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Creator History

The Sanitary Commission conducted field relief, battlefield relief, and special relief operations in support of the Army of the Potomac beginning in 1861. In an effort to systematize and develop such work, they established the Field Relief Corps (1863) and Auxiliary Relief Corps (1864) to better meet the needs of the Army on campaign. These relief operations included the Army of the James during the final year of the war.

On July 17, 1863, shortly after the battle of Gettysburg, General Secretary Frederick Law Olmsted issued instructions for the operation of the Field Relief Corps (FRC). These were implemented the following day when Lewis H. Steiner, USSC Chief Inspector of the Army of the Potomac, left

Boonesboro, Maryland to meet the Army across the Potomac River. The plan resulted from earlier discussions and reorganization of field relief work by Olmsted, Steiner, John H. Douglas and others, in the months following the battle of Antietam. During the winter of 1862-1863, USSC field support of the Army of the Potomac was based at Acquia Creek and along the Rappahannock River, at Falmouth opposite Fredericksburg, and in March, at Belle Plain. Isaac N. Kerlin supervised operations until his resignation in May, when Steiner took charge in the position of Chief Inspector.

Steiner was responsible for the efficiency of the Corps and was supported by a field superintendent and an assistant superintendent, J. Warner Johnson and Isaac Harris respectively. Johnson remained in this position until January 1865 and was succeeded by J. Henry Davis.

The superintendent and his assistant were aided by relief agents, each assigned to a corps of the Army of the Potomac. To make the supply and relief system more mobile, each agent was placed in charge of a supply wagon stocked from USSC field storehouses, traveling with his designated Army corps so as to become familiar with the needs of its medical officers, field hospitals and troops. The superintendent and his assistant moved throughout the Army, overseeing work and helping as needed. In December, 1863, Steiner was named Chief Inspector for the Armies in Eastern Virginia and Maryland, a position he held until his resignation on July 12, 1864.

Whenever the Army of the Potomac moved its support bases in its manoeuvres against southern troops, the USSC moved its base of operations and relief stations accordingly. The FRC set up fixed headquarters on January 14, 1864 at Brandy Station, Virginia, the Army's winter quarters. This station, known as the Shebang, consisted of a storehouse and tents to lodge USSC staff, visitors, and soldiers in transit, many convalescing. Relief agents visited the nearby Corps on saddle horses, supplying from the storehouse. As the Army prepared to move for what would be the battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania (May 1864) and other battles and skirmishes making up Grant's Overland Campaign, the USSC left Brandy Station on May 4, 1864 and supplies were next forwarded to Belle Plain, Virginia.

In anticipation of the Army of the Potomac's 1864 spring and summer campaigns, the USSC established the Auxiliary Relief Corps (ARC) in April-May 1864. While the FRC served the needs of the Army in the field, the ARC developed stations at field hospitals associated with particular Army corps, working closely with medical officers. Many staff members were students at northern theological seminaries serving for limited periods of time. The Corps attended to the wounded arriving by ambulance or in large numbers from battlefields, provided feeding stations for soldiers in transit, assisted sick soldiers with letter writing and other personal needs (such as supplying reading matter), provided fresh clothing, ensured that soldiers had proper food and stimulants and that USSC supplies were distributed appropriately, and provided last rites and supervised burials as needed. FRC and ARC staff worked together when circumstances required. Frank B. Fay of Chelsea, Massachusetts was Superintendent of the Corps from its inception until January 1865. A. M. Sperry succeeded Fay, holding the position until the end of the war.

Belle Plain served as the next USSC supply base beginning on May 10, 1864. The USSC was busy there and at Fredericksburg with the wounded from the battle at Spotsylvania Court House which began on May 8. Once General Ulysses S. Grant continued his advance to Richmond, Virginia, USSC supplies and relief stations were moved to Aquia Creek on May 21. The USSC continued to support the Army's needs during events surrounding the battle of Cold Harbor (May 31-June 12), moving to Port Royal, White House, and eventually Fortress Monroe.

From mid-June 1864 to May 1865, City Point, on the James River, served as Grant's headquarters and the center of operations for the Union armies there. City Point also became the center for USSC operations with the arrival of the USSC relief corps on June 18, 1864. The USSC was able to utilize

elaborate railroad, shipping, and communication facilities, setting up its own relief and transportation networks to support Army hospitals and troops, including the transportation of wounded soldiers to northern hospitals.

