

## Questions and Answers for Cavalry Non-Commissioned Officers

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### Stable Management , Feeding, Forage, Saddlery &c.

#### Lance-Corporals (Constables) and Corporals:

*Q.-What is the Government forage ration and how is it distributed in feeds?*

A.-Hay 12 lbs., oats 10 lbs., straw 8 lbs. Morning feed, oats 3 lbs. Mid-day feed, oats 3 lbs., hay 6 lbs. Evening feed, oats 4 lbs., hay 6 lbs. (K.R. 860)

*Q.-How often should horses be watered every day?*

A.-At least four times a day. (K.R. 860)

*Q.-How long before or after feeding?*

A.-Always before feeding, and not under any circumstances until some time after feeding (1 ½ hours). (K.R.860)

*Q.-What precautions should be taken to prevent horses being hurried over watering?*

A.-Officers and N.C.O.'s should be on the watch to prevent horses being taken away from the trough when only half satisfied; when they pause in drinking, it may be because the water is cold, or to breathe. When a number of horses are watered at the same time and from the same trough, no horse should be taken away until all have finished drinking.

*Q.-When are horses taken off and put on the rack chain?*

A.-They are put on the rack chain when feeding and taken off when all have finished.(K.R. 862)

*Q.-What is the best kind of straw for bedding and why?*

A.-Wheaten straw is the best; barley straw is likely to cause skin diseases, and oaten straw is readily eaten by horses. Straw should be clean, bright, long and tough. (K.R. 863)

*Q.-How should litter be treated daily?*

A.-The old bedding, when removed from the stalls at morning stables, should be well shaken up and only the dung and very short refuse taken to the dung heap. In fine weather it should be placed in wind rows in the open and frequently turned over. In wet weather it should be placed under the litter sheds, or in an empty stall or the centre of the stable. During the morning the whole of the new straw should be thoroughly mixed up with the old. By this means the old bedding is better opened out and dried, and the horses will not eat so much of the straw. (K.R. 864)

*Q.-When should horses be bedded down in the day time?*

A.-By careful management the ration of straw will admit of bedding down at least twice a week in the afternoon. Where wheaten straw is used, and there are twelve horses in a stable, they can be bedded down every afternoon. (K.R. 866)

*Q.-How do you make a bran mash, and how often should it be given to horses in health?*

