

CW/VFM-154: *William H. Broughton*

William H. Broughton enlisted in the 16th Maine Volunteer Infantry on 8/14/1862 and was mustered into Company D. He was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant on 12/31/1862, 1st Lieutenant on 12/1/1863, and finally Captain on 11/9/1864. Broughton served with distinction at the Battle of Fredericksburg. He was mustered out on 6/5/1863 at Arlington Heights, Virginia.

The 16th Maine Volunteer Infantry was organized at Augusta and mustered into service on 8/14/1862 for a two year enlistment. The regiment first saw action at Fredericksburg, and participated in every subsequent major battle in which the Army of the Potomac was engaged. The regiment served with particular distinction at Gettysburg on the first day of the battle, losing nearly three quarters of its strength.

William H. Broughton to his Father, 16 January, 1863

Broughton describes regulations and duty on the picket line as well as mentioning his role in the Battle of Fredericksburg the previous December.

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William H. Broughton to his Father, 4 August, 1863

Broughton details the army's crossing of the Rappahannock and rumors of enemy movement in response.

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Soldier History of William H. Broughton

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