

**CW/VFM-157: *Alexander Murdock***

Alexander Murdock enlisted as a sergeant in Company H of the 2<sup>nd</sup> North Carolina Volunteer Infantry on 5/27/1861. He was promoted to Ordnance Sergeant on 5/14/1862. Murdock took part in the Battle of Gettysburg, particularly the first day of fighting. He died on 7/1/1864 in a field hospital in Staunton, Virginia.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> North Carolina Volunteer Infantry was organized on 11/15/1861 in Wilmington. Occupied with coastal garrison duty for the first two years of the war, the regiment joined the Army of Northern Virginia in May of 1863 and saw their first major action at Gettysburg. The regiment would take part in every subsequent engagement of the army for the duration of the war.

Alexander Murdock to his Brother, 10 August, 1863

Murdock describes in detail his regiment's participation in the Battle of Gettysburg, going so far as to sketch a rough diagram of Union positions on Oak Ridge on July 1 and the Confederate assaults against them.

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Soldier History of Alexander Murdock

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