

CW/VFM-79: *William H. Rupp*

Diary of William H. Rupp of Capt Klinefelter's Co., 26th Emergency Regiment and Co. F, 87th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment

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 was 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 regarding the proceedings of the battle, he wasn't one of the ones captured in the initial skirmishing.

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Muster-in Roll (26th PA):

Company: Mustered in on June 20th, 1863 in Harrisburg, PA

Joined: June 16th, 1863 in Gettysburg, PA

Muster-out Roll (26th PA):

Company: Mustered out on July 30, 1863

*by the time he was mustered out, Rupp had been promoted to 4th sergeant from 1st corporal.

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Rupp died from a severe cold on February 25, 1913 at 73 years old. He was a native of Gettysburg, and died in his home on Stevens St.

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