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**DAVID R. COTTRELL  
LETTERS, 24 JUNE 1863, 7 NOVEMBER 1864**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

David R. Cottrell (b. 1842) was living in central Indiana when he enlisted in Company H of the 20th Indiana Regiment on 22 July 1862. He was promoted to corporal in 1863 and reenlisted with the regiment in February 1864. He was subsequently promoted to sergeant and was mustered out in July 1865.

### Sources:

Ancestry, Library Edition, accessed 29 November 2018

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Cottrell writes to his sister from Camp Gum Spring in Virginia, 24 June 1863, and Petersburg, Virginia, 7 November 1864. He tells of the regiment being on the march and seeing many men on the side of the road dying from sun stroke. He also writes about taking many prisoners and sending them on to Washington, D.C. as well as commenting on receiving news from home of the number of illnesses and deaths in the north.

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