

Col. William E. Walsh

Donated by Teresa Walsh June 17, 1991

Entered the service in Company G, 1st Rhode Island Volunteer Cavalry, Dec. 2, 1861. Captured Feb 25, 1863 at Hartwood Church, Virginia. Imprisoned in Libby Prison, Virginia. Paroled, March 11, 1863. On detached service in Baltimore, Md. From Oct. 1863 until Jan. 1864. Re-enlisted for three years or the war, Jan 5, 1864. Again on detached service from Aug. to Nov. 1864. Transferred to company A, Dec. 21, 1864. Mustered out as Corporal, Aug. 3, 1865. Veteran.

The 1st Rhode Island Volunteer Cavalry was organized from Oct. to Dec. 1861. Mustered in at Pawtucket, R.I. Dec. 14, 1861. Served in Hatch's Brigade 5th Corps, Army of the Potomac and Surveyors Brigade, Department of the Shenandoah, from March 1862 (3rd Battalion). 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, Department of the Rappahannock, from May 1862. Cavalry Brigade, 3rd Corps, Army of Virginia, from June. With Army of the Potomac, from Sept. 1862. Corps of Observation, from September. 1st Cavalry center Grand Division from Dec. 1862. 1st Brigade, 2nd Division Cavalry Corps, from Feb. 1863. Cavalry Brigade, 22nd Corps from April 1864. Reserve Brigade, Army of the Shenandoah and 1st Separate Brigade. 8th Corps, Middle Department, Military Division of the Atlantic, from May 1865.

Service

Moved to Washington, D.C. march 12-16, '62. Duty at Warrenton Junction, from Apr. 7. Skirmish at Liberty Church, April 16. Rappahannock River. April 18. Reconnaissance to Culpepper L.H. May 6-8. Action at Front Royal, May 30. Operations in the Shenandoah Valley, May 15-June 17. Skirmish at Columbia Bridge, June 2. Millers' Bridge, June 4. Duty at Manassas, from June 17. Battle of Cedar Mountain, August 9. Northern Virginia Campaign, August 16-September 2. Skirmishes at Rappahannock and battle stations, August 21. Action at Rappahannock Station, August 23. Sulphur Springs, August 26. Battle of Groveton, August 29. 2nd Bull Run, August 30. Battle of Chantilly, Sept. 1. Duty near Poolesville, Sept. 15-Oct. 28. Operations during Stuarts' Raid, October 11-15. Skirmish at White's Ford, October 12. Action at Montville, Oct. 31. Snickers' Gap, Nov. 1. Hazel River, Nov. 11. Battle of Fredericksburg, Va. Dec. 13. Train guard to Dumfries, Dec 12-13. Combat at Kellys' Ford, March 17, 1863. Chancellorsville Campaign, April 29-May 6. Stoneman's Raid, April 29-May 1. Skirmish near Kellys' Ford, April 29. Action at Rapidan Station, May 1. Battle of Chancellorsville, May 3-4. Action at Ellis Ford, May 4. Pennsylvania Campaign, June 1-July 31.

Action at Sulphur Springs, June 3, 1863. Brandy Station and Stevensburg, June 9. Thoroughfare Gap, Hopewell and Middleburg, June 17. Middleburg and Aldie, June 18. Thoroughfare Gap, July 8. Jones' Grass Roads, July 10. Skirmishes at Culpeper Court House Piney Mountain and Hazel River, Sept. 13. Rapidan Station, Sept. 14. Near Warrenton Springs, Nov 13. Duty on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, from Nov. 23. Veteran Furlough, March-April 1864. In defenses of Washington at Belle Plain and White House, Va. Apr. 8 to June 29. Skirmish at Bowling Green, May 29. White House Landing, June 20. Operations at Deep Bottom, July 27-28. Dutch Gap, July 27. Deep Bottom, July 28. Shenandoah Valley Campaign, Aug. to Nov. Perryville, Aug. 13. Near Front Royal, Aug. 16. Halltown, Aug. 22. Shepherdstown, Aug. 25. White Post, Sept. 4. Battle of the Opequon, Sept. 19. Milford, Sept. 22. Front Royal, Sept. 23. Luray, Sept. 24. Vaynesford, Sept. 28. Woodstock Races, Oct. 8-9. Battle of Cedar Creek, Oct. 19. Near Woodstock, Nov. 10. Mount Jackson, Nov. 23. Expedition to Lacey's Springs, Dec. 19-22. Sheridans' Raid, Feb. 27-March 3, 1865. Action at Waynesboro, March 2. Action at Mount Jackson, March 7. Duty at Monrovia and Relay House to July 31.

Mustered out at Baltimore, Aug. 3, 1865.