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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

Letter from F. Calkins, serving in Company B, 2nd Massachusetts Heavy Artillery during the American Civil War, written to "Dear Friend" from Newberne, North Carolina, on September 10, 1863.

Creator

Calkins, F.

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Biographical Note

Franklin George Calkins, son of George and Lucy Ann Brown Calkins, was born in Monson (Hampden County), Massachusetts, in July 1841. On July 15, 1863, he enlisted in Company B, 2nd Massachusetts Heavy Artillery. He continued to serve throughout the war and was mustered out of service at Wilmington, North Carolina on September 3, 1865. He married in 1869, and the 1870 federal census lists Franklin and Belle Calkins (1846-1923) among the residents in the home of Franklin's parents. The 1920 census shows Franklin G. and Sybelle Calkins still living in Hampden County. Franklin George Calkins died in Palmer (Hampden County), Massachusetts in 1938 and was buried in East Wilbraham Cemetery, Hampden County.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of a single letter written by F. Calkins, serving in Company B, 2nd Massachusetts Heavy Artillery during the American Civil War. Addressed to "Dear Friend," the letter was written at Newberne, North Carolina, on September 10, 1863. Calkins exalts the power of Christ, and he despairs that his fellow soldiers care only for things that are low and devilish and seek only to gratify their lusts and passions.

Keywords

Civil War

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