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Albert F. Sharp Papers, 1863-1864

A Guide to the collection at the Connecticut Historical Society

Collection Overview

Repository:	Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Connecticut
Creator :	Albert F. Sharp
Title :	Albert F. Sharp Papers
Dates :	1863-1864
Extent :	36 items (88 p.)
Location:	Ms 93835
Language:	English

Biographical Sketch

Albert F. Sharp was born in Rhode Island about 1831, the son of Charles and Prudence Sharp. He enlisted for very short terms in Company G, 10th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers in 1861, and then reenlisted as a Sergeant on 23 September 1861. In June 1864, he transferred to Company A of the 10th Regiment. It was while fighting with this company at Deep Bottom Run, Virginia on 14 August 1864 that he was wounded; four days later he died.

Scope and Content

Albert Sharp wrote detailed descriptions of his whereabouts and his battlefield experiences in 28 letters written home to family and friends from 1863-1864. With the 10th Regiment, he was present at the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Richmond, and Deep Bottom, Virginia where he died of his wounds. A letter dated 13 January 1863 from New Bern, NC, includes a square of velvet he took from the Gunboat Fannie. His letter dated 8 May 1864 describes the Battle of the Wilderness.

Transcriptions of these letters follow the originals. Copies of the letters and a finding aid for the collection of Albert F. Sharp letters at Auburn University

are also included. These letters may be quoted from but credit must be given to Auburn University.

Two poems evidently penned by Sharp give testimony to his colorful descriptions and poetic nature. They are undated. The titles are "The sword of Bunker Hill" and "The Ocean Burial".

The next to last folder in this collection contains Sharp's death certificate, a letter from his commanding officer, Major E.S. Greeley informing Sharp's mother of the soldier's death, and a discharge paper documenting his promotion from Sergeant in Company A to Lieutenant in Company G. It also contains a list of veterans of Company A, 10th Regiment, and copies of Sharp's enlistment papers.

The final folder contains a newspaper article describing the actions of the 10th Regiment and the subsequent death of Sharp, written by H.C. Trumbull, Chaplain. A letter to Sharp, dated 2 August 1864 from a minister in New Haven requesting money for a relatively new church, is the only piece of incoming correspondence.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

Use Restrictions

Use of the material requires compliance with the Connecticut Historical Society's Research Center regulations.

Subject Headings

Personal Names

Sharp, Albert F., 1833-1864.

Subjects

United States --History --Civil War, 1861-1865.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Item, Collection Title, Collection number (Box #, Folder #). Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Connecticut.

Processing Details

Collection was processed by Jill Adams in 2006.

EAD Finding Aid created June 2011.

Accruals

The collection is closed.

Contents:

Papers

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1	1	Letters, January 5, 1863-April 14, 1864
1	2	Letters, April 24, 1864-July 29, 1864
1	3	Transcriptions of letters
1	4	Letters at Auburn University (copies)
1	5	Poems, undated
1	6	Death notice, letter to mother, discharge papers, 1864
1	7	Incoming letter and narrative of battle at Deep Bottom Run by H.C. Trumbull, printed in newspaper, 1864