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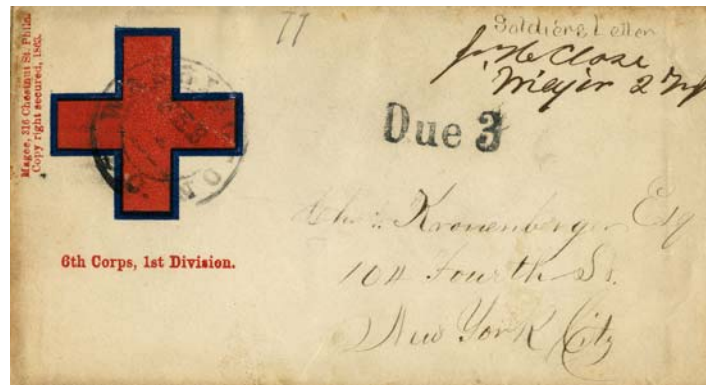
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Biography:

According to his Compiled Military Service Record (CMSR), Frederick H. Kronenberger was mustered into Company G, 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers Infantry in Trenton, New Jersey on December 4, 1863. He saw very little action during the brief time he was enlisted and was present at two battles; the Battle of the Wilderness and the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House. He was wounded in the knees while on picket duty May 12, 1864, at the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House and died at Fredericksburg, Virginia on May 22, 1864.

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His diary was written between December 2, 1863 and May 12, 1864, beginning with his leaving New York City to join the 2nd Regiment New Jersey Volunteers, and ending with his being sent to a division hospital after being wounded. Diary entries tell about camp life, writing and receiving letters and newspapers, visiting with friends and family, working in the cook house, target practice, taking a prisoner to the guard house, and standing on picket duty. Kronenberger also used the book as an address book and to keep an account of money sent home (1863-1864) and money spent for clothing, 1864.

The collection also contains a box of artifacts consisting of Kronenberger's pen, watch, pocket knife, spoon, tie, pipe and sewing kit.

Box 1:

1 - 1 Correspondence: December 14, 1863 - December 29, 1863

December 14,
1863 Camp Perrine, Trenton, NJ: Dear Parents and Sisters (typed copy)
December 15,
1863 Camp Perrine, Trenton, NJ: Dear Parents
December 20,
1863 Camp Perrine, Trenton, NJ: Dear Parents
December 29,
1863 Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents

1 - 2 Correspondence: January 7, 1864 - January 30, 1864

January 7, 1864 Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
January 14, 1864 Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
January 22, 1864 Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
January 30, 1864 Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents

1 - 3 Correspondence: February 9, 1864 - February 19, 1864

February 9, 1864 Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
February 19,
1864 Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents

1 - 4 Correspondence: March 3, 1864 - March 28, [1864]

March 3, 1864 Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
March 12, 1864 Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
March 12, 1864 Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
March 20, 1864 Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
March 28 [1864] Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
March 31, 1863 Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents (year dated incorrectly)

1 - 5 Correspondence: April 1, 1864 - April 29, 1864

April 1, 1864 Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Aunt & Uncle
April 5, 1864 Camp of the 39th Regt. Garibal[] Guard: Dear Parents
April 12, [1864]
April 13, 1864 Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
April 14, 1864 Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Herman
April 21, [1864] Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
April 28, [1864] Camp near Wolford's Ford: Dear Parents
April 29, 1864 Camp near Wolford's Ford: Dear Aunt & Uncle
 Camp near Wolford's Ford: Dear Parents

1 - 6 Correspondence: May 3, [1864] - May 28, 1864

May 3, [1864] Camp near Wolford's Ford: Dear Parents
May 17, 1864 Fredericksburg, VA: My Dear Parents (typed copy)
May 22, 1864 New York: My Dear Fred from "Your ...Father" (typed copy)
 Fredericksburg, VA: My Dear Madam from Miss Bell Robison (typed copy)
May 22, 1864 Fredericksburg, VA: My Dear Madam from Bell Robison (typed copy)
May 27, 1864 Harrisburg, [Pa]: [Charles Kronenberger] from James King, Surg. Gen'l
n.d. To Miss Belle Robison from Charles Kronenberger
May 28, 1864 Telegraph to Charles Kronenberger from G. C. Caldwell, "No safe
 access to Fredericksburgh now."

1 - 7 Correspondence: June 5, 1864 - November 8, 1864

June 5, 1864 Washington, DC: My Dear Friends from Bell Robison
Oct. 5, 1864 New York: To the hon. Mr. Ed. M. Stanton from Charles Kronenberger
 (Requesting permission to collect son's body.)
Nov. 8, 1864 Washington, D.C.: Charles Kronenberger from James M. Moore, Capt.
 & Asst. Q.M., "You can exhume and remove the body of Fred k. H.
 Kronenberger..."

1 - 8 Correspondence and other miscellaneous

Oct. 16, 1852 Naturalization paper of Charles Kronenberger
March 4, 1861 New York: [To whom it may concern] from L. [H.?] Mattison,
"Frederick Kroenenberger, has been in my employment a little over 10
Months and I have always found him a smart active and industrious
Boy. Perfectly honest in every respect."
May 12, 1862 Ship Island, MS: "Dear Fred" from "Herman"
June 28, [n.d.] "My dear Fred" from "Your affectionate teacher, Anne D. Potts"
n.d. "Dear Brother, Enclosed you will find my picture which I send you as a
token of love, and a gift to 17th birthday,"
Dec. 23, 1863 Receipt for bounty money forwarded to Charles Kronenberger
April 20, 1864 Poem: "A Mother's Love"
n.d. Poem: "The Happy Spirit", by Clara C. Kronenberger(?)

1 - 9 Photographs of Frederick Kronenberger

1 - 10 Compiled Military Service Record (CMSR), regimental history, transcription of diary, transcribed letters

1 – 11 Artifacts consisting of Kronenberger's pen, watch, pocket knife, spoon, tie, pipe, two wallets and sewing kit.