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Abstract

Journal authored by James B.C. Vale of Company D, West Virginia 4th Infantry. Compiled in 1891 from a diary kept during the Civil War, it records in some detail operations of his unit in the period June 27, 1861 (when he enlisted) to October 31, 1862. It consists of an introduction (page 1), muster roll (pages 2-5, including names, ranks, enlistment dates, and notes), and narrative (pages 6-15). The narrative regards campaigns in western Virginia, mostly in the vicinity of the Kanawha Valley, in 1861 and 1862, including considerable detail regarding troop movements. Subjects include disease (measles), fighting, military maneuvers, reconnaissance, skirmishing, weather, etc; locations mentioned include Camp Piatt, Point Pleasant, Fort Lightburn, Big Sandy River, Tug Fork, the McDowell Court House, Sissonville, and Ravenswood, among other locations and geographic features. There is brief mention of the 34th Ohio Zouaves under Colonel Piatt. There are also three uncited clippings, including one listing West Virginia units that served during the Civil War, one regarding the Vicksburg campaign, and a third regarding Camp Ford Prison in Texas. James B.C. Vale was born in Meigs County, Ohio, on October 18, 1840.

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