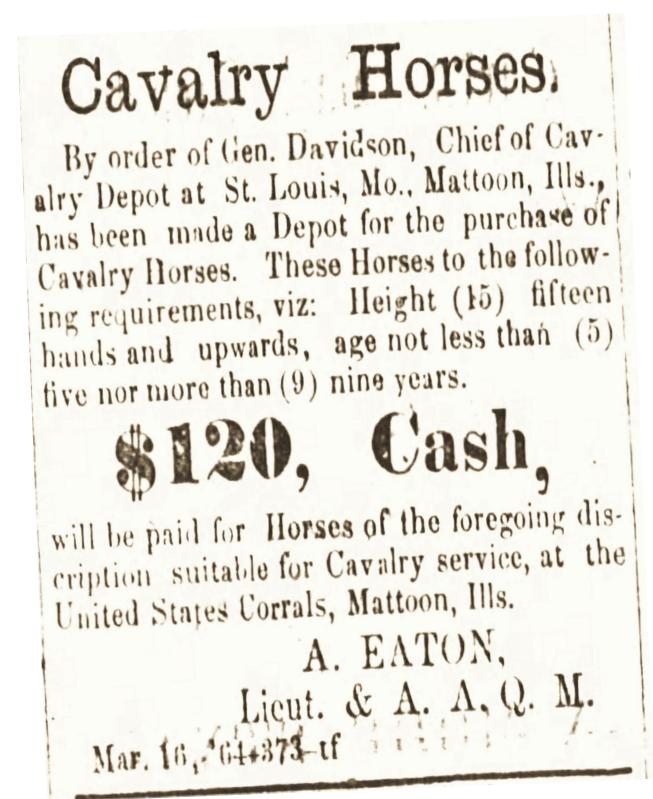
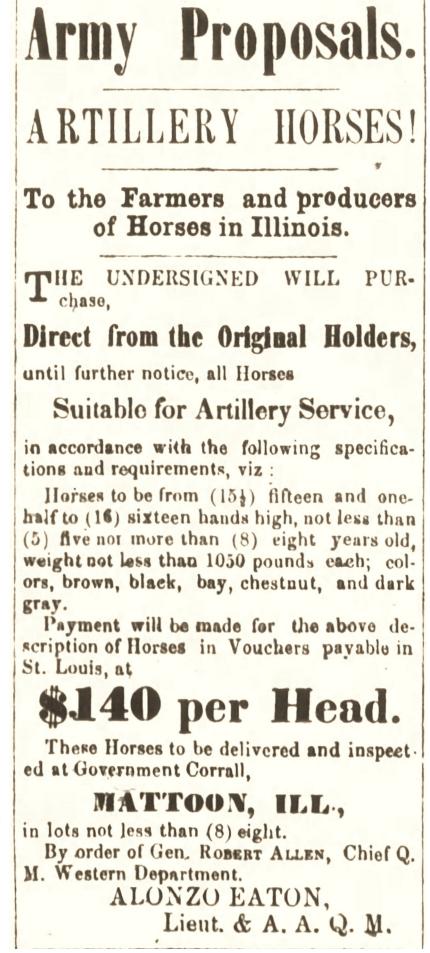
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Due largely to the availability of shipping on both the Illinois Central and the Terre Haute & Alton Railroads, Mattoon became a depot for the acquisition and rehabilitation of Cavalry and Artillery horses, as well as mules for transport use.

North of the city near Dodge Grove Cemetery a large Federal Corral and pasture area were created. Lieutenant Alonzo Eaton, of the Army Quartermaster Corps was sent to Mattoon on the direct orders of General Grant to set up a Federal corral. Eaton took up an office in Mattoon and became the resident Army representative for buying and selling horses and mules.







In addition to buying stock for the Army, played out horses were shipped by rail to Mattoon for rest and rehabilitation, or if too used up, sold.

Many area farmers prospered during this time by selling feed and fodder to the Corral.

MORE GOVERNMENT HORSES .-- Some 400 used up government horses were unshipped and driven to the Corral at this place this morning. Eight hundred condemned

The Mattoon Gazette published running news articles on the status of the Corral and the horses.

> All horses fit for duty, in charge of Lt. Eaton, at the Coral at this place, are ordered to the front.

and captured horses, cattle, mules, &c., will

be sold in this place, by order of Lieut.

Eaton, commencing on the 5th of June next.

In the Mattoon Gazette of 4 May 1864, it was reported that for the month of April, 268 Calvary horses had been purchased as the average price of \$188.84, and 90 Artillery horses at \$147.16. Additionally, 16 mules were purchased for an average price of \$158.43.

The same article stated that on the 29th and 30th of April, 450 unserviceable Calvary Horses arrived in Mattoon by train, of which about one-third would be sold, the remainder recuperated on Illinois Prairies.