

Headquarters
Army of the Mississippi

General Order No.} 7, Series 1862

The amount and type of canvas is always a concern at an event such as Perryville.

Per the Park's Authenticity Rules and Regulations, canvas for either army was practically non-existent for the enlisted and lower ranked officers, and minimal for officers of Field Grade and above. The Park however recognizes that 'cover' is a necessity and recommends participants use either Sibley or A tents.

The Park also provides participants with the choice of camping in either the Mixed Camp or the Military Camp. Guidelines are more strict in the Military Camp. This order clarifies the use of canvas in each camp.

Mixed Camp is more relaxed and is where Wall, A, and Sibley tents may be pitched. Other types of accommodations for Mixed Camp participants will be detailed by a separate order.

The Military Camp is more strict and is intended to be a recreation of the bivouacs created by the Southern Soldier at Perryville. Pitched canvas should emulate General Bragg's original directive for the campaign. Within companies, tent flies and shelter halves are strongly encouraged while tents are strongly discouraged. For Field Grade Officers and above, tentage is allowed, but should be minimal.

Bragg's order read:

GENERAL ORDERS, HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT No.2
No. 109.} *Chattanooga, August 8, 1862.*

I. Until otherwise ordered the forces in this department, when taking the field, will be provided with the following means of transportation: One wagon for cooking utensils, &c., for 100 men; 1 wagon for extra ammunition for 100 men; 1 wagon for each regimental headquarters; 1 ambulance or light two-horse wagon for 300 men; 1 wagon each for brigade and division headquarters ; 2 wagons headquarters army corps.

Camp equipage. - One tent to each regiment for medical department ; 1 tent to each regimental headquarters; 2 tents to each brigade headquarters; 2 tents to each division headquarters; 6 tent-flies for every 100 men.

Ammunition.-One hundred rounds of ammunition of proper description for all small-arms, a full supply for the artillery, and 100 rounds for infantry and 50 rounds for the artillery extra, to be transported by the ordnance train.

II. All surplus wagons and teams and other means of transportation not prescribed in the first paragraph of these orders will be turned in immediately to the quartermaster's department.

III. All surplus tents will be transferred to the division quartermaster's, to be turned in to the nearest depot quartermaster, or for disposition by the chief quartermaster of the forces.

IV. Division and brigade commanders will be held responsible for the prompt and faithful execution of the foregoing orders. They will have a thorough inspection made before taking the field of every regiment, company, and man, to see that these and previous orders fixing the marching outfit of officers and soldiers are complied with.

V. All quartermasters will be required on the march to remain habitually with the rear of their trains, unless specially detached, moving promptly along to the front whenever the train is interrupted, to ascertain and correct the difficulty, if in their trains.

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