

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 82. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, September 23, 1861.

I..Hereafter, Brigade and Regimental Commissaries, or other persons having charge of rations, will not be allowed to dispose of any portion of them, otherwise than in the manner pointed out in this order.

Whenever Companies, by an economical use of their rations, have gained a surplus, it must be left in the hands of the Commissary from whom they drew their rations ; and the Commissary with whom this surplus is left, shall make out a bill of purchase, on form number 18, Subsistence Department, (notes,) and certify that he has not paid for the same. These bills of purchase, at cost price of the articles, will be paid by any Commissary having funds for that purpose. The bills will, in all cases, be presented by Commanders of Companies.

The Commissary who holds the surplus will take up the stores left with him in the same manner as of any other purchase made, and account for them on his next return of provisions.

The purchase bills will be made out in triplicate—one to be kept by the officer taking up this surplus, (to accompany his return of provisions,) and two to be presented to the officer who pays the bills.

The funds accumulated by the sale of savings of rations will be strictly accounted for by the Company Commanders, in accordance with the revised Army Regulations, paragraph 205, edition of 1861.

II..Paragraph 1292 having been inadvertently introduced into the revised Regulations of the Army, is hereby revoked ; and paragraph 895, with which it was in partial conflict, will wholly supersede it.

BY ORDER :

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