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Collection Information

Abstract: The collection consists of a single document, ration return form for the 12 companies of the 57th Regiment, for April 16-18, 1864.

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See also: Regimental histories.

Historical Information

The 57th Regiment was raised and organized by Col. William F. Bartlett in the fall and winter of 1863-1864, and reached full strength by April, 1864. The Regiment was stationed in Worcester during the months of organization. On April 17th, 1864, the Regiment left Worcester for Virginia, where it was merged with the Army of the Potomac. The Regiment saw service for the duration of the Civil War. Following the conclusion of hostilities, the Regiment returned to Worcester, and the men mustered out of service on August 9, 1865.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of a single document, a ration return form indicating the number of men in each of the 12 companies of the Regiment plus the Headquarters staff, with the amount of provisions required, listed by type of food, for a three-day period. This document provides insight into the supply routine of the military during the Civil War period, as well as providing information regarding Regimental strength. The dates encompass the movement of the Regiment from Worcester to Virginia on April 17, 1864.

Series Description

Series 1: Ration Return Forms. Indicates provisions required for companies of the Regiment for a three day period, listing number of men per company, and amount of provisions, calculated by number of servings of each item listed.

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Series 1, Ration Return Forms

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1	1	1999.79.1.1	Ration Return Form. Requisition for rations for three days for 57 th Regiment, 946 men in 10 Companies plus Headquarters Staff, April 16-18, 1864. Note that Regiment embarked from Worcester for Virginia April 17, 1864. item, 8x10 in.	1