

Record Group 109, Ch. VIII, Vol. 79 – Miscellaneous Clothing Account Book, Co. G, 32nd Tenn. Vols., 1862-1864

[The below items are clothing accounts for men in Company G]

The Confederate States In Account [of] J. W. Alexander of (9th) [sic] Company 32nd Regt of Tenn on Account of Clothing during his Enlistment
Enlisted at Jackson Miss on the nineteenth of Sept 1862

Oct	To	1 Coat
“	“	1 Pr Pants
“	“	1 “ Shoes
“	“	1 Gun & Accouterments
Feb 27th 1863	“	1 Cotton Shirt
April 10 /63	“	Shoes [NOTE: This entry is smudged and “x’d” out]
May 2d /63	“	1 Checked Shirt
“	“	1 pr Shoes
May 12th /63	“	1 pr Drawers
July 15 /63	“	1 pr Pants
July 25 “	“	1 pr Drawers
“ “	“	1 pr Shoes
“ “	“	1 Wool Hat
“ “	“	1 Shirt
J. W. Alexander		
August 6 /63	To	1 pr Drawers
Sept 7th /”	“	1 Jacket

Further notes:

[Entry for A. D. Armstrong]

Oct [1862] [To] 1 Over Coat [at] 8 25

Several other men are listed as having received “Checked Shirt” on 2 May and 21 May 1863. A total of 28 men are listed as having received “Over Coat” @ CS\$5.25 each during the period October/November 1862. An additional undated (probably 1863 or 1864) inventory of Company G clothing reports 29 men in the company are ticked off for “over coats” with 48 of the 51 men listed as having “coats.”

Undated Inventory (circa 1863) of Company Arms, Accoutrements and Equipage – Company G, 32nd Tennessee Infantry

Muskets 47
Bayonets 61
Cartridge Boxes 47
Cap Pouches 47
Waste [sic] Belts = 47
Shoulder Straps = 47
Bayonet Scabbards = 41
Knapsacks = 39
Canteens = 32
Canteen Straps = 32
Screw drivers = 4
Ball Screws = 4
Gun Wipers = 4
Spring Vices = 2
Buck and Ball Cartrages [sic] 69 cal 1940
Musket Caps (number not listed but may have been also 1940 based on other figures)

[Also 1 p[r] Shoes and 1 Cloth (?) are listed]

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Oct 22 1862 Willis C. Pyle Private \$24⁰⁰ December 4 [18]63 one pr shoes and one over coat Settled 64 50
Discharge on account of Disability

[Arms, Accoutrements, and Equipment Inventory for Captain J. Fogg's Company K, 32nd Tennessee Infantry]

Station	date
Tyners Station	July 26 [1863] [This was on the rail line, 9 miles east of Chattanooga]
“	August 12 “
“	“ 25 “
“	September 1 “
[Dalton GA?]	March 14 & 28 1864

	26 July	12 Aug	25 Aug	1 Sep	14/28 Mar
Ostain [Austrian] Rifle Cal 54	45	48	43	46	45
Bayonett for Same	33	35	34	36	36
Cartridge Boxes	45	48	42	46	45
Cap Pouches	45	48	44	46	45
Waste Belts [sic] Buckels and Plates [sic]	44	47	45	46	45
Shoulder Straps	45	48	43	43	45
Bayonetts Scabbards	33	35	35	26	22
Knapsacks	20	20	20	48	52
Haversacks	38	38	46	48	53
Canteens	23	23	23	47	50
Canteen straps	23	23	23	45	48
Screw drivers	2	2	2	2	2
Gun Wipers	1	2	2	2	
Spring Vice		1	1		2
Oustrain [Austrian] Rifle [cartridges .54]	1800	1900	1720	1840	
Musket Caps	1800	1900	1760	1840	

[My Analysis: Company K appears to be reasonably well-equipped. The greatest shortfalls, overall, appear to have been for bayonet scabbards. Bayonets also seem to have in short supply as well. Significant shortages in such items as knapsacks, canteens, and canteen straps appear to have been addressed during the last week of August 1863, shortly before the Battle of Chickamauga. On the whole, this seems to provide support for the theory that while the Army of Tennessee did encounter periodic shortfalls for individual types of accoutrements or personal equipment, it was well-armed. The numbers supplied for ammunition rounds on-hand indicate each man maintained at least 40 rounds in his box at all times undoubtedly in compliance with a directive issued by Braxton Bragg seen elsewhere by me.]