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Scope and Contents

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In the inside front of the 1862 pocket diary, Goudy wrote his name, place of origin (Wheeling, Virginia), the date 10 December 1861, and the name of this unit. Highlights of the 1862 diary include the First Battle of Kernstown; the Battle of Shiloh; the occupation of Mount Jackson; time spent by Goudy's unit in Washington, D.C., White Sulphur Springs, (West) Virginia, and Culpepper, Virginia; Second Battle of Bull Run; regular entries during the months of August and September; and Goudy being at home in Wheeling during October and November. Memoranda section at the back of the diary includes a record of Goudy's clothing, a folk remedy for consumption, and other information.

Goudy also records his name and unit on the inside front of the 1863 pocket diary, along with several different locations and other names. Highlights of the 1863 diary include time spent at Romney, West Virginia; in July being at North Mountain, near Hedgesville, West Virginia; and 11-13 September fighting at Moorefield, West Virginia with a record of casualties. Memoranda section at the back of the diary includes records of clothing, letters, and names and locations of acquaintances.

The 1864 pocket diary also has Goudy's name and unit recorded on the inside front. Highlights of the 1864 diary include:

3 January - train near Greenland Gap attacked by Captain McNeill

15 May - Battle of New Market

2 June - train attacked by General Imboden's troops near Harrisburg

5 June - six hours of fighting, many prisoners taken

17-18 June - Battle of Lynchburg, captured three pieces of artillery and ten prisoners

21 June - in vicinity of Salem

18 July - near Shenandoah River, one hour fight

24 July - two to three hours of fighting

21 August - night fighting near Charleston

24 August - charge, captured a few prisoners and some cattle

19 September - fight near Winchester, many prisoners taken

9 October - fighting near Fishers Hill, 11 guns taken, along with some prisoners, horses, mules, and wagons

19 October - fighting, Colonel Joseph Thoburn's injury and death, victory, 62 pieces artillery, many wagons and prisoners

21 October - ordered to Newtown to protect hospitals

26 November - mustered out

28 November - received discharge.

Memoranda section at back of diary records clothes, letters, and names of acquaintances. Back of diary also includes a newspaper clipping of a poem entitled "On the War".

Keywords

Charleston (W. Va.)

Moorefield (W. Va.)

Romney (W. Va.)

Salem (W. Va.)

Washington (D.C.)

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Winchester (Va.)

Bull Run, 2nd Battle of, Va., 1862

Civil War battles.

Civil War -- Camps and camp life

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Civil War -- McNeill's Rangers

Civil War - Romney.

Civil War - Union soldiers - West Virginia.

Civil War - West Virginia 1st Infantry, Company G.

Civil War - West Virginia 1st Volunteer Infantry.

Civil War - White Sulphur Springs.

Civil War battles - Hedgesville, WV

Civil War battles - Kernstown.

Civil War battles - Lynchburg.

Civil War battles - Moorefield.

Civil War battles - Shiloh.

Civil War battles.

Diaries and journals.

Folk medicine.

Weather

Goudy, William M.

Imboden, John D. (John Daniel), 1823-1895

McNeill, John Hanson, 1815-1864

Thoburn, Joseph B. (Joseph Bradfield), 1866-1941