Grant's Army of the Potomac and General Benjamin F. Butler's Army of the James were combined on June 22, 1864, thereby expanding the USSC's work and operational structure. John H. Douglas, an associate secretary of the USSC, was placed in charge of the entire work of the Commission in Virginia. Douglas oversaw the general direction of field relief at City Point and was responsible for USSC transportation needs by water and land, and coordinating the distribution of USSC supplies. Alexander McDonald was appointed chief inspector of the USSC's Department of the Peninsula and Norfolk. He was placed in charge of relief activities at the Commission's stations at Norfolk, Portsmouth, Bermuda Hundred, and Point of Rocks, with a base of operations at Deep Bottom, Virginia supporting the Army of the James.

By July 1864, over 200 individuals were employed in the area by the USSC. Douglas continued his role of oversight, with McDonald serving as inspector and executive officer, William F. Swalm as inspector and comptroller of supplies, Charles S. Clampitt as chief storekeeper, James J. Brooks as purveyor, J. Warner Johnson as the superintendent of Field Relief, and Frank B. Fay as superintendent of Auxiliary Relief. W. D. Mosman was the cashier and clerk at City Point and was chiefly responsible for financial affairs. By the end of that month, Joseph Parrish was placed in charge of all USSC operations with the Armies operating against Richmond.

The USSC continued to work from City Point and Deep Bottom during the Richmond and Petersburg campaigns throughout June 1864 to March 1865. On April 2-3, 1865, Petersburg and Richmond fell to the Union. By April 12 the USSC had permission from the Army to occupy a large house in Petersburg to serve as a storehouse and soldiers lodge. Relief stations were also established at Richmond and Burkesville, Virginia.

Toward the end of April 1865, as soldiers began returning home, the USSC's relief work in the area drew to a close. April 26, 1865 was McDonald's last day with the USSC in Virginia, leaving Isaac Harris and J. Warner Johnson in charge until M. D. Benedict was named chief inspector on May 25. Relief stations, lodges, and storehouses began to dispose of supplies and equipment, or forward them to other USSC locations. At City Point, some supplies were prepared for the U.S. Army's Texas Expedition. By June 25, USSC operations at Petersburg, Richmond and City Point had closed; on that day, remaining City Point staff departed by boat for Washington.

Scope and Content Note

The Army of the Potomac Archives, 1862-1865, document the Sanitary Commission's relief work in support of Union armies on campaign in Virginia, from the winter of 1862-1863 to the closing of the USSC's base at City Point in June, 1865. The establishment of the USSC's Field Relief Corps and Auxiliary Relief Corps, and USSC operations during Grant's Overland Campaign and the siege of Petersburg and Richmond are especially well represented. Earlier relief work at Harrison's Landing during the 1862 Peninsular Campaign is also documented. This record group comprises four series: letters and reports, letters sent, journals and station records.

Letters and reports, 1863-1865, consist of a set of letters, telegrams, reports and other items, arranged and numbered by the USSC's Archive Department (#1-4456), and a small group of unnumbered miscellaneous documents. Most numbered documents are addressed to supervisors of the Field Relief Corps and Auxiliary Relief Corps and inspectors, as well as USSC executive officers working in the

field; correspondents include USSC staff reporting on the progress of work at their stationed post, army officers, soldiers, and civilians. Documents typically concern daily operations, supply matters, and inquiries from soldiers and their family members. Also present is a notable oversize plan of Army hospitals, USSC quarters and other locations at City Point as of August 1, 1864 (#4047). The set of numbered documents concludes with a group of letters and reports (#4247-4456), 1864-1865, addressed mostly to John H. Douglas and supervisors of the Field Relief Corps and Auxiliary Relief Corps regarding the daily work of relief agents and supervisors. The majority are from relief agents and supervisors of the Field Relief Corps and Auxiliary Relief Corps as well as USSC executive officers in Washington and New York; also included are testimonials by Army personnel about the USSC, and supply documentation.

Letters sent, 1863-1865, are copies of letters sent by USSC personnel, including John A. Anderson, Alexander McDonald, Isaac Harris, J. Foster Jenkins, J. Warner Johnson, Joseph Parrish, Lewis H. Steiner and others. Recipients include USSC staff in Washington and New York, relief agents, army officers, soldiers, and civilians. Letters generally concern the distribution of supplies to various locations and other relief activities, financial accounts, inquiries regarding individual soldiers, and requests for passes to the front from Army Provost Marshals.

Journals, 1863-1865, comprise a notable set of operational journals providing a detailed record of USSC activities at its bases at Belle Plain, White House, and City Point while on campaign with the Army of the Potomac and later the Army of the James, 1864 May-1865 Jun; also, several journals maintained by individual USSC staff members, 1863-1864, and journals of USSC inspections of regiments in the field, 1863.

