

CW/ VFM-84: *William T. Shimp of the 46th Pennsylvania*

The 46th Pennsylvania was organized at Harrisburg, and reported for duty in November of 1861. This regiment, having been mustered in so early in the war, saw most of the major battles. They fought at Winchester (5/25/1862), Cedar Mountain (8/9/1862), Antietam (9/17/1862), Chancellorsville (5/1-5/1863), Gettysburg (7/1-3/1863), and they continued to fight in lesser known battles afterward. The regiment was mustered out in July of 1865.

Letters from William T. Shimp to Anna Lilley:

6/25/1863: This letter talks about camp life, and the preparation for the coming battle that seems imminent at this time. He also mentions two men who were shot for desertion.

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7/6/1863 & 7/9/1863: In the first entry on this page, he lets Lilley know that all is well though his regiment took heavy casualties. He also says that the rebels blame their defeat on the fact that they were fighting in the North. In the second entry, he mentions that he has marched for two days without shoes.

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*in both letters, he asks that she write him often.

Letter from Edward K. Rogers to H.W.A. Hanson:

6/18/1938: Mr. Rogers is offering Mr. Hanson copies of two of the letters his grandfather wrote to his grandmother during the war.

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