

ECTOR, Wiley Benjamin Maj., QM

The National Archives contains five documents for Wiley B. Ector in the files for the state of Texas, Tenth Cavalry (Locke's Regiment). Fifty-eight documents are found in the files for Officers, Wiley Benjamin Ector.

Wiley B. Ector, aged 32 years, enrolled for 12 months on October 31st, 1861, at Taos, Texas (a town which no longer exists in Navarro County), traveling 150 miles and bringing a horse and equipment valued at \$185.00. He was elected Major, reporting to Col. F. M. Locke's Regiment of Texas Mounted Volunteers, which subsequently became the 10th Regiment Texas Cavalry.

W. B. Ector served in Mathew D. Ector's Brigade, which was formed during the reorganization of Gen'l Braxton Bragg's command in November, 1862. W. B. Ector was appointed Major & QM on November 27th, 1862, reporting to Brig. Gen'l Ector, taking rank retroactively on November 4th, 1862, with confirmation on April 30th, 1863.

According to the website tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/qke01, this unit participated in the Battle of Murfreesboro on December 31st, 1862.

The brigade joined Gen'l Joseph E. Johnston's forces during the siege of Vicksburg, later during the siege of Jackson on July 10-17th, 1863. They suffered heavy losses at the Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia, on September 19-20th. It then joined Gen'l Samuel French's Division in the Army of Mississippi.

Under the command of Gen'l Leonidas Polk, the unit was moved to Demopolis, Alabama, where W. B. Ector signed a voucher for ferrying

troops across the Tombigbee River on February 14th, 1864. On May 16th, 1864, Ector's Brigade defended Rome, Georgia, and participated in the long retreat to Atlanta. The ubiquitous report of Quartermasters at Atlanta, Georgia, dated July 20th, 1864, listed W. B. Ector's age as 35 and his condition as "stout" (healthy).

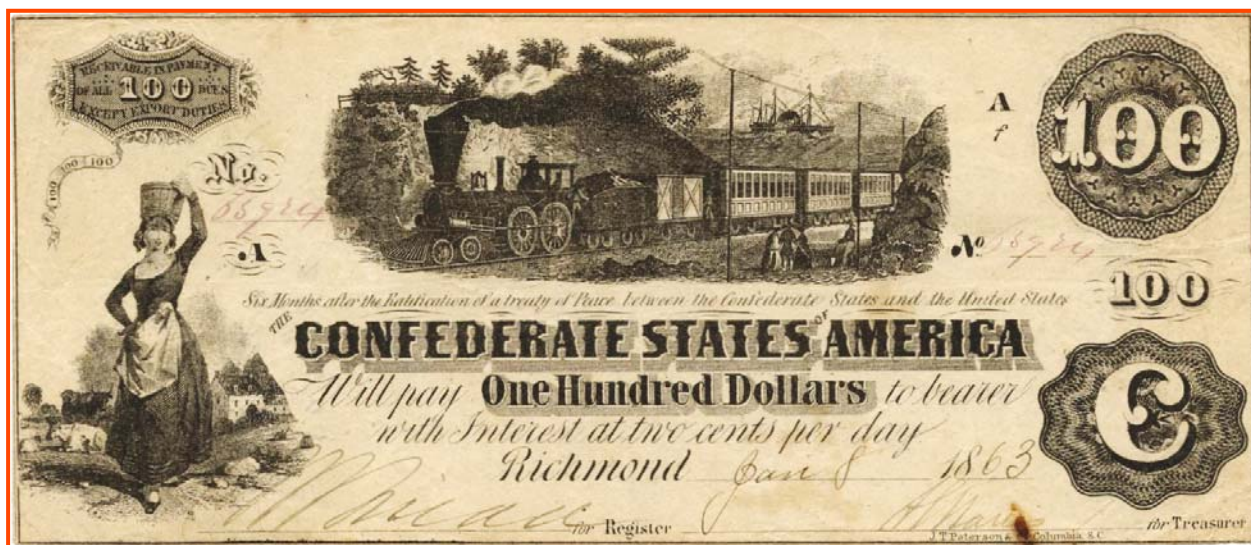
Gen'l John Bell Hood took command of the Army of Tennessee on July 17th, and after abandoning Atlanta, Ector's Brigade saw heavy losses at Allatoona, Georgia. On August 27th, 1864, W. B. Ector was paid his salary by Capt. B. F. Bomar, AQM. The last dated document in Ector's file is a National Archives summary card dated September 28th, 1864, which noted that Ector was given a leave of absence of 60 days on a surgical certificate, and was listed in the field with Gen'l Hood.

The unit did not rejoin Hood's army until after the Battle of Franklin and participated in the Battle of Nashville on December 15-16th, 1864.

Ector's Brigade was detached and ordered to Mobile, Alabama, and after evacuating that city, it surrendered at Meridian, Mississippi, on May 4th, 1865.

All of the many National Archives summary card entries for W. B. Ector correlate with the above history of this unit as described by website. There are no records of surrender or parole for W. B. Ector.

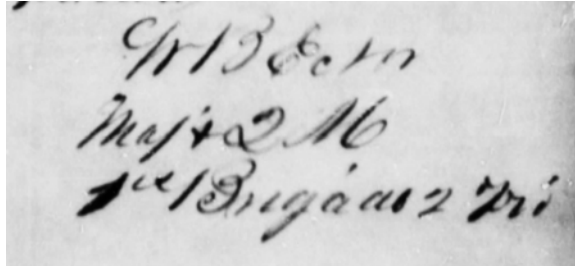
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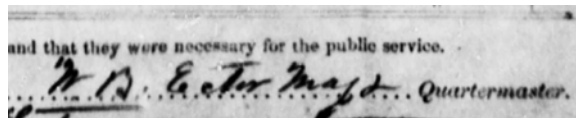
W. B. Ector's
signatures from the
National Archives.

The earliest known
example, signed on
December 18th,
1862, at
Reedersville
(unkown),
Tennessee, as "Maj
& QM, 1st Brigade 2
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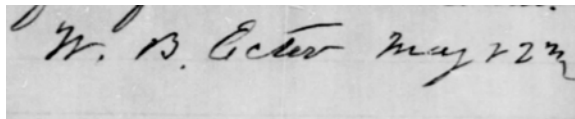
W B Ector
Maj & QM
1st Brigade 2 Div

Signed on
December 31st,
1863, at Brandon,
Mississippi, as "Maj
& Quartermaster."



and that they were necessary for the public service.
W B Ector Maj & Quartermaster.

Signed on February
14th, 1864, at
Demopolis,
Alabama, as "Maj &
QM."



W. B. Ector Maj & QM

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HQ. Ins. 1st Brigd 3rd Army of E. Tenn
Camp near Loudon Tenn. Nov 4th 1862

To Hon Jefferson Davis
President C.S.A.

I would respectfully recommend
Wiley B. Ector as Br Master C.S.A. 1st Brigd 3rd Div-
a of E Tenn with the rank of Major. Major
W.B. Ector is an energetic business man, of fine habits
good moral character, and in every respect fully
competent to discharge the duties of the position

Yours Respectfully

W. D. Ector

Brig. Genl. Comdg

1st Brigd. 3rd Div,

Army of E. Tenn -

Letter of recommendation for a commission as Quartermaster for Wiley B. Ector dated November 4th, 1862. The letter is written by Brig. Gen'l M. D. Ector, commanding the 1st Brigade in the 3rd Division, Army of Tennessee. Note that this letter is written directly to President Jefferson Davis who personally approved or rejected the applications for commissions of officers. Note also the letterhead indicating the location at a camp near Loudon, Tennessee.