Station records, 1862-1865 and undated, document the USSC's relief work at various locations in Virginia: Aquia Creek, Bealton Station and Culpepper Court House, Belle Plain and Falmouth (late 1862-1863); and Brandy Station, City Point, Deep Bottom and Richmond, Norfolk, Petersburg and Portsmouth (1864-1865). Harrison's Landing records, consisting of a hospital transport patient register and supply record, date from the earlier 1862 Peninsular Campaign. The bulk of the materials are volumes recording supplies received by USSC depots and ships and issued to military units and hospitals, as well as for special and individual relief. Special relief services at lodges at Aquia Creek, City Point, Deep Bottom and Richmond, Petersburg, and Portsmouth are documented in registers listing soldiers in transit, many of them discharged or furloughed and unwell, who were assisted with lodging, meals, and clothing. Other services include the forwarding of soldiers' baggage, money and personal effects to the north. Cash accounts are found in a number of station records.

Station records are most numerous for City Point, documenting activities of Office staff, the Auxiliary and Field Relief Corps, and Supply staff. In addition to supply and special relief materials mentioned above, City Point documentation includes a record of Hospital Directory inquiries, USSC employment records, morning reports for field hospitals, and burial records (White House, City Point, Fort Ethan Allen). A small number of Field Relief Corps volumes chiefly concern relief work with the Army of the James. Supply records also document the USSC's extensive use of barges and ships at City Point. An early USSC Archive Department register, circa 1866, is also included.

In the USSC Archive Department's initial arrangement of USSC records, station records formed distinct record groups (e.g., City Point Archives); ultimately the Archive Department combined these and other materials into one record group called the Army of the Potomac Archives.

Additional financial records of USSC activities in this area can be found in the USSC Accounts and Vouchers record group.

Container List

I. Letters and reports 1863-1865 (12 boxes, 1 oversize folder)

Financial and supply documents (requisitions, invoices and accounts of stock) which had been arranged in bulk groups are now arranged separately by station or multiple location use; others remain interspersed in numerical sequence.

See Archive Department register, USSC New York, N.Y. Archives volume 12 for the complete original inventory of numbered documents in this record group. Archive Department register USSC New York, N.Y. Archives volume 11 only includes items #1-4286.

Items #4056-4174 were listed by the USSC as destroyed. Items #122, 293, 633, 1902 and 2743, and 4395 are not present.

- b. 1 f. 1 #1-5 Undated
- b. 1 f. 2 #6-11 1863 Jan
- b. 1 f. 3-7 #12-140 1863 Jul-Dec
- b. 1 f. 8 #141-169 1864 Jan, 1865 Jan 9
Item 147 is endorsed on the letter and listed in the Archives Register with the date of January 9, 1864, but the actual date is 1865.
- b. 1 f. 9 #170 1864 Jan
- b. 1 f. 10 #171-187 1864 Feb-Mar, 1865 Feb
Items 173 and 181 are endorsed on the letter and listed in the Archives Register with a February 1864 date, but they are actually 1865.
- b. 1 f. 11-12 #188-235 1864 Apr-May
- b. 1 f. 13 #236 1864 May-Jun, Nov
- b. 1 f. 14-15 #237-275 1864 Jun
- b. 1 f. 16-20 #276-385 1864 Jul
- b. 2 f. 1-2 #386-419 1864 Jul
- b. 2 f. 3 #420-434 1864 May
- b. 2 f. 4-11 #435-620 1864 Aug
- b. 2 f. 12-15 #620A, 621, 622-647 1864 May-Aug
Report of 1864 Aug 31 (#620A), and rough draft, 1864 Jul 10 (#621), concerning the work of the Auxiliary Relief Corps by its superintendent, Frank B. Fay. #620A was a later addition to the numbering sequence, it is not an attachment to #620. #621 includes attachments A-G and #622-647 are supporting documentation for these reports. Note: Item 633 is not present.
- b. 3 f. 1-16 #648-1000 1864 Sep-Oct
- b. 4 f. 1-17 #1001-1410 1864 Oct-Nov
- b. 5 f. 1-15 #1411-1795 1864 Nov-Dec
- b. 6 f. 1-3 #1796-1841 1864 Dec
- b. 6 f. 4 #1842 1864 Jan
- b. 6 f. 5-10 #1843-1913 1864 Apr-Sep
- b. 6 f. 11 #1914-1921 1864
- b. 6 f. 12 #1922 1864
- b. 6 f. 13-19 #2297-2430 1865 Jan
- b. 7 f. 1-8 #2431-2617 1865 Jan
- b. 7 f. 9 #2618-2620 1864 Aug, Dec

