

# 10<sup>th</sup> Indiana Quartermaster Reports

**Indianapolis Daily Sentinel, 26 April 1861:**

QUARTER-MASTER GEN. DEPART.,  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 25, 1861

PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THIS DEPARTMENT until Monday evening, the 29th inst., at six o'clock P. M. for furnishing the following articles for the use of the six regiments now mustered into the service of the United States., viz:

Coat and pants of strong, cheap woolen goods. Samples of materials to accompany proposition.

Two (2) Flannel Shirts.

Two (2) Pairs Cotton Drawers.

Two (2) " Wool Socks.

Two (2) " High-quarter Shoes.

Samples to accompany propositions.

Also, one Felt Hat or Woolen Cap. Samples to accompany propositions.

Also, four thousand seven hundred (4,700) pairs of Grey Blankets, of about 6 lbs. in weight, and the usual army size. Samples to accompany propositions.

Each bidder will specify the number of the above articles he can furnish, and the time within which he can deliver them. The early delivery will be an inducement in awarding the contract.

Specifications in detail will be embraced in each contract, and the articles will be subject to inspection under the contract before being received.

The above propositions will be sealed and marked, "Proposals for Clothing," and be directed to the Quartermaster General of Indiana Militia, City Quarters, Indianapolis.

T. A. Morris, Q. M. Gen.

Cin. Times, Daily Enquirer, Daily Commercial, and Daily Gazette copy one time and send bill to this office.

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**[same date and paper]**

QUARTER-MASTER GEN. DEPART.,  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 25, 1861

PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THIS DEPARTMENT until Monday evening, the 29th inst., at six o'clock P. M. for furnishing the following accoutrements, according to patterns to be exhibited at this office, viz:

4,000 Cartridge Boxes.

4,000 Cap Boxes.

4,000 Belts and Plates.

4,000 Bayonet Scabbards.

Each proposition must state the number of the above articles that he can furnish, and the time within which he can deliver them. The early delivery will be an inducement in awarding the contract.

The above propositions will be sealed and marked "Proposals for Accoutrements," and be directed to the Quartermaster General of Indiana Militia, City Quarters, Indianapolis.

T. A. MORRIS, Q. M. Gen.

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**Indianapolis Daily Sentinel, 3 May 1861:**

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UNIFORMING TROOPS.--The Quartermaster General yesterday [Thursday, 2 May] awarded contracts for uniforms their six regiments as follows:

Two regiments to Glaser & Brothers. Suits to consist of jacket and pants, of cadet satinett, at \$7 90 per suit.

J. W. Geisendorff & Co., one regiment. Jeans jackets and pants at \$6 50 per suit.

Merritt & Coughlin and E. A. Hall, one regiment. Jeans jackets and pants at \$7 00 per suit.

S. J. Smith, Arthur Orr and B. N. Lanham, of Madison [Indiana], one regiment. Grey satinett, at \$6 75 per suit.

(Suits for the 11th regiment have been contracted for by Col. Wallace some days since.)

Contracts for flannel shirts and cotton drawers for five regiments were awarded to Glaser & Brothers. Shirts at \$1 40 each; drill drawers at 40 cents each.

Nearly the entire contract for shoes was awarded to Benedict & Hall, of New York, at \$1 15 per pair.

The entire contract for blankets was awarded to D. W. Parish, of Philadelphia. All to be delivered within twenty-five days, under a penalty of \$3,000 on each contract.

Light-colored taper crown felt wool hat--to be looped under each side, at \$1 25 each--for five regiments, was awarded to Dodd & Co., of Cincinnati.

[NOTE: The above hats were furnished to the 6th-10th IVI's; the 11th IVI wore gray "kepi-style" caps with red crowns).

The hat adopted for the five regiments and contracted for yesterday [Thursday, 2 May], will be found to be a very comfortable covering for the head, and with its loop on the side will look neat. It will be far better for the men than caps, and will afford protection from the sun without adding much more weight than the cap.

**Indianapolis Daily Sentinel, 9 May 1861:**

Capt. Blake's company [C] of the 10th Regiment got their arms yesterday [Wednesday, 8 May]. **They are the rifle muskets with the Maynard primer** [i.e., .69 M1816 Remington conversions]. The company in their march to the armory was accompanied by the celebrated Pickard Lafayette Band, and marched soldierly and well. It is one of the best companies in the regiment and are to carry the colors and no one could look at them without feeling assured that the regimental flag would be safe in their hands. Fifty of the men are over six feet high and they all look like they had fight in them--enough to satisfy Jeff Davis that Indianians are the men to resent an insult to their State and to the flag of the Union.

