

Courtesy of, Bob Harvey Descendant of Ruel H. Perkins

"Picture donated in 2014 by Bob Harvey, great-grandson of Ruel H. Perkins."

*Ruel Perkins is listed in the National Archives Military record as a corporal and also as private. I believe I have a photo of him where he appears to be a gunner. I am still researching, but think the photo was taken at Ft. Worth or Ft. Ward.*

*Bob,*

*Here are a few items that I found, Capt. Skinner Co. E part of the first Battalion command by Major Hubbard. This was Co. A,B,E and K. May 12, 1863 the 19th moved from Ft. Worth to a string of smaller forts out in front on higher ground. E, H, and I occupied redoubt D. Oct. 1863 Co. A,B,E and K were in Ft. Worth. The pictures you have shown them in sack coats. But the man in front of Ruel Perkins has cross cannon hat brass! So they were training as Artillery but still drilling as Inf. for many months before officially changing over to Heavies Nov. 23 1863. After that date everything changed over from Blue to red from 10 Co. to 12 Co. Picture has to be Ft. Worth some time after Nov, 1863. Victor*

*Victor, Very interesting, some of this I knew and the rest give me good information. I do not know for certain if the artillery drill photo actually pictures Ruel H. Perkins, I can't recall where I got the photo--online somewhere--but believe the man appears to be similar to the Ruel H. Perkins I have that came from a family history page. If I could definitely pin it down to Ft. Worth where Co, E was assigned, it could very well mean I have an actual photograph of my g-g grandfather hard at work saving the Union. That would be really cool. Looking forward to hearing from you.*