I. Letters and reports (cont.)

- b. 7 f. 10-16 #2621-2775 1865 Feb
- b. 8 f. 1-15 #2776-3085 1865 Feb-Mar
- b. 9 f. 1-16 #3086-3400) 1865 Mar-Apr
- b. 10 f. 1-16 #3401-3700 1865 Apr-May
- b. 11 f. 1-5 #3701-3767 1865 Jun
 - b. 11 f. 6 #4042-4046 Undated
 - o. 1 #4047 1864 Aug

Plan of hospitals at City Point. This plan details the layout for the hospital wards for each Army corps and other Army quarters at the depot as of August 1, 1864. All USSC locations are plotted and identified, including their Auxiliary Relief Corps headquarters, feeding station, store house and tents, mess tents, cook houses, and quarters for USSC relief agents.
 - b. 11 f. 7 #4048-4055 1865, undated
 - b. 11 f. 8 #4175 1864 Aug, Nov-Dec
 - b. 11 f. 9 #4176-4177 1864 Nov-Dec
- b. 11 f. 10-12 #4244-4246 Undated
- b. 12 f. 1-21 #4247-4456 1864 Mar-Sep, 1865 Mar, Jun

As the USSC's Archive Department was completing the arrangement of numbered documents for this record group, materials borrowed by USSC historians working on a history of special relief operations were returned to them. These included a group of documents referred to as "Dr. Douglas's papers," many carrying the letter "D" written in colored pencil. The Archive Department incorporated most of these at the end of the Army of the Potomac numbered documents (#4247-4456). Consult the New York, N.Y. Archives, Series IV. E. Special Relief Archives for further explanation of these papers and related materials.
- b. 11 f. 13 **Miscellaneous documents 1862-1865, undated**

Material consists of letters, a financial account, a description of the Auxiliary Relief Corps, and a circular and document concerning the organization of field hospitals, not listed in Archive Department registers.

II. Letters sent 1863-1865 (2 boxes. Letterpress copybooks)

Steiner letters are written in his capacity as Chief Inspector of the Army of the Potomac and later for the Armies in Eastern Virginia and Maryland. Steiner letterpress copybooks each contain an additional index prepared by the USSC's Archive Department. Additional Steiner letterpress copybooks are found in the USSC Washington, D.C. Archives record group.

- b. 29 v. 1 1863 Sep 1-1864 Apr 24

Copies of letters sent by Steiner in Washington.
- b. 29 v. 2 1864 Apr 25-Jun 4

Copies of letters chiefly written by Steiner, with letters by Edwin R. Cornwall, Clerk for the Chief Inspector of the Army of the Potomac, 1864 May 11-Jun 4.
- b. 13 v. 1 1864 Jun 1-1865 Jun 30

Copies of letters sent by Anderson, 1864 Jun 1-Oct 3; Mosman, 1864 Oct 3-1865 Jun 30. Also includes letters by Douglas and McDonald.
- b. 13 v. 2 1864 Jun 23-1864 Oct 28

Copies of letters sent chiefly by Mc Donald, also Parrish, Mosman, and Swalm.
- b. 13 v. 3 1864 Oct 21, 27-1865 Jun 23

Copies of letters sent by McDonald, 1864 Oct 21-1865 Mar 31; Harris, 1865 Apr 1-May 3; Johnson, 1865 May 3-Jun 23. Also includes letters by Jenkins and Swalm.

II. Letters sent (cont.)

b. 13 v. 4 1864 Oct 29-1865 May 20

Copies of letters sent by Swalm, 1864 Oct 29-Dec 27; McDonald, 1864 Dec 27-1865 Jan 20; Harris, 1865 Jan 21-May 20. Most are letters requesting passes from the Provost Marshal.

III. Journals 1863-1865 (2 boxes)

A set of USSC operational journals document activities from 1864 May 10-1865 Jun 24. Entries typically cover the daily work and observations of USSC staff, including details about shipments and transportation of supplies, staffing changes, military activities and war rumors, and the weather. Starting June 6, 1864, two versions of the journals are found: the bound "quarto journal" (originally several paginated volumes, later rebound together as "Journals in the field"), and a separate, edited copy on loose sheets (see Journal at White House and City Point below). While the bound volumes are generally more comprehensive, the loose sheets contain communications not found in the volumes, and were apparently created for reporting purposes. The titles, "journals in the field" and "journal at White House and City Point," are retained from the USSC's 19th century arrangements; the June 6, 1864 entry in both versions bears the title, "Journal. U.S. Sanitary Commission work with the Army of the Potomac." Journals kept by individual USSC staff members and journals of USSC inspections are also present.

b. 14 v. 1 Journal of operations at Belle Plain 1864 May 10-1864 Jun 5

Includes records of baggage collected from soldiers with forwarding addresses for the items.

