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CIRCULAR, } HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF WEST MISSISSIPPI.
No. 2. } New Orleans, La., February 12th, 1865.

It is hereby ordered that all troops now preparing for active field service, as well as all such, as from their proximity to the enemy may reasonably anticipate such service, be provided, always, with the following supplies of ammunition.

Every Regimental or Battalion Commander of Infantry, Cavalry, or other troops with small arms in their hands, will be careful to see that his entire effective command has on hand one hundred rounds of assorted ammunition, &c., complete, for the arms in the possession of his troops. Of these one hundred rounds, each soldier will be required to carry in his cartridge box, or elsewhere, *securely* about his person, at least forty rounds, when on duty; and *company commanders*, will always hold in their possession, and transport in their company wagons, an additional supply of sixty rounds per man, to meet deficiencies in case of action, &c.

Every officer commanding a Battery, section, or piece of Field Artillery, will be careful to see that his command has on hand, and packed in the ammunition chests, as near two hundred complete rounds of assorted ammunition, &c., per gun, as the capacity of his caissons, &c., will admit.

In addition to the above mentioned supplies of ammunition, &c., it is directed that the Ordnance Officer in charge of the supply train of ordnance and ordnance stores, now in process of organization, for siege, and other active service in the field, will carry in his train, for issue to the troops of his command, one hundred rounds of carefully assorted ammunition, per man, for Infantry, Cavalry, and other troops armed with small arms; and, likewise, one hundred complete rounds of carefully assorted ammunition, &c., per gun, for the field artillery belonging to the command.

Division and Brigade Commanders are explicitly directed to see to the thorough execution of the foregoing orders; and, all officers concerned are expected and required to know, assume and fulfill all their responsibilities in the premises.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR GENERAL E. R. S. CANBY:

C. T. CHRISTENSEN,

Lt. Colonel, Ass't Adjutant General.

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