

[In 1861 President Lincoln appointed me Assistant Quartermaster of Volunteers, with the rank of Captain. I was for the next two years busily engaged in supplying clothing, camp equipage, etc., to many thousand Illinois troops at Springfield, Anna, Peoria and other points in the State, and providing for their transportation to the field as fast as they were ready to go. Was ^{serving} with General Burnside and Hartsuff in the fall of 1863, when the Confederate forces were driven from East Tennessee. Had charge of the Quartermaster's depot at Chicago in 1864, and in October of that year was ordered to New York City, where I was on duty as disbursing officer under General Stewart Van Vliet until the close of the War, when I was brevetted Major by President Johnson. I soon after resigned and returned to the State Journal office as general manager, which position I held until 1873, when I left Illinois on account of the health of my family. A reference to the reports of Quartermaster General M. L. Weigs, U. S. A. will show my standing as an officer upon his staff.]

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