Descriptive Summary

Creator: Slack, Albert L.
Title: Albert L. Slack correspondence, 1862-1865
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 459
Extent: 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Microfilm copy of correspondence between Union soldier Albert L. Slack, member of 121st Ohio Infantry Regiment, and his family during the Civil War.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Source
Loaned for microfilming, 1965.

Citation
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Processing
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Biographical Note
Albert L. Slack was a member of Company D, 121st Regiment Ohio Infantry. Slack was single during this time. He was in Kentucky in the Fall of 1862 and was in the hospital from December 28 to January 27, 1863. On January 28, he went by boat to the Nashville area but was sent back to Camp Dennison Hospital (Ohio) in May and remained there until late September. He returned to his regiment, arriving at Stevenson, Alabama, October 30, 1863 and from there went into East Tennessee. He spent a month or more foraging about the country and then in December was near Chattanooga during the winter, 1863-1864. On March 12 he was in Rossville, Georgia, and continued southward in the Atlanta Campaign and the March to the Sea, then up through South and North Carolina to Washington and the Grand Review, then the following month into a hospital ward at Camp Dennison for at least three months.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of a microfilm copy of the original and typescript copies of the correspondence of Albert L. Slack from 1862-1865. Of the 115 letters in the collection, 105 were written by Albert L. Slack mainly to his parents between September 17, 1862 and September 22, 1865 while he was a soldier in the Union Army; three were by John Chadwick, Union soldier and probably a cousin of Albert, September 12, 1862, December 23, 1863, and February 11, 1864; three by Ezekiel B. Slack to his uncle and aunt, Albert's parents, March 31, April 28, May 27, 1863; two by George Slack, Company K, 4th Ohio Infantry Regiment, January 25 and undated; one by Margaret, Albert's sister, April 30, 1863; and one by William Slack, September 28, 1864 (probably should be 1862). The letters contain detailed information about army life. He frequently mentions the men by name. Many of those in his regiment are neighbors and friends and a number are relatives.

Arrangement Note
Organized into three groups: original letters of Albert L. Slack, typescript copies of Slack letters, letters of other family members.