



Private Edwin Jemison

2nd Louisiana Infantry (Confederate)

Born: December 4, 1844

Died: July 1, 1862

Edwin Francis Jemison enlisted at age 16 on May 11, 1861. Barely a year later was he was killed at the Battle of Malvern Hill when his unit were ordered to advance on the strong Federal position. This portrait of the youthful Jemison, sad and solemn, has become one of the iconic photographs of the Civil War, symbolizing a generation of young men who went off to war, many of whom never returned.

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