

S U P P L E M E N T  
TO  
GENERAL ORDERS.

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SEPARATE No. 10 OF 1842.

BY THE HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

BOMBAY CASTLE, 15th MARCH 1842.

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The Hon'ble the Governor in Council is pleased to publish the following Compilation of all existing orders under the head "Ammunition."

*By order of the Hon'ble the Governor in Council,*

P. M. MELVILL, Lieut. Col.

*Secy. to Govt.*

# AMMUNITION.

I. The Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council is pleased to declare it obligatory on Officers Commanding Regiments, to keep complete, by periodical indent on the Ordnance Department, the proportion of Ammunition sanctioned by G. G. O. 6th and 16th July 1835, vizt. 40 Rounds of Ball and 80 Rounds of Blank with 4 Flints per Man. It being considered essential to the efficiency of the Army that each portion of it should be prepared not only to meet all ordinary demands, but also any contingency of Service.

G. G. O. 17th  
May 1838.

II. All permanent Out-posts are to be supplied with a full proportion of Ball Ammunition (100 rounds per Man) and 21 Flints with such additional proportion of Blank as may be considered necessary, small Detachments being supplied according to the nature of the duty on which they are employed.

III. On occasions of the Relief or movement of Troops from Stations or Out-posts, such Ammunition in charge, as the Officer Commanding the Station may not consider necessary for the Relieved Party to take with it, shall be delivered over to the Relieving Party.

IV. The Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council is pleased to notify, that under the operation of G. O. C. 10th January 1810, modified by G. O. C. 19th October 1829, thirty rounds of Ball and eighty of Blank Cartridges per Man, is the proportion of small Arm Ammunition allotted for the Annual Practice of Regiments including that required for Division, Brigade and Regimental Field days, and is never to be exceeded without the permission of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, obtained through the Adjutant General of the Army.

V. The Ammunition required for Practice is always to be taken from the oldest in charge of the Regiment; that last received from the Ordnance Department being retained in hand, in completion of the established stock authorized to be kept up, vide paras. I. and II.

VI. All Indents for Ammunition shall be signed by the Officers Commanding Corps, under whom a Book of Receipts and Issues is to be kept.

G. O. C. 3rd  
June 1797.

VII. The foregoing Register is to be kept by the Quarter Masters of Corps, or by the Adjutants, in the absence of the former; or when neither of these Officers are present, by the Officer acting for them; but in all cases the Book is to be carefully compared with the Battalion Orders, as Vouchers, at the end of each Quarter by the Commanding Officer, and to be minutely inspected by him, with whom the Check and responsibility is constantly, and solely, to remain attached.

VIII. Further to regulate this matter, the quantity of Ammunition, and purpose of its expenditure, is to be issued in the public Orders of the Corps, specifying the number of rounds to be expended by each Man; or, when circumstances do not admit the delay of this method, which however can seldom occur, an explanatory Remark in the column of Expenditure must be added.

IX. Commanding Officers will be careful that every expenditure of Ammunition is accurately inserted in the Registers annexed to the Quarterly Returns of Regiments, the date and cause of expenditure being distinctly specified.

G. G. O. 17th  
June 1830.

X. The Hon'ble the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the issue of the undermentioned proportion of Ammunition to the Poona Auxiliary Horse.

G. L. 10th  
Dec. 1836.

20 Rounds of Ball Cartridge.	}	per Man yearly.
30 Ditto of Blank do.		
6 Flints.....		

XI. The undermentioned are the established charges of Powder for Flint Arms.

Wall Piece..... 10	Drams.		Fuzil N. P..... 4½	Drams.
Musket..... 6	do.		Carbine and Fuzil O. P. 4	do.
Pistol, Cavalry... .. 3				
Drams.				

G. G. O. 7th  
Sept 1830—4,  
G. O. 10th April  
1839 & G. L.  
20th Oct. 1841.

XII. With the Light Infantry Musket the ordinary Musket Cartridges are to be used with Fuzil Flints.

G. G. O. 13th  
Sept. 1838.

XIII. The Officer Commanding the Forces is pleased to direct, that on all occasions of Troops proceeding on Service by Sea, the Ammunition in Regimental charge (with the exception of that in the Men's pouches) be well secured in boxes dammed in the same manner as issued from Arsenals.

G. O. C. 22d  
Dec. 1838.

XIV. The following proportion of Ammunition is authorized for the Annual Practice and Exercise of a Troop or Company of Artillery at Out-stations.

G. O. C. 2d  
Oct. 1810.

*For Exercise.*

*Horse Artillery*—100 blank Cartridges, per Gun employed.  
*Foot Artillery*—300 ditto..... ditto.

*For Practice.*

*Horse Artillery* } 240 Rounds, (including round Shot, Strapnel, and Case,) per Gun  
*Foot Artillery* } employed, and 100 Shells per Mortar and Howitzer.

XV. All Troops, Companies, and Detachments, to be allowed to indent accordingly.

G. G. O. 5th  
June 1817.

XVI. (*H. C. L. 17th December 1816, Para. XXXI.*) We are of opinion that the requisite for collecting Shot is irregular and improper, we therefore direct that it be discontinued from the date of your receipt of this letter.

G. O. C. 2d  
Oct. 1810.

XVII. The Shot and Shells to be recovered as much as possible, by the Lascars of the Artillery and Store Departments, and returned to the Commissary.

G. G. O. 11th  
Aug. 1835.

XVIII. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that, in all Cartridges for Salutes, or Morning or Evening Guns, the quantity of Powder is to be restricted to one fourth of the weight of the Shot for Brass, and one third for Iron Guns, and which, it is to be observed, includes Powder for Priming.

XIX. The use of Wads is prohibited, for firing the Morning and Evening Gun, and for Salutes.