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Description

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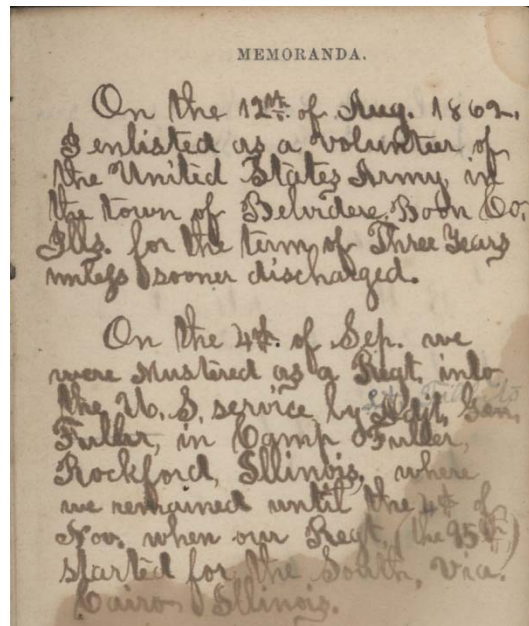
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**Guide to the
1864 Diary of Corporal Robert Ridge**



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MS - 116 : 1864 Diary of Corporal Robert Ridge, 95th Illinois Volunteer Infantry

(1 Box, 0.27 cubic feet)

Inclusive Dates: 1864-1865

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Provenance

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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 4th, by Adjutant General Fuller at Camp Fuller, Rockford, Illinois. The regiment remained at Camp Fuller until November 4th, 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 25th 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 3rd Division, 17th Army Corps. On Monday, June 7th, the Corps marched out of Rome, Georgia. One week later, on June 14th, they were attached to the 14th Wisconsin regiment. They fought all the way into Atlanta with the 17th Army Corps. They would later rejoin the rest of the regiment to fight the Battle of Nashville in mid-December.

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For more information about the Diary of Corporal Robert Ridge, 95th Illinois Volunteer Infantry

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