and to employ three Orderlies in her stead; and by so doing, to give a due proportion of assistance to each detachment. The Serjeant is to take charge of the bedding, utensils, and other Hospital stores, and be himself answerable for any damage or loss.

The duty of the Orderly Man is to officiate ^{Orderlies.} as Nurse, by attending the sick, administering the medicines and comforts, and keeping the wards clean.

The removal of Hospital stores is not a ^{Removal of Hospital Stores.} charge on the Hospital fund; they are considered as a part of the Regimental baggage, and must be conveyed according to the War-Office regulations.

By a general order of His Royal Highness, ^{Stoppages of men in Hospital.} the Commander in Chief (of which a copy is annexed) the stoppage to be drawn from men in Hospital is fixed at 10d. per day.

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Returns of Ex-
penditure.

The above stoppage and the general expenditure of the Hospital are under the immediate direction of the Surgeon, who will check and controul the Serjeants' accounts, being himself responsible for the due appropriation of the money, as well as for the general conduct of the Hospital and of the servants under his authority. The blank forms of Returns herewith sent, and the accompanying example will shew the mode in which those accounts are to be weekly transmitted to the Inspector General, duly certified by the Commanding Officer and by the Surgeon.

The Sick Return forming part of the table, is only to be filled up every fourth week, or that week in which the 20th of the month occurs, and is to be considered as a substitute for the former Monthly Report. For example: If Wednesday be the 20th, let the next Sunday's Return give the account of sick; but if the 20th fall on the Monday or Tuesday, it will be better to make it up on the preceding 18th or 19th, that it may reach this office in due time for the General Report to the Commander in Chief.

This

This Return is to give the total number of the sick of the Regiment, whether at Headquarters, in General Hospital, on Detachment, or on Furlough.

For the sake of uniformity the diet of the sick is (in the Weekly Return) divided into four classes, viz. full, half, low and spoon. But in the composition of these diets the Surgeon is not restricted to any particular rule: he is rather invited to exercise his judgment and discretion upon it, being only required to transmit a copy of his diet table to the Inspector General. In this arrangement, he will have an opportunity of shewing his own management and œconomy.

The Diet Roll is to be daily filled up and weekly signed by the Surgeon of the Regiment: and to be regularly filed for future inspection. As this serves (with the Hospital Book) for a voucher of the charges in the Weekly Return, it behoves the Surgeon to be very circumspect in its detail: for, if on inspection, any charges appear in the one that are not supported by the other, the expence will inevitably fall on himself.

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Washing.

The washing of bedding in Regimental Hospitals out of Barracks is part of the duty of the Nurse, unless her time be otherwise occupied by a heavy sick list. The personal washing of the sick is to be committed to the charge of some woman *out of the Hospital*, and to be paid for at the regulated price.

Hospital Bills.

The bills of Practitioners, and all other bills, must be early sent for approval to the Inspector General, and when paid, must be inserted in the next Weekly Return. A half yearly account is to be made up on the 24th of June and 24th of December, and be transmitted to the Inspector General; which account must include all expences of the period that are not brought into the Weekly Return: It is to be certified by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, and accompanied with regular vouchers. All charges or bills in arrear beyond the half year, will be positively rejected.

Every Regimental Surgeon, and Assistant Surgeon, on receiving the Commanding Officer's authority for so doing, are expected to take care of the sick of any other Regiment, Detachment, or Recruiting Party, Men on Furlough, &c. whose Regiments are at a distance; provided

provided there is no General Hospital in the neighbourhood.

When a Detachment is without a Regimental Assistant, and is not within reach of any Military Surgeon, the Country Practitioner may be employed. The regulated allowance has been at 1d. per man per week for medicines and attendance; but where the number is under thirty, and the contract cannot be made for that sum, it is allowable to give 6d. per month. Every Officer commanding a Detachment, should be apprized by the Surgeon of this Regulation. Medical Allowance.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

In pursuance of the King's Warrant, the extra. price of meat and bread is allowed to be charged by the Pay-Master:—no more than 6d. per lb. for the former, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. for the latter, can therefore be included in the Surgeon's Weekly Returns; in cases where white bread is necessary, the contract bread must either not be drawn at all, or the difference alone must be

be inserted as an extra. charge in the Stoppage Account, against the respective man's name for whom it shall have been ordered.

