Civil War Camp Mapping

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503.
The watering-places are examined, and signals placed at those that are dangerous. Any work required to make them of easier access is done by the police guard or Quartermaster’s men. Sentinels, to be relieved by the guards of the regiment when they come up, are placed by the camping-party over the water if it is scarce, and over the houses and stores of provisions and forage in the vicinity.
506.
The Generals establish the troops in camp as rapidly as possible, particularly after long, fatiguing marches.

MEANING WE NEED TO STAY FOCUSED!
Mapping Skills & Info

Let’s get our maps setup
Map Orientation

- Maps have already been oriented to the direction of the historical camp map
- If the words are upside down, then your map is oriented upside down!
Map scale is used to size down distance

Verbal Scale
1 in. = 1,485 mi
1 cm = 940 km

Representative fraction
1
94,000,000

Verbal Scale
1 in. = 585 mi
1 cm = 370 km

Representative fraction
1
37,000,000

Verbal Scale
1 in. = 250 mi
1 cm = 160 km

Representative fraction
1
16,000,000

Verbal Scale
1 in. = 20 mi
1 cm = 13 km

Representative fraction
1
1,300,000
Camp maps use paces

Scale using Paces

Scale Info

100 paces = 1 inch
2.5 cm
Map Scale

- Draw 1 inch long line in non-printed on corner of your map
- Write 100 paces = 1 inch (2.5cm) below line
- Measure 25mm or 0.25cm from left edge of line towards center marking end point. Label this distance as 10 paces
- Draw a box around scale and label “Scale Info”
Scale using Paces

Scale Info

10 paces = 0.25 cm
100 paces = 1 inch
2.5 cm
Topo Map

• Contour lines: lines drawn on a map connecting points of equal elevation

• What contour lines can show you:
  – Hills/Cliffs/Steep Places = many contours/close together
  – Flat Spots = contours spread out / few close together
  – Streams = Will appear as contours in the shape of a “V” pointing uphill direction
Terrain C Topo Key

Dry Hollow Sch

Masonic Cem

(The Dalles, OR Topo set) 100 ft Contours

West
Terrain C

Stream

100 ft continues
Terrain C - Example

Key
- Tent
- Position
- South of Arms
- 600+ Ground
- Princeton Shlf
- Company Offices
- Baggage Trays
- 150' x (location)
- Camp Edges

Scale Info

100 paces = 1 inch
25 cm

150' Contours
Map Key

- Map key tells what the symbols on a map mean
- Everyone's map needs to have a Key:
  - Key needs to be labeled "Key"
  - Neat and Clear
  - Connect with map
Key
- Tent
- Kitchen
- Stack of Arms
- Police Guard
- Non-Com-Staff
- Company Officers
- Baggage Train
- Sink (Latrine)
- Camp Edges
Matching Key
515.

Each company has its tents in two flies, facing on a street perpendicular to the color line. The width of the street depends on the front of the camp, but should not be less than 5 paces. The interval between the ranks of tents is 2 paces; between the files of tents of adjacent companies, 2 paces; between regiments, 22 paces.

Definitions: color line=edge of camp marked by colors (think flag)
516.

The color line is 10 paces in front of the front rank of tents. The kitchens are 20 paces behind the rear rank of company tents; the noncommissioned staff and sutler, 20 paces in rear of the kitties; the company officers, 20 paces father in rear; and the field and staff, 20 paces in rear of company officers.

Definitions: sutler=person who travelled with army and sold provisions to soldiers
Measure Distance

Camp of a Regiment of Infantry.

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Color Line

Stacks of Arms

Company Officers

Officers' Sinks

400 points.
The sinks of the men are 150 paces in front of the color line—those of the officers 100 paces in the rear of the train. Both are concealed by bushes. When convenient, the sinks of the men may be placed in rear or on a flank. A portion of the earth dug out for sinks to be thrown back occasionally.

Definition: sink=camp latrines/toilettes—actually, long open ditches
flank=right or left side of something
Time to Map!

Let’s get to work on our maps
Historical Camp Maps

How does your placement compare?
Historical Terrain B

Terrain B- Key
Topo Map

Terrain B- Key
Historical Map

(Baltimore, MD TopoQuest Set)
Historical Terrain A