Journals in the field

b. 14 v. 2 White House to City Point 1864 Jun 6-18

b. 14 v. 3-4 City Point 1864 Jun 18-1865 Jun 30

b. 15 f. 1-13 Journal at White House and City Point 1864 Jun 6-1865 Jun 24

Entries for June 6-27, 1864 are recorded in one continuous document (p. 1-106). Thereafter, dated entries are physically separate, apparently for the purpose of reporting to general secretary Jenkins. Some documents bear marks of transmission to Washington or New York, and additional notes for the general secretary's attention.

b. 15 f. 14 Journal 1863 Jan 2-Dec 31 (1 volume)

A journal maintained consecutively by USSC officers Jenkins, 1863 Jan 2-Apr 30; Douglas, 1863 May 1-Jul 5; and Steiner, 1863 Jul 29-Dec 31. Brief entries record their daily activities, letters and reports sent and received, activities and instructions to relief agents, and supply matters. Steiner's entries continue in the journal below.

b. 15 f. 15 Lewis H. Steiner journal 1864 Jan 1-Aug 23 (1 volume)

b. 15 f. 16 William H. De Long journal 1864 Feb 9-Jun 27 (1 volume)

Journal recording De Long's activities as superintendent of USSC Lodge Number 5 in Washington, DC and his later relief work with the USSC at Belle Plain, White House, and City Point, Virginia, along with his personal observations on events. Also included are details about trips to Utica, New York; Alexandria, Virginia; and Washington, DC. Authorship identified by comparison of handwriting in the City Point staff roster.

Inspections of army in the field 1863 Jan-Jun (2 volumes)

Journals of USSC inspections. Entries, arranged by inspector and thereunder by date, include the regiment's officer and surgeon in charge with the number of men in the regiment and brief notes about the sanitary conditions, food, soldier's clothing, and hospitals found within the camp.

b. 15 f. 17 1863 Jan-May

b. 15 f. 18 1863 May 19-Jun 10

IV. Station records 1862-1865 (13 boxes)

Records are in alphabetical order by location, with the exception of Culpeper Court House (see Bealton Station) and Richmond (see Deep Bottom). Records documenting activities at multiple and unidentified locations are grouped together at end.

Aquia Creek

- b. 16 v. 1-2 **Supplies received** 1862 Dec 13-1863 Jun 9
- b. 16 f. 1 **Supplies issued** 1863 Jan-Jun
- b. 16 f. 2 **Register of lodge** 1862 Dec 26-1863 Jun 14
Entries, in chronological order, include soldier's name, company, regiment and destination. Later entries include arrival and departure dates and the daily number of soldiers in the lodge. Remarks on exceptional cases are also found.
- b. 16 v. 3 **Sanitary inspections** 1863 Jan-Jun
Inspections of field hospitals performed by USSC relief agents for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, Cavalry, and Artillery corps of the Army of the Potomac. Entries, arranged by corps, and division within, include a description of staff in charge, the number of men in each unit, and inspector's observations. The number of men sick and in hospital is also noted.
- b. 16 f. 3 **Bealton Station and Culpepper Court House** 1863 Aug 29-Dec 31
Supplies issued
- b. 16 f. 4 **Belle Plain** 1863 May 19-Jun 13
Supplies issued
- b. 16 f. 5-6 **Brandy Station** 1864 Jan 3-1864 Apr 29
Supplies issued

City Point

Office

Records of executive officers and clerical and accounting employees.

- b. 16 f. 7 **Hospital Directory inquiries** 1865 Jan 24-May 27
Entries include soldier's name, rank, company, regiment, date of inquiry, to whom the inquiry was referred, date of referral, date that the referral was returned, and remarks. Index entries are arranged by the first letter of the soldier's surname.
- b. 16 v. 4 **Official orders relating to employees** 1864 Jul 23-1865 May 31
- b. 17 f. 1 **Staff roster** 1864
Entries include names and addresses of USSC agents working with the Army of the Potomac.
- b. 17 f. 2 **Index of employees** undated
Entries include names, addresses, and stations of agents and laborers, and sometimes wages.
- b. 17 f. 3 **Pay roll** 1864 Aug-1865 Apr
Payroll for all departments working at or reporting to City Point. Entries, arranged by month and department within, include the employee's name, occupation, pay period, pay amount, and pay due.

