

Duties of the Veterinary Surgeon

(Regulations and Orders for the North-West Mounted Police, 1889)

1. The veterinary Surgeon is responsible for the care of sick horses.
2. The pharmacy and forge are under his management, and he is responsible that the hospital stables are not occupied by other than sick horses.
3. He will have free access to the stables, visiting them frequently, and giving orders respecting ventilation and the exercising of the sick horses. He will communicate to the Commanding Officer anything he may observe as detrimental or can suggest as beneficial to health.
4. All orders given by him respecting the treatment of sick horses, as well as regards the shoeing of the horses in general, are to be strictly complied with, and he must visit the forge frequently. He is responsible that every horse is daily inspected by the veterinary non-commissioned officer of the division, who will report to him any appearance of disease or injury.
5. If a farrier, from carelessness or want of ability, lames a horse or deviates from the prescribed mode of shoeing, or if there is a reason to suspect that any man, either through remissness or evil disposition, has hurt or ill-treated his horse, the Veterinary Surgeon, after examining the wound, will make a report to the Commanding Officer.
6. He is responsible that the veterinary non-commissioned officers and farriers are thoroughly instructed in their duties and that all orders relative to shoeing and care of horses are carried out in their minutest detail.
7. He will deliver lectures on simple veterinary practice weekly during the winter months, and at other times when inspecting posts at which no Veterinary Surgeon is stationed.
8. He will take care that there is always one man per division who can act as assistant to the farrier and two or three duly instructed to act on an emergency.
9. On a march he will daily inspect the shoeing and the backs of the horses.
10. He will inspect the horses of all detachments on leaving and returning to headquarters.
11. He will send a report daily to the orderly room, and will attend there when his services are required by the Commanding Officer.

Duties of Veterinary Non-Commissioned Officers

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1. The veterinary non-commissioned officer is to make a daily inspection of all the horses at the post at which he is stationed. He is to render to the veterinary surgeon, or, in his absence, to the commanding officer, a daily report of the sick and lame, and in any serious case he is to report the symptoms and treatment adopted, for the immediate transmission to the veterinary surgeon.
2. All medicines are to be compounded and administered by him, or under his immediate supervision.
3. He is to report at once to the commanding officer any appearance of glanders, farcy or other contagious disorder, in order that precautionary measures may be taken.
4. The shoeing of horses is under the superintendence of the veterinary non-commissioned officer, who will be responsible that the horses are properly shod, and that the number of each is correctly branded on the near fore hoof.
5. He will frequently examine the quality of the forage, and will superintend the issue thereof to the horses.
6. He is to examine all horses taken on the strength of the division, and will furnish a correct description thereof for entry in the division horse roll.
7. The ventilation of the stables, according to the state of the weather, is a matter of importance, which is under his immediate supervision.

