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CAMP INSPECTION RETURN.

Abbreviations.—Y, "Yes;" N, "No;" n. e., "not exact;" Q? "So reported, but Inspector doubts if correctly."

The answers are supposed to express the fact as believed by the Inspector, unless otherwise indicated.

Where one subdivision of a question is answered, the others may be disregarded.

References.—Reference is made to two editions of the Army Regulations: that published pursuant to the order of the Secretary of War, dated May 1, 1861, and that pursuant to the order of August 10, 1861, the latter being designated as "revised."

I. DESCRIPTION AND GENERAL CHARACTER OF BODY INSPECTED.

1. Name and locality of camp? .....	.....
2. State? .....	.....
3. Military department? .....	.....
4. Date of conclusion of inspection? .....	.....
5. Name of inspector? .....	.....
6. Designation of the body inspected? .....	.....
whose brigade? .....	.....
whose division? .....	.....
7. Name of its commanding officer? .....	.....
8. Where recruited? Specifying counties, (if practicable) .....	.....
9. Predominating nativity? .....	.....
American? .....	.....
Irish? .....	.....
German? .....	.....
Foreign, not Irish or German? .....	.....
10. When recruiting began? .....	.....
11. When mustered into U. States service? .....	.....

- 12. At what places stationed since, and how long at each? *.....
- 13. How strong when mustered in?.....
- 14. Present strength?.....

II. CHARACTER OF CAMP SITE.

- 15. Who selected present camp site?.....
- 16. Had the site been occupied shortly before for the same purpose?.....
If so, date when last evacuated?
- 17. Was the selection influenced by military considerations which might overrule sanitary?.....
- 18. Situation of camp :
 - upon a hill-top?.....
 - “ “ hill-side?
 - “ “ hill-foot?.....
 - in a glen?.....
 - on a plain?.....
 - slightly elevated?.....
- 19. Is the site unshaded?.....
“ “ in the shade of woods?.....
- 20. Is it sheltered by higher land? †.....
“ “ “ wood? †.....
- 21. From what quarter is the prevailing wind?.....
- 22. As to malaria, what is the reputation of the site?.....
 - unknown?.....
 - good?.....
 - bad?.....
 - very bad?.....
- 23. Local conditions presumptive of malaria :
 - near a swamp?.....
 - near a pond?.....

* Stations of less than one week may be disregarded if the list would otherwise be too long.
 † If so, show on what side by letters, as S. W.

23. Local conditions presumptive of malaria :
- near a river?.....
- near a river delta?.....
24. Soil of camp site :
- sandy?.....
- loose gravel?.....
- loose loam?.....
- firm loam?.....
- agglomerated pebbles, gravel,
 or sand, (hardpan).....
- impervious clay?.....
25. Sub-soil :
- sandy?.....
- loose gravel?.....
- loose loam?.....
- firm loam?
- agglomerated pebbles, gravel,
 or sand, (hardpan)
- impervious clay?.....
26. Is the site favorable for surface drain-
age? (as to inclination)

III. ARRANGEMENT AND CONDITION OF CAMP.

27. Is the camp arranged mainly in accord-
ance with the "army regulations?"
- more crowded?.....
- more open?.....
28. How far apart are the tents in the rows?
29. How is the artificial drainage?.....
- systematic and complete?.....
- partial, and with no general
 system?.....
- entirely neglected?.....
30. Are the drains mainly straight?.....
- Are the drains very sinuous?
31. About how deep are the drains generally?

32. About how wide at the top are the drains generally?
33. Are the drains kept clean?
- " " foul or clogged?
34. Is there a good outlet for all the drains?
35. Condition of the camp streets:
- very clean?
- moderately clean?
- dirty or neglected?
36. Edges of tents and spaces between tents:
- very clean?
- moderately clean?
- neglected and littered?

IV. CHARACTER, VENTILATION, AND MANAGEMENT OF TENTS.

37. In what sort of tents are the privates mostly?
- Sibley, or conical, with ventilator at top?
- regulation wall-tents?
- regulation "servants," "common," or "wedge-shape"?
- If not of regulation pattern, state form and size? *
38. Average number of men to each tent?
39. Is the ventilation of the tents looked after by any officer at night?
40. Are the tents struck on certain days for the purpose of a thorough cleansing and airing?
- if so, how often?

V. BEDDING AND CLOTHING.

41. On what do the men sleep?
- rubber blankets?
- wooden tent-floor?

* Thus: "6 × 9 × (9 high.)"

