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SC 2749

**BURT SCOTT
CIVIL WAR LETTERS, 1863–1864**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Burt Scott was a resident of Hancock County, Indiana. He enlisted as a private on 24 October 1862 and was mustered into A Company, Indiana 53rd Infantry. Soon after Scott enlisted the regiment moved to Moscow, Tennessee, and then to Memphis where it remained until April 1863. It then proceeded to Grand Gulf, and soon after joined in the siege of Vicksburg.

After the surrender it moved to Jackson, where the enemy was forced to evacuate, and the regiment was then located at Natchez until September. The regiment was attached to the 17th corps and joined the expedition into Louisiana where it was engaged on several occasions. It returned to Vicksburg where it remained until February 1864, and then joined in the Meridian campaign. On 6 June 1864 the regiment joined General Sherman's army at Acworth, Georgia and participated in most of the battles and skirmishes of the Atlanta campaign. At the battle of Nickajack Creek on 5 July, Scott was shot through the chest while he carried the regimental flag, and died on the field.

Sources:

American Civil War Research Database. Duxbury, MA: Historical Data Systems, Inc., 2005 [cited 1 July 2005]. Available from World Wide Web: (<http://civilwardata.com/>)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of three letters. Two are from Burt Scott to his brother Edward in Hancock County. Scott writes to his brother about his activities and that he is in good health. The third letter is from W.W. Rafand to Edward Scott giving him the particulars of how Burt died at the battle of Nickajack Creek.

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