

## **Captain Edmond M. Ware Company H & Company G - 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry**

Enlisted, on 6/2/1861, with his neighbors in a cavalry company that was designated Co. I (James City Cavalry), 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Cavalry. Edmond is 23 years of age, 5' 10", dark haired, dark eyes, and his occupation is shown as a Tobacconist.

Late April, 1862 the James City Cavalry is transferred to the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry. They become Co. H of the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry. Elected 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. in Company H on 5/1/62. Captured at White House on the Pamunkey 6/15/62 and sent to Ft. Delaware Prison. Exchanged 8/5/62. Appointed Assistant Quartermaster 11/28/62. Resigned 1/28/63. Reinstated as 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. in Company H shortly thereafter. (no record).

After Gettysburg, on 7/24/63 he signed for forage for 360 horses.

In Captain Allen's absence Lt. Ware commanded Company H in 11 & 12 / 1863. At Orange Court House on 2/15/64 the company had 2 officers, 44 men and 32 horses. Promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant on 5/9/64. Reported killed at Yellow Tavern on 5/11/64.

WIA in the right hand, left thigh, and side of face/mouth on 5/31/64 on Cold Harbor Road near the Chickahominy. Admitted to Chimborazo on 6/1/64.

Promoted to Captain of Company G on 9/9/64 following this recommendation by Captain James H. Allen of the James City Cavalry, ". . . On 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1863 Lt. Ware escorted Col. Tabb of Wise's Brigade thru the enemys line of Pickets surprising the enemy's camp below Williamsburg and capturing a large number of prisoners, a most brilliant affair, a most complete surprise for which Gen Wise awards Lt. Ware the highest praise. On the 31<sup>st</sup> May 1864 Lt. Ware was in charge of Co. "G" of this Brigade in the [*defense?*] of Cold Harbor; as usual he displayed the utmost coolness and valor, cheering his men by words and deeds after receiving a dreadful wound in the face he wiped the clotted blood from his mouth and told his men to "give it to the Yankees."

Health issues from his wounds moved him to the Richmond Hospitals and he commanded Co. E of the convalescents from 11/20/64 to 1/21/65. 1/28/65 received a medical discharge. Paroled in Williamsburg, Virginia 5/6/65. He lived the balance of his life with a silver plate replacing the lost portion of the roof of his mouth and a wooden hand to replace his right hand which had to be amputated.

Edmond married Susan A. "Trittie" Bush on March 1, 1865. They had two children; William Walker (1869) and Melinda Bush (1872). Each of his children will have 8 children. Edmond died in 1882 and is buried in Sunnyside Cemetery, James City County, Virginia.

**(Driver, Robert J., *The 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry*, Lynchburg, 1997, p. 263. Family history provided by Compatriot David Ware.)**