41. On what do the men sleep:
 straw, hay, or leaves?
 blankets laid on the bare ground?
42. Do the men generally make any change
 of clothing at night?.....
43. Are the men supplied with two shirts each?
44. Have they blankets?.....
 1 each?
 2 each?.....
45. Of what quality are they?
 regular U. S. A.?.....
 not regular, but good?.....
 not regular, poor?.....
46. Have they overcoats?.....
 how many are without?.....
47. Is the overcoat of fair quality and in good
 condition?.....
48. Is the body coat or jacket of fair quality
 and in good condition?
49. Are the trowsers of fair quality and in
 good condition?.....
- 49¹. Is the regiment clothed in the regulation
 uniform?.....
- 49². Is it equally neat and serviceable?.....
- 49³. Do they take pride in it?.....
- 49⁴. What the color of the coat?.....
 “ “ “ trowsers?.....
50. Are they required to regularly wash their
 underclothing?.....
 if so, how often?.....
51. Are they required to remove dust from and
 otherwise cleanse their other clothing?.....
52. Is a careful and systematic inspection with
 reference to these matters undertaken?.....
 by whom?.....
 how often?
53. Do you think it efficient, (judging by the
 appearance of the men?).....

VI. PERSONAL CLEANLINESS.

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| 54. Do the men bathe frequently? | |
| 55. Are they required to bathe under the eye
of an officer? | |
| if so, how often each man?..... | ..... |
| 56. Does each man (as a rule) wash his head,
neck, and feet once a day? | |
| 57. Is evidence of neglect of this looked for
at inspection?..... | |
| 58. Are the men infested with vermin?..... | ..... |
| 59. If so, has any application been made to
remove them? | |

VII. CLEANLINESS OF CAMP.

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| 60. Do you observe scraps of food, bones, or
rubbish collected in the edges of tents? .. | |
| in the drains?..... | ..... |
| in the camp streets? ..... | ..... |
| between the tents? ..... | ..... |
| 61. Are refuse slops and food disposed of
systematically, so as not to be offensive? .. | |
| 62. Do you observe odors of decay in the
camp? | |
| 63. Do the men void their urine within the
camp? | |
| at night?..... | ..... |
| both day and night?..... | ..... |
| 64. How far is the men's privy from the tents
of the body of the camp, (in paces?) .. | |
| 65. Is there a sufficient pit or trench for the
purpose? | |
| 66. Is it provided with a sitting rail?..... | ..... |
| 67. Is it provided with a screen?..... | ..... |
| 68. Is earth regularly thrown in it daily? .. | ..... |
| 69. Are disinfectants used in it? ..... | ..... |
| 70. Are the men forbidden to ease themselves
elsewhere? | |
| 71. Do you find this prohibition to have been
enforced?..... | |

72. Is there a separate sink for officers?.....
 how far from nearest sleeping
 tents?.....
73. At what distance from the tents are the
 cattle or horses picketed?.....
74. What number?.....
75. Is their dung daily removed, or so placed
 or covered as to be unobnoxious?.....

VIII. WATER, SOURCE AND QUALITY.

76. From what source is water procured?.....
 surface springs?.....
 wells?.....
 stream?.....
 pond?.....
 ditch, slough, or puddle?.....
77. Is the water clear?.....
78. Does it seem to be of unwholesome quality?.....
79. Has it a reputation of being of unwhole-
 some quality?.....

IX. RATIONS AND COOKING.

80. Do the captains make requisitions for the
 rations of their companies?*
81. Do the captains generally look after the
 supplies of their companies, to see that
 they are not used too rapidly, and that
 they are properly served and cooked?..
82. Is any officer required to examine and
 taste the food of the men before it is
 served at any meal, or is this done
 generally by the captains or other offi-
 cers, either by order or voluntarily?†..
83. Are the rations found sufficient in
 quantity?.....
84. Are they generally considered good in
 quality, each of its kind? If not,
 mention what is alleged to be poor?..
85. Are you satisfied of the justness of this
 allegation!.....
86. About how often is fresh meat served?.....

* See Form 13, page 228, Army Regulations, (page 257 "Revised.")

† See Army Regulations, ¶ 111, page 15, (¶ 116, page 23, "Revised.")

86. About how often are fresh vegetables?.....
 desiccated vegetables?.....
 desiccated meats or soups?.....
 dried fruits?.....
87. Is the cooking in most instances done with
 portable stoves?.....
 with earth flues?.....
 in trenches?.....
 on the unbroken ground?.....
88. Is "the greatest care observed in wash-
 ing and scouring cooking utensils?"*.....
89. Is most of the food of the regiment pre-
 pared by cooks who perform that duty
 regularly? (a).....
 or by men taking short terms at
 it, and who generally have no
 skill? (b).....
90. How is it probable that the food is gene-
 rally cooked—well?.....
 badly? †.....
91. Is the last question answered with the
 more confidence from personal obser-
 vation?.....
92. Is tea sometimes drawn in the ration
 instead of coffee?.....
93. Is fresh bread served?.....
94. Is soft bread served?.....
95. Is it baked in the regiment at a general
 bakery?.....
96. Is it generally of good quality?.....
- 96¹. Have any companies been able to save
 from their rations?.....

