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HARRY H. MILLER LETTERS, 1861-1863

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	6 letters and 1 undated letter fragment in 2 folders
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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Harry H. Miller of Logansport, Cass County, Indiana joined the 20th Indiana Volunteer Infantry in 1861, becoming First Sergeant of Company F on July 22nd, 1861. He served as First Sergeant until his promotion to 2nd Lieutenant of his company on November 15th, 1862. He was later discharged on July 8th, 1864.

Sources:

Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana, Vols. II & IV, 1865, pages 183, 420.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This small collection contains 6 letters and one undated fragment written by civil war soldier Harry H. Miller from 1861 through 1863.

Letter 1: addressed to "Emmie" from "Officer's Quarters Camp Tippecanoe, July 7th 1861." This letter concerns camp life and mentions Miller's duties and contains a story about how he dealt with a drunken soldier in the camp. Miller writes of his efforts to be a model soldier and get promoted, sends his regards to his family and describes his uniform, which interestingly, was gray instead of blue.

Letter 2: addressed to "Emily Sally Luce and Saly Hill" from "Camp Hamilton Fort Monroe Virginia... November 17th, 1861." This letter gives an account of Miller's experiences from September 29th through November 17th of 1861. He tells of a storm at sea aboard the S. R. Spaulding on route to Fort Hatteras in North Carolina, commenting on the seasickness of his fellow soldiers. After landing, Miller describes the movements of his company and a brief interaction with the foe. This letter is in its own folder for conservation purposes.

Letter 3: addressed to "Friend Emmie," from "Camp near Harrison's Landing Va...July 28th 1862." In this letter, Miller writes a little on his loneliness and appreciation for his family's letters. He tells about his sore mouth, caused by his poor diet of "salt meat and crackers", and his dislike for the prescribed mouth wash from the surgeon. Miller then talks about a few incidents and stresses the confusion of battle and not knowing when people are actually dead, injured or safe.

Letter 4: addressed to "Friend Emmie," from "Arlington Hights Virginia...Sept. 16th 1862 Near Washington." In this letter Harry Miller tells his correspondent of his jaundice and talks patriotically about the war. He continues to describe their camp near Washington and the view he has of the city. The rest of the letter contains messages for loved ones and also an interesting post script reading, "There is a rumor that we got licked today at Harpers Ferry but don't believe you heard it".

Letter 5: addressed to "Emmie," from "Camp 20th Ind May 9th 1863." In this letter, Miller comments on a souvenir he sent home and answers a question about wearing his uniform in battle.

Letter 6: addressed to "Emmie and Sallie" from Fort Schuyler NY harbor, August 15th, 1863. This letter describes Miller's time in Fort Schuyler in New York City, describing its fortifications and the privilege of going into the city at will. Miller comments on his lack of funds on account of overdue payment, but assures his correspondents that he will be fine.

Undated letter fragment: to Emily. Miller writes that he saw a mutual friend who sends his regards and comments that he sends letters to Emily, but she does not send any back.

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Undated letter fragment to Emily.

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