IV. Station records (cont.)

City Point (cont.)

Office (cont.)

- b. 18 f. 1-4 **Money accounts #4243** 1864 Jul-1865 May
Financial correspondence and invoices directed mostly to Mosman, including letters regarding money and valuables being sent to and from soldiers in the area. These items were individually numbered and recorded in an early version of the Archive register, found in Box 24. See pages 90-92 of that register for items 3958-4057.
- b. 24 v. 3 **Archive Register** circa 1866
Register created by the USSC Archive Department. Although this register was superseded by Archives Department register, New York volume 12, it contains a detailed listing of the items found in City Point money accounts (#4243), which is not present elsewhere.
- b. 17 f. 4-5 **Cash books** 1864 Jul 1-1865 Jul 11
- b. 17 f. 6 **Accounts with U.S. Army hospitals** 1864 Oct 21-1865 May 2
- b. 17 v. 3 **Personal effects forwarded** 1864 Aug 16-Dec 24
Soldiers' belongings shipped to Baltimore from City Point to be sent to their final destinations by the Adams Express Company. Also includes accounts of Col. G. A. Muhleck, 1865 Feb-Apr.
- Auxiliary Relief Corps**
- b. 17 f. 7-8 **Morning report record books** 1864 Aug 26-1865 Apr 17
Record of daily morning reports tracking losses and gains (mainly the number of sick and wounded) at City Point hospitals. Entries, in chronological order, include the corps hospital and the number of sick, wounded, officers, and detailed nurses. Includes sailings of hospital steamers, 1864 Aug 23-1865 Mar 27. These volumes correlate to the morning reports found within the numbered documents.
- b. 17 f. 9 **Morning reports #2296** 1864 Sep-1865 Jan
Original reports used to compile the volumes above.
- b. 17 v. 1 **William H. Holstein memorandum book** 1864 Jun-Sep
Burial information recorded at White House, City Point, and Fort Ethan Allen. Entries include the location, Army Corps, cemetery row number, date, grave number, and soldier's name and regiment. Confederates and civilians are also listed.
- b. 17 v. 2 **Record of interments at General Hospital, City Point** 1864 Sep-1865 Feb
Burial information recorded by John F. Mines. Entries, grouped by corps or other unit, include date, soldier's name, company, regiment, section of cemetery, and usually cause of death.
- b. 17 f. 10 **Baggage register** 1864 Jun-1865 Jan
Record of baggage and personal belongings received from soldiers to be forwarded to their relatives. Entries, in chronological order, include the soldier's name, description of their belongings, and addressee. Early entries are for White House, Virginia.
- b. 17 f. 11 **Accommodations furnished and mail matter forwarded** 1864 Oct-1865 Jun
Daily tabulations of meals and lodging provided by the USSC for soldiers, civilians, and refugees; also, the number and cost of letters and packages mailed by the USSC.
- b. 17 f. 12 **Dormitory register** 1865 Jan-Jun 24
Entries, in chronological order, include the soldier's name, rank, regiment, company, and additional remarks.
- b. 19 f. 1 **Supplies received at the 2nd Corps station** 1864 Oct 31-1865 May 8
- b. 19 f. 2 **Supplies issued at 2nd Corps station** 1864 Nov-1865 Apr

IV. Station records (cont.)

City Point (cont.)

Auxiliary Relief Corps (cont.)

- b. 19 f. 3 **Register and account book of the 6th Corps station 1865 Jan-May**
Journal entries 1865 Jan16-Feb 22 include supplies requisitioned and received, visitor registers, and morning reports of sick and wounded in hospital. Volume also includes index, staff roster, tabulated statements of stock received, and ration orders.
- b. 19 f. 4 **Supplies received and issued at the Cavalry Corps station 1864 Nov-1865 May**
Supplies received on requisition; also, tabulated statements of issues, including Diet Kitchens and Commissary, and ration orders.

Field Relief Corps

- b. 19 f. 5 **Money and property forwarded 1864 Oct 14-Nov 12**
Entries, in chronological order, include the soldier's name, company, and regiment, with the amount of money or property, and the recipients' name and address, with remarks. Ownership note of USSC agent Charles A. Reed, 18th Corps, Army of the James.
- b. 19 f. 6 **Supplies and cash accounts 1864 Jun-1865 Jun**
Supplies received, issued, and on hand, also, records of money received from soldiers and cash accounts for relief agents.
- b. 19 f. 7 **Supplies received, issued, and on hand 1864 Nov 10-1865 May 31**
Record kept by agents attached to the 18th and 25th Army Corps.

