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## INDIANA INFANTRY 85<sup>TH</sup> REGIMENT LETTER, 12 JUNE 1863

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

The 85<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry was organized on 2 September 1862 in Terre Haute. In March of 1863 the unit engaged the Confederacy at the Battle of Thompson's Station, TN under the leadership of Colonel John Coburn. The fight went badly for the Union forces and on 5 March Coburn was forced into surrendering to General Forrest. Most of the troops of the 85<sup>th</sup> Indiana were captured and marched to Columbia and Tullahoma before being sent to Libby Prison. The men suffered greatly in prison until they were finally released on March 31<sup>st</sup>. They returned to their own camp in June and were greeted with a joyous welcoming celebration.

Sources:

American Civil War Research Database. Duxbury, MA: Historical Data Systems, Inc., 2005 [cited 22 July 2005]. Available from World Wide Web: (<http://civilwardata.com/>)

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of one letter from an unknown soldier to his daughter Louise, dated 12 June 1863. The soldier expresses fatherly concern for Louise and tells her that she is becoming a very good writer. He tells her about the celebration that he and his friends had for the troops of the 85<sup>th</sup> Indiana, who were returning back home after their release from Libby Prison.

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