

**CW/VFM-133: *Charles C. Walters Captain of the 7<sup>th</sup> Calvary***

Several letters written while in encampment in VA, 1862, as well as 2 obituaries and a carte de visite ALS-7pp.

Captain Charles C. Walters was a native of New York City and had served for a time in Nicaragua. He was killed by rebel forces on the banks of the Rapidan River on August 21, 1862. He was described as a dashing gentleman. Because of fighting, his men were unable to retrieve the body at first until Reinforcements under the command of Judson Kilpatrick arrived.

Letter dated March 9, 1862 to his sister Carrie

In this letter, he says that the men have been very busy and that he has not had much time to write. The men must be ready to move out at 20 minutes notice and any time off is out of the question. He will try to get a furlough once they have seen some action. He says how sorry he is that his nieces are sick and that he would love to be able to send them a present. Unfortunately, they have not paid in a long time and he is broke from all the expenses of his uniform etc. He talks about a picture that was recently taken and how he is unhappy with it. He offers to let her sell his pony in Kansas and says he hopes to move there with a wife after the war.

Letter dated June 15, 1862 to his sister Lily

He tells how he has just received some letters for the first time in a month. It seems that Willy has enlisted and now his mother is very lonely. He asks Lily to invite her up to spend part of the summer with her alternating with his sister Carrie. He shares that they are in the mountains hunting for Jackson's troops without much luck so they are leaving him to another officer who he states is one of the most capable in the army.

Letter dated June 18, 1862 to his sister Carrie

In this letter, he tells Carrie about the situation with his mother and asks her to invite her up to visit like he had asked Lily. He concludes by saying that he does not have much time to write but hopes to send a long letter once they reach Richmond.

Letter dated July 29, 1862 to his sister Lily

In this letter, Walters talks about a recent expedition in which he lead his men 94 miles without a major incident even though Stewart's Calvary were close by. He asks her to refer to the New York Herald of the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for more information. He

also asks about his namesake and tells her to send his love to his mother and other sisters as he will not have time to write them

Letter dated September 6, 1862 from Lt. Col. Judson Kilpatrick to L. F. Vorhores (?)

In this letter, Kilpatrick recounts the events surrounding the death of Charles of Walters.

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