Supplies

These are chiefly records of the storekeeper's department. Also present are records of ships used by the USSC to carry and store supplies, based predominately at City Point.

Supplies issued

Supplies issued from the storehouse to USSC staff, military surgeons, and others. Entries, in chronological order, include the name and affiliation of person submitting the requisitions or requests for supplies, and type and quantity of stock issued. Also includes general issues made under individual relief. Some journals are indexed in rough order and list the recipients with page number of requisition, grouped roughly by state and U.S. regiments, hospitals, military headquarters, and individuals.

- b. 19 f. 8 1864 Jun 25-Jul 4
- b. 19 f. 9 1864 Jul 5-13
- b. 19 f. 10 1864 Jul 14-25
- b. 19 f. 11 1864 Jul 25-30
No index present.
- b. 20 f. 1 1864 Aug 1-9
- b. 20 f. 2 1864 Aug 10-25
- b. 20 f. 3 1864 Aug 26-31, Oct 1-Nov 21
- b. 20 f. 4 1864 Sep 1-30
- b. 20 f. 5 1864 Jul, Nov 22-1865 Jan 14
- b. 20 f. 6 1865 Jan 16-Apr 8
- b. 20 f. 7 1865 Apr 10-Jun 21
- b. 21 f. 1-6 **Abstracts of issues #2271-2295 1864 Aug-Dec**
Weekly tabulated abstracts of supplies issued at City Point.

IV. Station records (cont.)

City Point (cont.)

Supplies (cont.)

- b. 22 v. 1 **Supplies sent to the front** 1864 Jun 7-Jul 22
 Entries, in chronological order, include type and quantity of stock and occasionally the method of transport and name of recipient.
- b. 22 f. 1 **Supplies issued to employees** 1864 Aug-1865 Jun
 Entries provide name of USSC employee, date of issue, type and number of articles issued, and amount charged against their salary.
- b. 22 v. 2 **Supplies entered on stock account** 1864 Aug 6-1865 May 5
- b. 22 f. 2 **Supplies received at depot** 1865 Mar 1-Jun 5
 See also supplies received by barge Hoboken.
- b. 22 v. 3 **Supplies lost** 1864 Aug 14-1856 May 29
- b. 22 f. 3 **Wagon clearance book** 1864 Aug 23-1865 May 7
 Entries, in chronological order, include the wagon's number, name of the teamster, description of the load, whom the order was consigned, date of return, and remarks for supplies being transported to the front, hospitals, and feeding stations.
- b. 22 f. 4 **Mess book** 1864 Dec-1865 May
 Record book of W. B. Wood, steward, includes supplies drawn for use of the mess and provisions drawn or issued from various tugboats.

Ships

- b. 22 f. 5 **Supplies received and on board** 1864 Jun-Jul 13
 Supply records for various ships during the establishment of base at City Point.
- b. 22 f. 6 **Supplies issued from steamer John R. Thompson** 1864 May 8-Jul 8
 Recipients include hospitals, Army units, and Navy ships, USSC staff at City Point and other locations, including the barge Hoboken.
- b. 22 f. 7 **Supplies received on board steamer John R. Thompson** 1864 May 19-Jul 12
- b. 22 f. 8 **Supplies issued from barge Hoboken** 1864 May 25-Nov 14
 Entries, in chronological order, include type and quantity of stock issued from the barge. The bulk were issued on requisition of the chief storekeeper at City Point.
- b. 22 f. 9 **Supplies issued from receiving store barge** 1864 Nov 15-Dec 8
 Issues to the storekeeper at City Point; continues Hoboken entries above.
- b. 22 f. 10 **Supplies received by barge Hoboken** 1864 Jul 6-1865 Jul 1
 Supplies received by the Hoboken from various ships, 1864 Jul 6-1865 Jul 1. Also, supplies received at City Point depot, 1865 Feb 15-Mar 3.
- b. 22 f. 11 **Supplies delivered from the store barge Rhinebeck** 1864 Sep-1865 May
 Chiefly supplies issued to the purveyor, also a record of private packages received and delivered at City Point, 1865 Feb-May 13.

Deep Bottom and Richmond

- b. 23 f. 1 **Supplies received at Deep Bottom and Richmond** 1864 Dec-1865 May
 Entries for Deep Bottom, 1864 Dec 31-1865 Apr 2; and at Richmond 1865 Apr 17-May 16.
- b. 23 f. 2 **Supplies issued at Richmond** 1865 May 22-Jun 16

IV. Station records (cont.)

Deep Bottom and Richmond (cont.)