Punished men. Punished men should, if possible, be placed in a separate ward, and their linen be frequently changed. Their bedding should be protected by a guard of oil-cloth under their sheet.

Itched men. Men with the Itch should be cured in a separate tent in summer, or in a separate room of the Hospital. Such men should each bring with them a clean shirt, for a change after they are cured. Four frictions or smearing the body all over four times, at six hours distance, with the sulphur ointment (keeping in bed the whole time) will, in most instances, eradicate the complaint. They must then be well washed in warm water, and put on clean linen and cloaths; their cloaths must be previously well scowered.

Whenever this complaint prevails in a regiment, there is to be a weekly inspection of all the men, by the Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon.

Venereal. All men with Venereal Disease, are to be confined to the Hospital.

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The Inoculation of the Cow-Pock is to be constantly practised. Let every man who does not bear the mark of the Small-Pox, either by Inoculation, or otherwise, be subject to the trial of the Cow-Pock, if it has not been already done. The Cow-Pock occasions no disturbance to the frame, or confinement from duty. When Cow-Pock matter is wanted, application may be made for it to this office.

The Paymaster of the Regiment, by a late order from the War-Office, is allowed on any pressing occasion, to advance money on the Hospital account, under the authority of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment: and the Surgeon is monthly to deposit the surplus of his Hospital fund, into the hands of the Paymaster, taking his receipt for the same.

Every Militia Surgeon before he quits his situation must make up his accounts from the last half-yearly settlement to the day on which he resigns; and must transmit the same to the Inspector-General, or he will be charged by the Paymaster to the whole amount of the uncertified expenditure.

All Letters and Returns to the Inspector-General, or any other member of the Army
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Medical Board, must be sent under cover to the Right Honourable Secretary at War, War-Office.

The Rules and Orders contained in the Regulations of September, 1799, are of course to be attended to, where not contravened or modified by the present Instructions.

L. PEPYS.

T. KEATE.

F. KNIGHT.

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No. 4, Berkeley-Street, Piccadilly,
April, 1803.*

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Copy of the GENERAL ORDER, referred to in Page 7.

GENERAL ORDERS.

HORSE GUARDS,

31st August, 1802.

THE Regulation for improving Regimental Hospitals, bearing date in the month of September, 1799, having directed that the sum of 4s. per week should be retained out of the pay of the foldier, for his maintenance while in the Regimental Hospital, and for the incidental expenses of the said Hospital; and it being thought proper to establish a new Rate of Stoppage applicable to the above purposes, and to the other purpose hereafter mentioned.—It is His Majesty's pleasure, that, from the 25th September next inclusive, the sum of 10d. a day shall be retained by the Pay-Master, or Acting Pay-Master, out of the Pay and Beer-money of each Non-commissioned Officer, Trumpeter, Drummer, and Private Man of His Majesty's regiments of every description, during the time of their being in the Regimental-Hospital; and that the same be paid
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over to the Regimental-Surgeon, as a fund, to be applied by him, under the superintendence of the Commanding Officer, to the maintenance of the men, and the general expenses of the Hospital.

It is His Majesty's further order, that regular accompts of the expenditure for the above services, be kept by the Regimental-Surgeons of the regiments of Cavalry and Infantry of the Line, to be furnished by them (being previously certified by the Commanding Officer) to the Inspector-General of Army-Hospitals, at such times and in such forms as shall be prescribed through the said Inspector-General, in order that, in the case of a deficiency of the said fund, the same may be made good; and that, in the case of a surplus, the same may be applied to the general Medical Expenses of the corps.

By order of His Royal Highness

The Commander in Chief,

HARRY CALVERT,
Adjutant-General.

