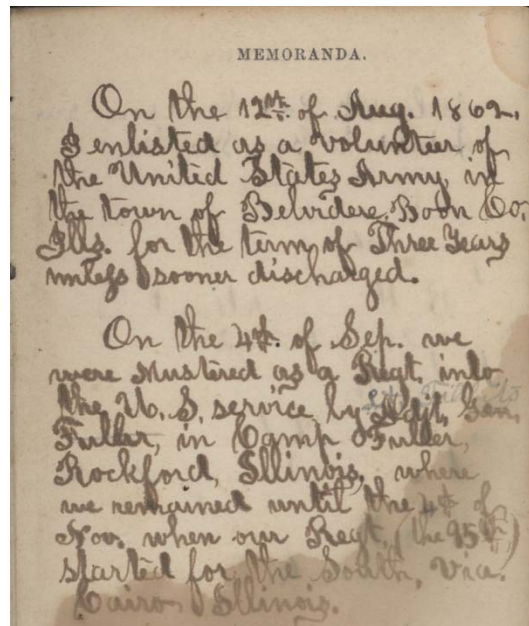


## Guide to the 1864 Diary of Corporal Robert Ridge



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## **MS - 116 : 1864 Diary of Corporal Robert Ridge, 95<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry**

(1 Box, 0.27 cubic feet)

Inclusive Dates: 1864-1865

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### **Provenance**

Donated to Musselman Library by Michael Hobor '69 and Nancy Hobor.

### **Biography**

Robert Ridge volunteered for the United States army on August 12, 1862. He enlisted in Belvidere, Boon County, Illinois for three years of service. His regiment was mustered into service on September 4<sup>th</sup>, by Adjutant General Fuller at Camp Fuller, Rockford, Illinois. The regiment remained at Camp Fuller until November 4<sup>th</sup>, at which time it was sent south. He was mustered out of service August 17, 1865.

### **Scope and Contents**

The diary contains information on the activities of Robert Ridge during 1864, and the first two months of 1865. Ridge spent the first several months of 1864 in the McPherson Hospital in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He was discharged from hospital on Saturday, April 9, and joined a detachment of his regiment that remained in the Vicksburg area. On Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, the unit was attached to a Division under General Mortimer Leggett and ordered to travel east to Georgia. In early June, the detachment was attached to Worden's Battalion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, 17<sup>th</sup> Army Corps. On Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Corps marched out of Rome, Georgia. One week later, on June 14<sup>th</sup>, they were attached to the 14<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin regiment. They fought all the way into Atlanta with the 17<sup>th</sup> Army Corps. They would later rejoin the rest of the regiment to fight the Battle of Nashville in mid-December.

Contains daily entries, list of proverbs, important events and dates, mail sent, mail received, members of Company B 95<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteers, money sent home, clothing acquired, addresses, rations, and Army Corps commanders.

### **Box 1**

1-1 Finding Aid

1-2- Time & Location chart

1-3- 1864 Diary of Corporal Robert Ridge

1-4- Transcription of 1864 Diary of Corporal Robert Ridge

**For more information about the Diary of Corporal Robert Ridge, 95<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry**

Wood, Wales W. *A History of the Ninety-Fifth Regiment Illinois Infantry Volunteers*. Belvidere, Illinois: Boone County Historical Society, 1993.