

CW/VFM-155: *Alonzo Russell*

Alonzo Russell enlisted on 1/7/1862 as a 1st Sergeant in Company C of the 19th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant on 2/8/1863, 1st Lieutenant on 1/14/1865, and finally Captain in May of 1865. As hostilities concluded Russell was the Provost Marshal at Warrenton, VA, where he administered the Oath of Allegiance to Confederates. Among the Confederates encountered by Russell in this capacity were Generals John Walker, William “Extra Billy” Smith, and John Mosby.

The 19th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry was organized at Madison and mustered into service on 4/30/1862. The regiment took part in Butler’s operations south of the James River in 1864 and manned the lines at Petersburg from June until August of 1864. It was then assigned to provost duties until being mustered out on 8/9/1865.

Alonzo Russell to “Brother Zeb”, 6 December, 1863

Russell discusses family matters with his brother as well as detailing skirmishing with Confederate bushwackers in North Carolina during which a Major was killed.

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