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I-Educational discounts on textbooks, drafting, medical, dental, and veterinary instruments, slide rules, and other trainee supplies.—

1. In order to eliminate the confusion that has been found to exist in Army Specialized Training branches, schools, and school book stores with respect to publishers' discounts, the following is set forth for the guidance of all concerned:

a. Schools or colleges are the sources through which subject items are to be procured for Army Specialized Training units, including medical, dental, and veterinary units. It is immaterial whether the schools or college secure the subject items through local book stores or from publish-

ing houses, manufacturers, or jobbers.

b. Publishing houses, manufacturers, or jobbers normally allow a discount of a least 20 percent of list or published prices of textbooks to book stores and educational institutions. For drafting instruments, the discount is generally 30 percent to 40 percent; medical, dental, and veterinary instruments, 25 percent to 35 percent of published prices. Such educational discounts allowed will be passed on to the Government in the form of reduced prices, regardless of whether the contracting institution purchases the items from the book store or direct from the publishing house, manufacturer, or jobber.

c. In the procurement of the textbooks, instruments, or other trainee supplies by the school (including book store), a reasonable

allowance will be made for such handling.

(1) Where the staff of the commandant of the school is adequate to dispose of the textbooks, instruments, and other trainee supplies, in strict accordance with the terms of the contract, an allowance for administrative expense of 3 percent of the net cost (list prices less educational and cash discounts) of such items, plus transportation charges thereon, well is the maximum charge permitted the school for