

CW/ VFM-81: *Photocopy of the Documents of William H. Rupp*

Diary of William H. Rupp of the 26th Pennsylvania, Co. A; and of the 87th Pennsylvania, Co. F:

The 26th Pennsylvania militia was organized on June 22, 1863 specifically for Lee's assault on Pennsylvania, and therefore only did duty in the department of the Susquehanna near Gettysburg in early July of 1863. They were mustered out on July 31, 1863.

He also served with the 87th PA regiment, which was organized in September of 1861. This regiment saw action at the battles of Winchester (6/13-15/1863), Spotsylvania (5/8-21/1864), Cold Harbor (6/1-12/1864), Petersburg (4/2/1865), and were present for the surrender at Appomattox Courthouse (4/9/1865).

William Rupp mentions very little about the battle of Gettysburg. He didn't participate in the fighting at all and, as his diary refers to his anxiety over waiting for news over the proceedings of the battle, he wasn't one of the ones that were captured in the initial skirmishing.

*as this is a photocopy of the original, this version also contains a cash ledger.

Photocopy (2):

1. 49pp-minus the roll of college guards
2. 64pp-more complete copy

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