

nance reports ("returns") may be useful in their identification. These ordnance returns are available in the National Archives on microfilm. However, the reports were not always made or retained if they were made at all.

21. The Descriptive Book was a record kept by each company that included a brief description of each soldier (in case of his death, desertion, etc.), his term and place of enlistment, and often a notation of the clothing he was issued, bounty paid, etc.

22. This index is available at the downtown Washington Archives on microfilm. It is also available on the Internet at <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss>, a National Park Service website for the "Civil War Soldiers & Sailors System."

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