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**SC 2752**

**WILLIAM H. LOUGH**  
**CIVIL WAR LETTER, CA. 1861**

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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

William H. Lough was a resident of Wayne County, Indiana. He enlisted in the U.S. Army as a corporal on 13 September 1861. He was mustered into C Company, Indiana 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry. It was the first complete cavalry regiment from the state and left on 16 December for Louisville.

The regiment joined General Buell's army and moved with it to Tennessee, reaching the field at Shiloh after the battle. It was actively engaged in the siege of Corinth, and after the evacuation moved with Buell's army into northern Alabama. It moved into Kentucky in September 1862 in pursuit of General Bragg, being engaged at Vinegar Hill and Perryville.

The regiment was on duty near Nashville during the winter of 1862-63 and from there proceeded to Kentucky, returning after a few months to Tennessee. It was engaged at Triune in June; was on railroad guard duty during the fall; moved into eastern Tennessee at the approach of winter, was in a sharp fight at Talbot's Station in December, and reenlisted on 10 January 1864, at Mossy Creek.

It was engaged in numerous scouts and skirmishes during the winter, joined General Sherman's army in May and accompanied it to Atlanta. After the occupation of Atlanta the non-veterans were mustered out and the veterans and recruits were consolidated into a battalion of four companies, under command of Maj. Hill.

**Sources:**

American Civil War Research Database. Duxbury, MA: Historical Data Systems, Inc., 2005 [cited 29 July 2005]. Available from World Wide Web: (<http://civilwardata.com/>)

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of one letter written by William H. Lough. The letter is undated but since it was written while Lough was stationed at Camp Bridgeland, about four miles from Indianapolis, it was probably written in late 1861. He wrote it to his brother and mentions what camp life is like, and punishments for soldiers who disobey orders.

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