DESCRiptive Summary

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Title: William R. Cheek Letter, 1862
Catalog number: MS293
Accession numbers: CA118
Physical Characteristics: 1 letter
Language(s): English
Creator(s): William R. Cheek

Scope and Content

This collection consists of one letter written by William R. Cheek to his aunt, Bettie. A private in the 12th Regiment of the North Carolina Infantry, Cheek writes a detailed account of the movements of the Confederate ironclad CSS Virginia in April 1862. He describes the Virginia. In the letter, Cheek also describes the health of the men of the unit and states that he expects to be discharged soon.

Administrative Information

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Biographical/Historical Sketch

Little is known of William R. Cheek. According to his letter, he was a private in the 12th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry, Confederate States Army. The 12th Infantry Regiment, formerly the 2nd Volunteers, was organized near Garysburg, North Carolina, in May 1861 and the regiment served in General Garland's, Iverson's, and R.D. Johnston's Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. In April 1862 Cheek’s unit was stationed at Camp Arrington, Norfolk, Virginia. It is unknown if Cheek was a witness to the battle between the USS Monitor and Virginia, however, he witness actions of the Virginia in April 1862.
April 12, 1862: Camp Arrington, Norfolk, VA
Three-page letter from William R. Cheek to his aunt, Bettie. Cheek writes a detailed account of the movements of the Confederate ironclad CSS Virginia in April 1862. He describes the Virginia. In the letter, Cheek also describes the health of the men of the unit and states that he expects to be discharged soon.

MATERIALS REMOVED
None

SOURCES CONSULTED
The Civil War in North Carolina, 12th Regiment North Carolina Infantry, Web page at http://www.researchonline.net/nccw/unit75.htm


SUBJECTS
12th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry (CSA)
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