

Lifetime of Accoutrements

Lebensdauer der Ausrüstung

This is about how long equipment lasted in Co I 150th NY from mid 1863- to the end of the war. Notice how long the weapons lasted. Of course, this was on average. Remember there are also many accounts of units picking up better weapons and throwing away their out-dated weapons.

Type of Equipment	How long it lasted in the field	Comments
Rifle	8 ½ months	¾ of those issued were Enfield's and ¼ were Springfield's; 49 Enfield's were issued on June 30, 1863 in Frederick, Md.
Scabbards	8 ½ months	
Cap Pouch	8 ½ months	
Cartridge Box	8 ½ months	
Cartridge Box Plate	7 ½ months	Issued in June, August, December 1863, January, February, July, September, October, December, 1864, January, April, 1865.
Cartridge Box Belt	8 months	
Cartridge Box Belt Plate	6 ½ months	Issued in June, Aug., 1863, Jan., Feb., July, September, October, December, 1864, January, April, 1865.
Gun Sling	7 ½ months	
Waist Belt	8 ½ months	
Waist Belt Plate	8 ½ months	
Bayonet Frog	Only 1 ever issued	
Tompion	Only 15 ever issued	
Forage Caps	14 ½ months	Issued in August, October, November, December 1863, February, April, September, November, 1864, January, April, May, 1865.
Blouses / Flannel Sack Coat	11 months	
Trousers, Infantry /Cavalry	6 months	All were infantry trousers until July 25, 1864. Of the 16 pair of cavalry trousers, 11 were issued on January 25, 1865

Type of Equipment	How long it lasted in the field	Comments (continued)
Shirts / Knit Shirts / Flannel Shirts	4 months	38 flannel shirts were issued between July 31, 1863 – Sep 30, 1863, and 40 more were issued on January 25, 1865. 24 knit shirts were issued on October 31, 1863, and then 30 more April 25, 65 and 24 on May 31, 65.
Drawers	6 months	
Booties / Shoes / Boots (Cavalry)	3 ½ months	I am assuming shoes and booties are used interchangeably. One pair of boots shows up on November 30, 1863 and 26 on December 31, 1863. 12 pair of cavalry boots were listed on February 29, 1864 and 12 more with the description “Sewed” were listed on January 25, 1865. The ratio of boots to booties was 18% boots to 82% booties
Stocking	3 months	
Knapsacks	9 months	Issued in June, August, December 1863, January, February, September, November, December, 1864, January, April, May, 1865.
Haversacks	8 months	
Canteens	7 ½ months	
Great Coats	41 were issued.	That leaves 15 soldiers without.
Blankets	57 were issued.	
Rubber Blankets / Rubber Poncho's	9 ½ months	There was a 50 – 50 split between blankets vs. poncho's / Painted Blankets: 13 “Painted Blankets” were issued on August 19, 1864.
Shelter Tents	7 ½ months	
Red Stars (Corps Badges)	10 months	These were first issued September 30, 1863 and continued to be issued through January 25, 1865.