- b. 23 f. 3 **Register of lodges** 1865 Jan 14-Feb 12, May 8-14
Lodge in Deep Bottom, 1865 Jan 14-Feb 12; lodge in Richmond, 1865 May 8-14. Entries, in chronological order, include soldier's name, rank, company, regiment, destination, and number of nights lodged and meals received.
- b. 23 f. 4-5 **Falmouth** 1863 Jan 23-Jun 21
Supplies issued

Harrison's Landing

- b. 23 f. 6 **Supplies issued** 1862 May 10-Dec 23
The bulk of the entries are for supply work at Harrison's Landing in the spring and summer of 1862. Work at other locations, including Yorktown, Virginia, and Point Lookout, Maryland, is also documented.
- b. 23 f. 7 **Hospital transport register** 1862 May 17-Jun 9
Records of soldiers sent north on hospital transport ships. Entries in alphabetical order by first initial of surname, includes soldier's name, company, rank, address, and date sent. The name of the boat is sometimes included.
- b. 23 f. 8 **Norfolk** 1865 Jan 2-Jun 26
Supplies issued. Includes issues to Fort Monroe, Newport News, and Portsmouth.

Petersburg

- b. 23 f. 9 **Supplies received** 1864 Dec 29-1865 Jun 22 (1 volume)
Supplies received at Patrick Station and Petersburg 1864 Dec 29-1865 Jun 22; also includes a record of soldiers who lodged at the Petersburg relief station, 1865 Apr 26-Jun 20. These entries include soldier's name, regiment, number of nights lodged and meals received.
- b. 23 f. 10 **Supplies issued** 1865 May-Jun (1 volume)
Includes pasted requisition slips, a list of books and magazines loaned to individual soldiers, and an abstract of issued clothing and other supplies. Record book of H. O. Thomas, USSC agent at Petersburg, reusing an account book of the Petersburg firm of S. G. Branch and Co., 1857-1863.

Portsmouth

Records of the USSC lodge at Portsmouth.

- b. 23 f. 11 **Register** 1864 Mar 16-1865 Jun 25
Entries, in chronological order, include soldier's name, company, regiment, state, branch, residence, destination, the number of meals and nights of lodging, and remarks.
- b. 23 f. 12 **Day book** 1864 Mar-1865 Jun
Cash accounts, 1864 Mar 16-1865 Jun 25 and supplies received, including rations from U.S. government and donations.

Multiple and unidentified locations

- b. 24 v. 1 **Record book** 1862 Dec-1863 Jul
Hospital tents drawn, 1863 Jan; inspector's returns with references to Aquia Creek and Falmouth, 1863 Mar; staff rosters, 1862 Dec-1863 Mar; cash accounts, 1863 Apr-Jul.
- b. 24 v. 2 **Supplies received** 1864 Jul-Oct
Notebook indicating use in multiple areas. Includes some undated inventory as well as shipment notes for steamer Elizabeth in October 1864.
- b. 24 f. 1 **Supplies received and forage** 1865 Jan-Apr

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- b. 24 f. 2 **Supplies on hand 1865**
Supplies on board various ships and with the 6th Army Corps.
- b. 25 f. 1-10 **Invoices of goods sent (#1923-2057, #3768-3832) 1864 Jun-1865 Jun**
Documents #1923-2017 (1864 June) include lists of items shipped to Baltimore, Washington, New Orleans, Beaufort, and Louisville and were originally part of the records of the Washington Office, as seen from the C.O. (Central Office) numbers on the back of these documents. The remaining invoices sent include lists of items shipped to City Point, Norfolk, Richmond, and Petersburg from Fortress Monroe, New York, Boston, and Philadelphia. Printed forms for accounts of stock used for shipping purposes are also found.
- Accounts of stock**
Tabulated statements of the stock on hand at depots and storehouses in Norfolk, City Point, and on board the John R. Thompson.
- b. 25 f. 11-18 **#2058-2146 1864 Jan-Aug**
- b. 26 f. 1-12 **#2147-2270 1864 Sep-Dec**
Note: Item 2200 is not present.
- Accounts of stock and abstracts of issues**
Tabulated statements of the stock on hand at depots and storehouses in Norfolk, City Point, Fortress Monroe, and Richmond, and weekly abstracts of supplies issued at City Point. Both the accounts of stocks and abstracts of issues are arranged together chronologically by date.
- b. 21 f. 7-13 **#3833-3901 1865 Jan-Feb**
- b. 27 f. 1-11 **#3902-3987 1865 Mar-Apr**
Note: Item 3949 is not present.
- b. 28 f. 1-11 **#3988-4041 1865 Apr-Jun**