

CW/VFM-75: Marvin H. Potter, 12th Pennsylvania Reserve Corps (also known as the 41st Volunteers), Co. B

Marvin Potter enlisted November 7th, 1861 in the 41st Pa infantry (12th PA Reserves), Company B. His service ran short when he died of his wounds on June 30th, 1862 at the battle of White Oak Swamp.

The 12th Pennsylvania Reserve Corps was organized at Harrisburg in August of 1861. They were engaged in the major battles of Second Bull Run (8/30/1862), South Mountain (9/14/1862), Antietam (9/17/1862), Fredericksburg (12/12-15/1862), Gettysburg (7/1-3/1863), and Spottsylvania (5/8-12/1864). The regiment was mustered out on June 11th, 1864.

Letters from Potter to his parents:

4/7/1862- This is a general letter home telling his parents that he is well, and giving them an update on the general health of the men that they might know. He also tells them to tell Margaret that he is well.

Typed copy: 1pp.

Original document: 4pp.

4/29/1862-This is also a general letter that tells his parents that he is well, and that his regiment is currently guarding a railroad bridge (near Cedar). The rebels have burned it once, and they do not wish it to be burned again.

Typed copy: 1pp.

Original document: 3pp.

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