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Archibald Debow Norris Diaries, 1861-1863

Summary:

Title: Archibald Debow Norris Diaries

Span Dates: 1861-1863

Creator: Archibald Debow Norris

Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)

Processed by: Elizabeth James, 2019

Accession Number: 2000/11.0697

Date Completed: November, 2019

Access to Collection: Open

Extent: 0.25 feet

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Search Terms:

Civil War

Diaries

Confederate soldiers

Biographical Notes:

Archibald Debow Norris (December 29, 1838-?) graduated from Allegheny College in 1860. He was mustered in as a Private on May 21, 1861 and out as Captain for Company K of the 7th Regiment, Tennessee Infantry.

The regiment's history, taken from (<https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-battle-units-detail.htm?battleUnitCode=CTN0007RI>) is as follows:

7th Infantry Regiment completed its organization at Camp Trousdale, Sumner County, Tennessee, in May, 1861, and in July, moved to Staunton, Virginia. The men were raised in DeKalb, Smith, Sumner, and Wilson counties. It participated in Lee's Cheat Mountain Campaign and for a time served under General T.J. Jackson. Later it was assigned to General S.R. Anderson's, Hatton's, Archer's, and McComb's Brigade. It fought with the Army of Northern Virginia from Seven Pines to Cold Harbor, then was involved in the long Petersburg siege south of the James River and the Appomattox Campaign. This regiment reported 72 casualties during the Seven Days' Battles, 34 at Cedar Mountain, 26 at Second Manassas, and 38 at Fredericksburg. It lost 11 killed and 45 wounded at Chancellorsville, and forty-six percent of the 249 engaged at Gettysburg. The unit surrendered 6 officers and 41 men. Its commanders were Colonels John A. Fite, John F. Goodner, and Robert Hatton; Lieutenant Colonels John K. Howard and S.G. Shepard; and Major William H. Williamson.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of copies and transcriptions of three diaries, spanning January 1861- April 1863, of Private, later Captain, Archibald D. Norris of the 7th Regiment, Tennessee Infantry, Co. K during the Civil War, ending with the Fredericksburg

campaign. The diaries are extensive, and cover details about the war and specific battles as well as camp life. There are also entries about Norris' evolving feelings about the state of the union. According to a note in the collection, there are a significant proportion of West Virginia related content in the diaries.

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