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Abstract

Letter from Charles H. Gray (1840-1862), of Company C, 4th Ohio Infantry during the American Civil War, written to his brother July 13-14, 1861, and providing an account of his part in the Union advance on Beverly, Virginia (now West Virginia) and a report on the Battle of Rich Mountain.

Creator

Gray, Charles H.

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Biographical Note

Charles H. Gray, son of Frederick and Nancy Ann Chamberlain Gray, was born in Ohio on February 10, 1840. The 1860 federal census lists him living in the Miami County, Ohio home of his parents and working as a teacher. On June 3, 1861, Gray enlisted in Company C, 4th Ohio Infantry; he was promoted to corporal on October 1, 1862. Gray sustained injuries while falling from a railroad car near Washington, D. C. and died soon afterward of typhoid at Harpers Ferry, (West) Virginia on November 23, 1862. He was buried in Fletcher Cemetery, Fletcher (Miami County), Ohio.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of a single, 10-page letter from Charles H. Gray, of Company C, 4th Ohio Infantry during the American Civil War. Written to Gray's brother from Beverly, Virginia (now West Virginia) on patriotic stationery, the letter describes Gray's part in the recent Union advance on Beverly, Virginia (now West Virginia), and a report on the Battle of Rich Mountain. The letter was written over a period of two days (July 13-14, 1861) and provides a summary of the regiment's movements and battle engagements over the preceding few weeks from Clarksburg to Huttonsville and on to Cheat Mountain. He describes the hardships endured in camp, march, and battle but concludes "we are now repaid for all," as "[t]he secessionist[s] are all cleaned out of Western Virginia."

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