

“Soldier Fare”

ANSWER KEY

Remember:

A regular soldier's ration was supposed to be:

- 1 pound of beef –or 2/3 pound of pork or fish, OR about ½ pound of salt pork or dried, salted fish
- 1 pound of bread –or 1 pound of flour to make their own bread
- some salt
- some butter
- 1 pint of peas –or a pint of cornmeal or oatmeal

1. Ten soldiers would need how many pounds of beef for one day? 10
2. Those ten soldiers would need how many pounds of bread for one day? 10
3. Twenty soldiers need how many pints of peas for two days? 20
4. Fifty soldiers would need how many pounds of salt pork for one day? 25

Doctors tell us that an average adult should be drinking about one gallon of water per day. Applying that to the soldiers, how many gallons of water would be needed for:

1. Ten soldiers for one day? 10
2. Twenty soldiers for five days? 100
3. One hundred soldiers for 30 days? 3000
4. Fifty soldiers for 20 days? 1000

But water is heavy, weighing about eight pounds per gallon. So, how much weight would the army need to transport in the four water questions above?

1. 80 pounds
2. 800 pounds
3. 24000 pounds
4. 8000 pounds