

Guide to the S. R. Norton Letters, 1864-1865

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

On August 23, 1862, Sylvester R. Norton of Madison, Michigan, joined Company B of the Eighteenth Michigan Infantry at the age of 24. In late October 1864, Norton was promoted from Orderly Sergeant to Second Lieutenant and assigned to Company G of the same regiment.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS:

The collection contains letters to his wife, Hattie E. Norton, written from June 14, 1864 to December 17, 1864 and May 1865. They are written from Decatur, Stevenson, and Huntsville, Alabama, and Nashville, Tennessee. On June 12, 1864, the Eighteenth Michigan Infantry moved to Decatur, Alabama, where it formed part of the garrison. The letters are written mostly from Decatur and describe his living conditions, his regiment's activities, rumors of Confederate troop movements, and the fortifications in Decatur. In

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late November 1864, Decatur was evacuated. The regiment marched to Stevenson, Alabama, and built fortifications there. The regiment returned to Decatur on December 28, 1864. On January 11, 1865, the regiment was sent to Huntsville, Alabama, for post duty. In May 1865, Norton writes about rounding up stray Confederates and bushwhackers and taking paroles. On June 26, 1865, the Eighteenth Michigan Infantry mustered out in Nashville, Tennessee.

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