

Private Eugene Bush

Company D (Lynchburg Artillery) – 38th Va. Light Artillery

Eugene enlisted May 10, 1863 at Hanover Junction at age 19

Records show him present at all musters and pay periods from July 1, 1863 through February 28, 1865.

Co. D operated with 4 12# Napoleons and the 38th Va. Light operated with a total of 12 cannon – all Napoleons.

Eugene served with Company D at Gettysburg, North Carolina operations in early 1864, Bermuda Hundred, Cold Harbor, Chaffin's Bluff, Petersburg, and Burgess Mill.

In late March, 1865 Eugene was wounded. He was admitted to Chimborazo Hospital in Richmond on March 29. He was captured at the hospital on April 3, transferred to Jackson Hospital in Richmond on April 7, took the Oath of Allegiance on April 26, was paroled on May 5 and was still shown at Jackson Hospital on May 28, 1865.

Eugene returned to Bedford, Virginia and married Eliza Lumsford and they spent most of their married lives farming near Vinton, Virginia. Eugene and Eliza were both alive and well (age 65 and 66) for the 1910 census and residing in Roanoke and have 4 adult sons, 1 daughter in law, a nephew and 2 servants living with them.

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Eugene had four brothers who all served in the 4th Bttn. Virginia Heavy Artillery. Lt. Richard M. and Sgt. Michael R. both died of typhoid fever within two weeks of each other in late July, 1862. They both died in Liberty Hospital and are buried in Bedford County. Private William H. reported sick in October, 1862 and received a medical discharge in July, 1863. Private Thomas was shot through both thighs at Seven Pines (5-31-62) and was detached to the Richmond hospitals as a nurse and on 8-1-64 was detached to Liberty Hospital in Bedford as a nurse.

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(Micro Copy 324, Roll 254 United Daughters of the Confederacy; . . . Blount's Lynchburg Artillery, Robert H. Moore, Lynchburg, 1992, p.147; 34th Virginia Infantry, J. L. Scott, Lynchburg, 1999, p. 95-96; and Ancestry.com census reports for 1860-1910 U. S. Census Reports.)