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Subject Phillip Decker at Battle of Stones River

Jim,

I enjoyed your presentation at the Hoof Beats in the Heartland Symposium. Thanks for participating in the event. I am attaching information about Phillip Decker who was private at the Battle of Stones River.

Phillip was twin brother of my wife's direct ancestor, John G. Decker. They were sons of Christian Decker of Evansville, Indiana who owned a wagon factory.

PHILLIP DECKER (1840 - July 26, 1864)

Phillip Decker and John G. Decker, 21 year old twin brothers from Evansville, Indiana, joined Captain William Schnackenburg volunteer unit in 1861. The unit known as the 32nd Indiana under the command of Colonel August Willich was mustered at Camp Nevin, Indianapolis.

Phillip Decker - Camp Pitick, Louisville, KY, Oct 4, 1861

Private Camp Willich, Madison, IN, Oct 30, 1861

Co. K, 32nd IN Camp Nolin, Nolensville, IN, Nov 7, 1861

2nd Division Camp George Wood, KY, Dec, 1861- Jan 1862 at Battle of Army of Ohio Rowletts Station, Munfordsville, KY.

Camp Shiloh, near Pittsburg Shore, TN, April - May, 1862 at Battle of Shiloh

Taken prisoner, Dec, 1862 at Battle of Stones River and confined at Richmond, VA in Jan, 1863

Prisoner exchange and returned to duty, May-June, 1863

Taken prisoner at Battle of Chickamauga, Sept 19, 1863 and sent from prison camp at Danville, VA to Andersonville, GA

Died July 26, 1864 of scorbutis (scurvy) at Andersonville Prison

There is a letter in the Indiana State Archives written by Fred G. Decker (brother) to the Indiana Military Agent in Washington D.C. concerning Phillip Decker's condition dated December 27, 1864.



ChrD Sons.jpg Sons of Christian Decker (left to right)

seated John G. Decker, standing Fred G. Decker, seated Phillip Decker, standing Charles Decker
Photograph must have been made shortly before John and Phillip left Evansville with Schnackenburg's volunteers.



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