X. COMPANY FUND.

97. Has the company fund arrangement †
 been successfully established in any
 case?.....
 with several companies?.....
 with all?.....

* Army Regulations, ¶ 113, page 15, (¶ 118, page 23, "Revised.")

† See Army Regulations, ¶ 112, page 15, (¶ 117, page 23, "Revised.")

‡ See Army Regulations, ¶ 197, page 27, (¶ 205, page 36, Revised.)

XI. SUTLERS.

98. Is there a regimental sutler?.....	.....
99. Who appointed him?.....	.....
100. Are the prices of articles on sale fixed in accordance with the army regula- tions? *.....	.....

XII. INTOXICATION.

101. Is ardent spirits sold? †.....	.....
wine or beer? .....	.....
102. Do the men obtain spirits otherwise? ..	.....
103. Is there much intoxication?.....	.....
104. What is about the average daily number of men sent to the guard-house?.....	.....
105. Are these cases chiefly from intoxica- tion?.....	.....
106. Are peddlers of eatables or drinks al- lowed access to the men in camp?.....	.....

XIII. ABSENCES FROM CAMP.

107. Are the men strictly and effectively kept within the camp, except those having leave of absence?.....	.....
108. What is the largest number of the men ever allowed to be absent from camp except on duty?.....	.....
109. What is the ordinary daily number of absences?.....	.....

XIV. RECREATIONS.

110. Are the men generally in good spirits?..	.....
111. Are means systematically used to pro- mote cheerfulness, by games, enter- tainments, &c.? .....	.....
112. Is there a regimental band?.....	.....
113. Is it maintained, in any degree, from a fund to which the men contribute? .....	.....
by the officers?.....	.....

* See ¶ 207, page 28, (¶ 216, page 37, Revised.)

† See Articles of War, art. 29, end of volume of Army Regulations.)

- 113¹. Is there a regimental library?.....
- if so, are the books mainly of a religious character?.....
- is it maintained by contributions from the men?.....
- if no library, is the regiment otherwise tolerably supplied with reading matter? Is there much reading?.....
- is target-shooting regularly or frequently practiced? If so, how often does each man have his turn at it?.....

XV. BENEFIT SOCIETIES.

114. Are there any provident or mutual benefit societies within the regiment?.....
115. Do the men generally save or send home a part of their wages?.....
- 115 . How are the savings transmitted?.....
- by mail or express?.....
- by allotment roll?.....

XVI. DISCIPLINE.

116. Does the general discipline of the camp appear better or worse than usual?.....
- 116¹. Are the common military signs of discipline punctiliously enforced or practiced, as the salute between men and officers*?.....
- 116². Are officers or soldiers on duty allowed to have their coats partially unbuttoned, or otherwise to follow personal inclinations in matters proper to be made uniform and regular?.....
- 116³. Are the sentries alert and soldier-like in appearance?.....
- 116⁴. Is the regiment frequently exercised in difficult field manœuvres?.....
- 116⁵. Is the brigade exercised in brigade manœuvres? †.....

* Army Regulations, ¶ 244—247, page 32; (¶ 254—257, page 41, Revised.)

† A review, or dress parade, or drill in line, is not to be considered as a manœuvre

XVII. MEDICAL INSPECTION ON ENLISTMENT.

117. Was there a medical inspection of the men on their enlistment?.....	.....
118. If so, state by what official it was made?.....	.....
119. Was it thorough?.....	.....
120. Has there been any subsequent medical inspection?.....	.....
121. If so, state by what official it was made, and when?.....	.....
122. Was it thorough?.....	.....
122 ¹ . How many rejected on second inspection?.....	.....
123. Has every man in the regiment been vaccinated since enlistment?.....	.....
123 ¹ . If not, state the number so vaccinated?.....	.....
the number upon whom existed evidence of previous vaccination?.....	.....
of these state the number who had been vaccinated more than once?.....	.....
of primary vaccination, how many were successful?.....	.....
of re-vaccination, how many were successful?.....	.....

XVIII. MEDICAL OFFICERS.

124. Name of surgeon?.....	.....
125. When appointed?.....	.....
126. By whom?.....	.....
127. At whose nomination or suggestion?.....	.....
128. Was he previously examined and approved of by a State or other medical board?.....	.....
superior medical officer?.....	.....
129. If so, give the title?.....	.....
130. What had been the nature of his preparation or previous experience?.....	.....
where graduated in medicine, and when?.....	.....
general country medical practice? (a).....	.....

