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W. GOODING
5TH CORP^L'S
MASS.

James H. Gooding

54th Massachusetts Infantry

A sailor in the whaling industry before the war, Gooding answered the call for black soldiers and joined the 54th Massachusetts Infantry. He documented his service in letters published in the New Bedford *Mercury* newspaper. Corporal Gooding was captured at the battle of Olustee, Florida, on February 20, 1864, and held captive at Andersonville until his death July 19.

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