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Creator

Pilkington, Wilson R., 1838-1862

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Access Restrictions

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Biographical Note

Wilson R. Pilkington was born about 1838 in Pennsylvania. He enlisted in 1861 and served with Companies A and K of the 41st Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment (12th Reserves). Pilkington died from wounds received at the Battle of South Mountain on September 15, 1862. He is buried in Greene County, Pennsylvania.

Scope and Contents

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One letter written in June is from around Richmond, Virginia during the Seven Days Campaign. The letter dated August 19, 1861 is the only letter to Pilkington's sister. In it he mentions a review of the Pennsylvania troops by General George A. McCall. He describes his regiment's activities and interactions with Virginia civilians. The letter dated October 22, 1861, describes movements of the regiment and a reference to the Battle of Ball's Bluff. The letter written December 8, 1861, talks about a foraging expedition and lists what he has in terms of clothing. In the letter written March 12, 1862, he relates the movements of the army towards Centreville, Virginia, and rumor that the Confederates had burned Richmond, along with his hopes "that this movement will crush out the Rebellion forever." In May 1862, he relates a march towards Fredericksburg in which several men were captured by Confederate cavalry. and that he believes "there is something going on; it is whispered that 'Little Mac' has taken Richmond..."

Keywords

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Arrangement

The letters in this collection are in chronological order.

Description of Subordinate Components

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