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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract

Letter from William W. Tinkle, serving in Company F, 7th Indiana Infantry during the American Civil War, written to Captain J. M. Jones from the war front near Petersburg, Virginia, on July 10, 1864, describing conditions on the front and including a list of his company's casualties during the previous 11 weeks.

Creator

Tinkle, William W.

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Biographical Note

William W. Tinkle was born in Johnson County, Indiana on May 7, 1841. Tinkle enlisted as a private in Company F, 7th Indiana Infantry on September 13, 1861. He was promoted to corporal on July 14, 1862. On September 20, 1864, he transferred to Company G, 20th Infantry and was promoted to sergeant on January 1, 1865. He was discharged at Indianapolis on May 31, 1865. Following the war, Tinkle moved to Pueblo, Colorado, where he married Tentie Burrell. The Tinkles moved to Woodburn (Marion County), Oregon, ca. 1904. William W. Tinkle died in Marion County on September 1, 1917, and was buried in Belle Passi Cemetery, Woodburn.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of a single letter written by William W. Tinkle, serving in Company F, 7th Indiana Infantry during the American Civil War. The letter was written to Captain J. M. Jones from the front near Petersburg, Virginia on July 10, 1864. After providing "a list of all the killed wounded and missing except a few that was slightly wounded ..." from Company F during the previous 11 weeks, Tinkle describes the company's movements and battle engagements since May 4. He mentions a temporary truce on his section of the front and fighting between pickets and artillery in other sections. He then describes conditions in the breastworks ("It is very fatiguing lying in the ditches all the time and the heat makes it all most suffocating ...") and the beauty he finds in the midst of battle ("It is a nice show at night to see the artillery and Mortars work throw their shell in rain bow fashion leaving a long tail of fire behind ... I love to set and watch the pickets fire it is flash flash like so many fire flies ...")

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Civil War

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