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1862-1863



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The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection includes a copybook and letters written by Union Lieutenant Colonel A. P. Porter in 1862 and 1863 that document the transportation, inventory, and distribution of supply rations during the American Civil War. The letters are written in chronological order within the copybook with about 22 outstanding letters that have been torn from the book, also arranged in chronological order.

Creator

Porter, A. P.

Extent

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Source of Acquisition

The Lt. Col. A. P. Porter Copybook was acquired by Special Collections in 2001.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Lieutenant Colonel A. P. Porter was the chief commissary of subsistence of the Fifth Army Corps, a member of the Army of the Potomac, during the American Civil War. He was promoted from Captain to Lieutenant Colonel sometime between the 18th and 21st of August, 1862. Acting with Captain George Bell and other prominent figures in the Union Army, Porter aided in the rationing of goods, establishment of depot sites, discharge of vessels, and construction of temporary wharves. He communicated via letters with other commissaries and army divisions in the region to send rations to such areas as Yorktown, Rockville, and other stations across the states of Virginia and Maryland.

Sources:

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Scope and Content

This collection consists of a copybook containing about 280 letters written by Lieutenant Colonel A. P. Porter of the Union Army's Commissary of Subsistence during the American Civil War. The letters include documentation about the shipping, maintenance, and distribution of large quantities of food and supply rations among the Union Army. Along with the transport and distribution of supplies, Porter also documented inventories of many resources including cattle, livestock, and other food supplies. Many of these letters are written to other Union officers including Col. A. Beckwith and Col. H. Clarke while Lieutenant Colonel Porter was stationed at General McClellan's Headquarters.

Keywords

Civil War
History of Food and Drink
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

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Arrangement

Copybook contains letters written in chronological order from 1862-1863.
The succeeding folders contain outstanding letters that have been torn from the copybook, also in chronological order.

Description of Subordinate Components

Copybook
Unit Date 1862-1863
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