**[same paper and date]**

ARMY CONTRACTS.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1861.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THIS office until Monday, May 20, at six o'clock P. M., for supplying four regiments of Indiana volunteers with the following articles: UNIFORMS--Consisting of jackets and pants of woolen goods--jackets to be wadded in the breast, to be lined throughout with a dark colored jeans or blue denim, with inside pocket, and trimmed with nine regulation buttons in front and two on each sleeve.

PANTS to be lined throughout with medium sheeting or drilling. FLANNEL SHIRTS of a gray mixture, with

pocket, cuffs and collar. Brown Drill Drawers, Woolen Socks, high cut Brogans, with pegs cut out, and each shoe strung with leather strings. Felt Wool Hat, Camping Blankets.

Goods to be delivered, free of expense, at this office, on or before the 10th day of June next, under penalty of a forfeiture of thirty per cent, of the amount of each contract, to be paid for, in cash, by the State of Indiana, on delivery and acceptance by the Quartermaster General.

Each article of clothing to have sewed on it a ticket, on which shall be marked the size of the garment.

All bids must be accompanied by samples, on each of which should be a ticket with the bidder's name and price marked on it.

Parties making bids must state the security they can give for the performance of the contract., if one be awarded to him.

No bid will be considered for less than one regiment of 740 men.

J. H. VAJEN.  
Quartermaster General

**Indianapolis Daily Sentinel, 10 May 1861:**

10 May 1861:

**ARMY CONTRACTS.**

QUARTER-MASTER GEN. DEPAR'T.,  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 9, 1861.

PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THIS DEPARTMENT until Friday evening next [May 17th, 1861.], for furnishing--

4,600 leather strap knapsacks.  
4,600 canteens.  
4,600 canvas or duck haversacks.

All bids must be accompanied by samples. Goods to be delivered within fifteen days from the time of signing the contract. Goods to be paid for in cash on delivery and inspection.

J. H. VAJEN,  
may10th Quartermaster General.

Here are some additional notes from the unpublished diary of Private Valentine Thuma, 8th Indiana Volunteer Infantry (maintained at the Indiana Historical Society):

2 May 61 - Thuma reports the 8th IVI received "U. S. muskets" rather than the hoped-for "minnie rifles."

18 May 61 - Thuma indicates "the suit of uniform we are to have...is of dark gray color."

19 May 61 - "The suit consists of pants and roundabout."

24 May 61 - "We received our hats to day. They are gray, rough and ready with the left side buttoned up."

KNAPSACKS.--Strolling through the workshops in the [Ohio State] Penitentiary the other day, we tarried awhile with A. M. Denig & Co., to witness the process of manufacturing knapsacks, this firm having recently taken a contract for supplying the government with two thousand of these indispensable articles [making "500 a week, at the rate of two dollars for each..."] for the convenience of the soldier. About forty hands were employed in cutting, stitching, strapping, buckling, boxing, covering and lettering, and so rapidly was the work executed that no difficulty was found in providing daily for a Company of a hundred men. The material of which these

knapsacks are made of is called enamelled duck having a bright morocco finish, warranted water proof.

The pattern was selected with great, good judgement, from the most tasty of those worn by the New York troops. There are three sets of straps to each; breast straps, shoulder straps and blanket straps, so fastened as to make the knapsack self adjusting, thus preserving at all times, when worn, a graceful appearance. The inside boxes are made by machinery, strong but light, the knapsack complete weighing less than three pounds.

The firm of A. M. Denig & Co., has long been extensively engaged in the manufacture of children's cabs, buggies, light wagons, hobby horses and the like, and the nature of such a business of course, gives them peculiar advantages over all others in the manufacture of knapsacks.

We trust the officers of State awarding contracts, will make it a point to encourage home enterprise, and that they will endeavor to avoid the too common practice of passing by our own mechanics to swell the pockets of the millionaires of the East, even though they may not save a few dollars by the operation. Let the taxes raised in Ohio, be expended in Ohio, to the advantage of the people of Ohio.