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Abstract

The Edwin Messer Civil War Letters is a collection of letters written by Edwin Messer during his service with the 37th Illinois Infantry of the Union Army. Written to his Mother, Sister, and Girlfriend, the letters describe his accounts of the Siege of Vicksburg the battles of Prairie Grove and Pea Ridge.

Creator

Messer, Edwin

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from Edwin Messer Civil War Letters must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

Acquisition Information

Edwin Messer Civil War Letters were donated to Special Collections in 2004.

Processing Information

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Historical Note

Edwin Messer was a soldier in the 37th Illinois Infantry, a volunteer regiment of the Union Army organized in Chicago, Illinois, during the Civil War. The Regiment went by the nicknames "Fremont Rifles" and "Illinois Greyhounds" during the war.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the photocopies of letters sent by Edwin Messer of the 37th Illinois Infantry Regiment of the Union Army during the Civil War. Messer writes to his Sister, Mother, and Girlfriend as his Regiment moves across Illinois through Missouri and into Arkansas and finally Mississippi. Messer describes the Battles of Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, the Siege of Vicksburg, and many minor skirmishes.

Keywords

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged by material type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Photocopies,

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