

TUTTLE, EDWIN D.
Edwin D. Tuttle letters, 1862-1872 (bulk 1862-1864)

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Tuttle, Edwin D.
Title: Edwin D. Tuttle letters, 1862-1872 (bulk 1862-1864)
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 318
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Abstract: Letters of Edwin D. Tuttle, a private in Company G of the 26th Virginia Infantry Regiment, Wise Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, 1862-1872.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note

Edwin D. Tuttle was a private in Company G of the 26th Virginia Infantry Regiment, Wise Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of letters of Edwin D. Tuttle from 1862-1872, with most from 1862-1864. Tuttle's letters to his family document his Civil War service in Virginia and points on the south Atlantic coast in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Described are military camps and army life, conditions in the states through which Tuttle passed, troop movements, his letter writing for illiterate comrades, skirmishes, and his capture (1865). Frequently mentioned is Tuttle's brother, Jerome, who also served in Company G. Two 1872 letters describe Tuttle's search for employment and payment of back taxes.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	1862 May [15- 31]: Edwin D. Tuttle (near Drewry's Bluff, Virginia) to "Father." Fragment. Describes Confederate repulse of Federal gunboats on James River at Drewry's Bluff about 8 miles below Richmond.
1	1	1862 December 23: Edwin (Winter Quarters, Bartons Farm) to "Mother." Fragment. He is attending preaching and has bought a new Bible. He writes letters "sometimes from two to five" a day for his comrades who cannot read or write.
1	2	1863 January 23: Edwin (Bartons Farm) to "Mother." He mentions a diary he has been keeping since he left G. P., which is apparently the initials of his home--farm, town, or post office.
1	2	1863 December 9: Edwin (Camp on Wappoo Road, near Charleston, South Carolina) to "Father."
1	3	1864 January 16: Edwin (Camp near Charleston, South Carolina) to "Parents." The enemy had been shelling Charleston for several days. He and his comrades were in excellent health although on short rations.
1	3	1864 February 4: Edwin [near Charleston, South Carolina] to "Parents." He and "Jerome" are well.
1	3	1864 February 24: Edwin (Savannah, Ga.) to "Parents." He had participated in a skirmish on Johns Island. He was "between the two fires" in an artillery duel.
1	3	1864 March 7: Edwin (Army, East Florida, near Jacksonville) to "Parents." The Yankee forces near there "consisted mostly of Negrows & foreigners." The men would not have "spaired" a one had it not been for their officers.
1	3	1864 April 2: Edwin (Camp Milton, Florida near Cedar Keys, south Florida) to "Sister." He is now in "Gen. Finnegan's Brigade" but hopes to go back to "Wise Brigade."
1	3	1864 April 9: Edwin (On Picket, Florida) to "Father." His sister has been "sojourning in Yankeedom." He wants to hear what "transpired" while she was there.
1	4	1865 March 23: Edwin (Camp near Hatcher's Run, Virginia, 10 miles west of Petersburg) to "Father." Evidently Jerome has been captured. He received some "beautiful" socks from his K & Q [King and Queen County] friends.
1	5	1872 May 3 - 17: Edwin (Williamsburg, Virginia) to "Father" (apparently somewhere near White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia). He is seeking employment in Richmond if he cannot get it in West Virginia where his father is. He is concerned about payment of back taxes. An envelope bearing a 3-cent U. S. postage stamp addressed to "Friend Tuttle Esq. Egypt P. O. Monroe [County] West Virginia" probably contained one of these post-war letters.
