

Elijah Hawk is my great great grandfather. In 1861 Elijah, along with his friend and future brother in law, Henry Hiles, enlisted into the 112th PA, also known as the 2nd PA Heavy Artillery. They lived in Dunbar, Fayette county which is outside of Uniontown, PA. For a good part of their enlistment they were stationed at Fort Saratoga in the Defenses of Washington. In March of 1864 Elijah and Henry reenlisted and were given 40 days leave to return to their home. During this time Elijah married Henry's sister, Susannah Hiles.

After returning to their regiment, they long with rest of the 2nd PA were sent south with the Army of the Potomac as infantry. They were initiated in battle at Cold Harbor and participated in the opening attacks at Petersburg with the 18th Corp. Henry was wounded during these actions with a bullet through his arm. They were present during the Siege at Petersburg and their regiment had considerable casualties during the battles at Chapin's Farm.

Elijah returned home after mustering out in 1865. He died in Dunbar in 1882 at age 46 from what his widow Susannah said were conditions that were caused by his service. After much research and the help of others who were also collecting information, I found his grave. It is located in the middle of a forest in the mountains of Dunbar PA. It bears the inscription:
Elijah Hawk 2 PA H A