

Benjamin F. Patterson enlisted as a private into Company F (Decatur Infantry) on April 26, 1862. He was wounded at Chancellorsville (Salem Church) on May 3, 1863; appointed 3rd Corporal in February 1864; wounded by a gunshot in the right arm at North Anna River on May 23, 1864, and hospitalized in Richmond on May 25, 1864. He was captured at the Battle of Sailor's Creek on April 6, 1865, (the last battle for the 50th Georgia) and imprisoned at Point Lookout, MD until his release on June 17, 1865.