- general town medical? (b).....
- limited hospital experience? (c).....
- extensive? (d).....
- surgical practice? (e).....
- qualified only as a student? (f).....
- no valuable experience or preparation? (g).....
131. Name of assistant surgeon?.....
132. By whom appointed?.....
133. Qualifications: (Answer by repeating the letter opposite the appropriate suggestion after question 130).....

XIX. CAMP HOSPITAL, AMBULANCES, &C.

134. Is a camp hospital organized?.....
135. Non-combatant regimental nurses?.....
- male?.....
- female?.....
- none?.....
136. Is there a moderate supply of medicines?.....
137. What important articles are wanting, if any?.....
138. How long since requisitions have been made for these?.....
139. Are the most essential field instruments possessed?.....
140. What important surgical articles are wanting?.....
141. Is there a regimental ambulance, or more than one?.....*
- how many two-wheeled ambulances?.....
- how many patients will each accommodate?.....
- how many four-wheeled ambulances?.....
- how many patients will each accommodate?.....

* Revised Army Regulations, ¶¶ 1295, 1296, p. 289.

142. Are there any field stretchers? .....	.....
how many?.....	.....
142 ¹ . Are there any horse litters?*	.....
how many?.....	.....
143. How long since requisition has been made for any of the above articles which are wanting? .....	.....
143 ¹ . Is an ambulance corps organized?.....	.....
143 ² . Has the ambulance corps been drilled in its duty?.....	.....
144. Is the large (regulation) hospital tent appropriated to its proper purpose?†.....	.....
145. Is the regimental hospital in a house, temporary structure, or tent?.....	.....
146. If in a house or temporary structure, is it fairly adapted to its purpose?.....	.....
147. Is it fairly well ventilated? .....	.....
148. If in a tent, is it well drained? .....	.....
149. Is it well ventilated?.....	.....
150. Is there a separate sink for hospital patients? .....	.....
151. Is it well arranged?.....	.....
152. Is it carefully and adequately deodorized? .....	.....
153. Are there a few sheets and suitable hospital dresses? .....	.....
154. Are there any special hospital stores, (delicacies and cordials?).....

XX. SICKNESS AND MORTALITY.

155. What are the prevailing diseases?
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156. How many patients from the regiment are now in general hospital?.....
157. How many patients are in the regimental hospital?
158. How many "sick in quarters?" (slight cases in their own tents).....	.....
159. Are there any serious cases in the regimental hospital?.....	.....

* Revised Army Regulations, ¶ 1298, p. 290.

† In some instances it has been found misused for the colonel's headquarters or a mess-room.

160. If so, has it been impracticable to remove them to the general hospital?.....
161. Are there any contagious or infectious cases?.....
162. Are they kept in a separate tent or house from the others?.....
163. Are the discharges from the latter placed in the privy used by others?.....
164. What has been the daily average number on the sick list during the last two weeks, as by morning reports?.....
- in general hospital?.....
- in regimental hospital?.....
- sick in quarters?.....
165. Have there been any deaths in that time?.....
- how many?.....
- from what causes?.....
166. Are the dead buried near the camp, and at what depth?.....
167. Is the general health of the regiment improving or deteriorating?.....

XXI. PREVENTIVE DUTY OF SURGEON.

168. Does the surgeon understand that he is responsible for all conditions of the camp or regiment unfavorable to health, unless he has warned the commanding officer of them?.....
169. Does the surgeon make a daily inspection of the camp, with reference to its cleanliness?.....
170. Does he inspect the food, and see how the cooking is done?.....
171. Does he report on these matters, and urge remedies upon the company officers, and, when necessary, upon the commanding officer?.....
172. Is anything administered to the well men to guard against the effects of malaria? (Prophylactics).....
173. Is there a drill before breakfast?.....
174. If so, does the surgeon approve of it?.....
175. If not, has he remonstrated against it with the commanding officer?.....
176. What is the length of time the men are on drill daily?.....

XXII. ARMS AND ACCOUTREMENTS.

177. What is their arm?.....	.....
177'. Have the men confidence in it?.....	.....
178. Is there any limit placed upon the weight of the knapsack for heavy marching order?.....	.....
179. If so, what?.....	.....
180. Is the cartridge-box sustained only by a belt?.....	.....
or, has it the additional support of a shoulder strap?.....	.....
if, by belt alone, what effect has the surgeon observed, if any?*	.....

* It is alleged to induce hernia.

