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TURNER L. REYNOLDS LETTERS, JULY–NOVEMBER 1863

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NOTES:**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Turner L. Reynolds lived in Lawrence County, Indiana. He enlisted as a private in the Union Army on 17 August 1862. He was mustered into Company D, Indiana 16th Infantry, when the regiment was reorganized. In late August it was engaged in the battle of Richmond, losing 200 in killed and wounded, and 600 captured. The prisoners were paroled and sent to Indianapolis, and were exchanged in November. The regiment then moved to Memphis and from there to Vicksburg, Mississippi.

With its brigade it marched sixty-five miles on 25–26 December, swam two bayous, and destroyed ten miles of railroad and \$1,000,000 worth of cotton. It participated in the assault at Chickasaw Bayou, Mississippi, then moved to Arkansas Post and participated in the reduction of that stronghold, being the first regiment to plant its colors within the fort. It then moved to Young's Point, Louisiana, and on 14 April embarked for Grand Gulf. It joined the forces at Port Gibson, Mississippi, and participated in battle there. It was in a skirmish at Edward's Station, was engaged at Black River Bridge, then went into the trenches at Vicksburg and participated in all the operations of that siege.

After the surrender it was sent to New Orleans, where it became a mounted regiment and was distributed in detachments for protection of transportation along the eastern shore of the river from New Orleans to points north. It joined the Bayou Teche expedition in October, and was in continual skirmishing until 2 January, 1864, when it returned to New Orleans. It took part in General Banks' expedition up the Red River, being in sixteen engagements, and on its return was assigned to frontier outpost duty. It was mustered out at New Orleans on 30 June, 1865.

Sources:

American Civil War Research Database, 2005 [cited 9 August 2006]. (<http://civilwardata.com/>)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains four letters, two with envelopes, written by Reynolds. The letters dated July 20, September 16, and September 23, 1863, are in ink and written while Reynolds was in the Marine Hospital in St. Louis. These letters are to his brother and sister, and he laments to them that their letters are not very long and how he wishes they would write more. The final letter was written on November 26, 1863, after he rejoined his regiment, which was stationed in New Orleans. In the letter Reynolds talks about having some fun chasing rebels and catching seventy prisoners.

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