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Civil War diaries of William Penn Flenner, 1864-1865

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Red Demon of War

When William Penn Flenner went through the war between the states with Co. G, 76th Regt. Illinois infantry volunteers, he kept a day-by-day account of his activities in diaries made by hand from unused army record sheets. He sewed the salvaged paper into small books and bound them with durable cloth. Mr. and Mrs. Flenner died here within the time of one day in the early twenties and were buried in the same grave. Ray Browne kept the diaries of his grandfather.

Into the accounts of the war went a great deal of glorious prose of patriotism, executed by a man of meager education, a plasterer who had read widely to compensate for the lack of formal schooling, who had lived with purpose and given careful thought to the detail of life.

On January 1st, 1864, Mr. Flenner was at Camp Cowan, near Vicksburg, Miss., where he had gone through the siege of Vicksburg. After the fall of the Mississippi river port he went across country to the east and through Georgia with General Sherman.

Each day the soldier wrote into his books — about the right size to fit a pocket — the doings of the day, and the sentiment of a man who had found what he was fighting for and was able to write it down.

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Red Demon of War
To end the suffering

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Go all whom it may concern
Siege of Vicksburg miss July 4 1863
Shermans
Siege on Assault



Go all whom it may concern
Siege of Jackson miss July 17 1863

Know ye, That William Penn Flenner
a Private of Captain Joseph S. Ingalls
Company, ("G") 76 Regiment of Illness Infantry
VOLUNTEERS, who was enrolled on the sixth day of August
one thousand eight hundred and Sixty Two to serve Three years or
during the war, is hereby **Discharged** from the service of the United States
this Twenty Second day of July, 1865, at Habersham Texas
in compliance with the by reason of G. O. No. 11, M. D. H. M. C. S. & Co. Gen. Sep 24 65
(No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

Said William Penn Flenner was born in Harrington Co
in the State of Pennsylvania is Thirty Three years of age,
5 feet 6 1/2 inches high, Light complexion, Blue eyes,
Sandy hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Plasterer

Given at Habersham Texas this Twenty Second day of
July 1865

This sentence will be erased should there be anything in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army.
[A. G. O., No. 99.]

Frank H. Lee
1st Lt 23rd Reg. Ill. Cav. 13th Ill. Cav.
Commanding the Regt.

Joseph Ingalls
Capt. Ill. Cav.

