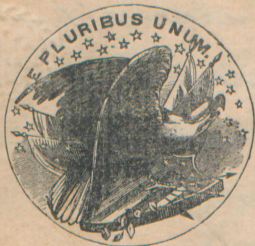


Corp. William Walsh,



Co. A, 1st R. I. Cavalry.

Providence R.I.
May 17th 1866
Notes In Brief.

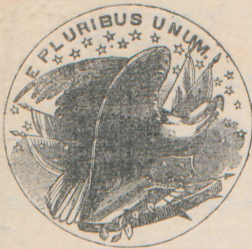
Enlisted At Providence R.I. In
Captain J. B. Woods. Co. G. 1st R.I. Cav
As Private, on December 2nd 1861
for 3 yrs. The Regt left the State on
The 14th of March 1862. And
Proceeded to Washington D.C.
He Remained here a short time.
To get horses &c. He left there
And went to Camp Meade, in
Virginia. In the neighbourhood
of Warrenton Junction.
Here he lost a good many men
By disaster. He was under
Command of Colonel ^{R.B.} Linton
In A. S. M. C. S. Brigade
After a time he moved to
Camp Alliance, near to
Warrenton Junction.

And while here General Shields
took our 3rd Battalion of
New Hampshire men with him.
And the 2 Battalions of R.I.
Men went in the Rear.
While with Shields the 3rd
Battalion had a severe fight
Against great odds. Your
Boys lost 8 men and 1 Captain
He was put under other Generals
whose names I forget now.
So I write from memory.

But all events he was sent
up the Surry Valley up to
Mills Bridge. Near
Fort Republic Va.
From there he went back
to Manassas. In the meantime
our Col. Resigned on account
of ill health. Then the Responsibility
rested on Lt Col. Sayles.
After suffering every privation.
Wanting food, water, & sleep.

Shortly after arriving there
he was reviewed by General
McDonnell, and Governor
Wm. Shepard. here he got
A new fit out horses clothing
and such things as he needed.
And when here Col Alfred
N. Duffie, was appointed to
take charge of the Regt. I Col.
At once made such changes
As was considered best for
us. He went through a
series of drills for 3 months
when he was ordered in the
field. All that I remember
now is, he was at the
2nd Bull Run, Cedar mountain
Chantilly, from there to
Washington. In the Gettysburg
Campaign he fought under
Sherman, Joe Hooker, Kimball,
Shields and a dozen others
whose names I forget now!

Then we went through the
Popes Campaign, on the Rappahannock
And we was at the Battle of
Friedrichsburg, on Both occasions
And after the 2nd one, we
went into Camp, where
we Remained all winter,
That was at Potomac Creek,
This time Burnside was,
Stuck in the mud, where
we knew what hunger was,
Living on 10 small hard tack
Per day, and we usually eat
Seven, at the first meal,
During those times, many men
Deserted and the men was
Discharged, for disability,
Brought on by hunger
While we lay here we had new
Recruits, and they was discharged,
Again before old men,
I never wish to go through
Such Campaigns again



Vol 2 Continuation
While at Potomac Creek,

Co. A, 1st R. I. Cavalry. He had to go about
Eight miles off. To do Pickets
Duty, and it was the dearest
Cum Hark = I Have Passed
Over many small and important
Events. on account of only
writing from memory
But to Resume

On the 24 Feb 1863
While on Picket I and 3
Commissioned officers 1 each of 150th I.
3rd & 4 Regt. and 39 men was
Surrounded, and taken Prisoner,
He was taken to Centerville
Gardonsville and on to Richmond
where Sympathetic old ladies
wanted us all hanged for their
Particular amusement
But it is Presumed their wish

was not completed with
After Parading us all they
wanted they took us inside
of the world Renowned Prison
of Liffy How many sad
Stories could be told about
this Infernal place, I saw
Citizens that was there a year,
some more for nothing, only
they had a preference for the
Old flag. and the Laws that
Sustain it over the Royal
States. Only a couple of days
before we got there. one
Man put his head out of
the window. and the Greyback
Fired at him and shot
An Innocent man lying on
the floor above.

And I saw 2 men shot.
After being taken prisoners.
And had no arms.
So depend themselves that was

The Southern Coast

Almost a terror in
Those days. He was only
In that Ecclesiastical Boarding
House Only 7 days 14 all
together, from time of being
Taken till Paroled. He had
one small loaf, with a small
Piece of Beef, and one pint of
Soup, for a days Ration.

He arrived at Annapolis, in
Season. Where he had enough
To eat, and a new out fit.
And he then away. The
Lies of the Chivalry, good
Sized ones they had too.

During all this time my
Health was Rather Poor.
While at Annapolis, I got
A furlough, and came home
and staid 40 days, and
went back to Annapolis.
From this time, I have noted

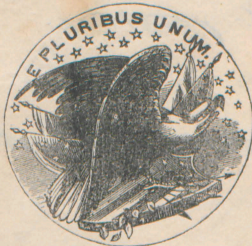
I will make a Remark here
After being taken prisoners
Our Capt. met and fought.
The Black Horse Co. Stewards
And they was whipped to their
Hearts content and they have
never been able to stand
Before ^{our} bravery since
we lost in our fight some
Killed and wounded.

I dont know the chance
After arriving at Annapolis
I went to work for the Sutler
Till the 29th of May 1863

Then all exchanged prisoners went
to Baltimore. as Gen Lee.

was sent on taking that City.
That night the alarm bells
was rung. and 8000 Citizens
of Union Leagues. Turned
out with all the military there
to protect the City. as it was
said the Reb was coming

Corp. William Walsh,



Co. A, 1st R. I. Cavalry.

Let's Continuation
The Street was
Barricaded. and

Artillery planted on every avenue
where they thought the enemy
might come. But no enemy
came. But he got to Chambersburg

Pennsylvania, where the atrocities they
committed I have nothing to say
It is the duty of the faithful
Historian to Chronicle

The Squad I came to Baltimore
with, part done Provost duty,
And Patrol also I and 4 others

was detailed to guard a part
we went there on 17th June No 3

Notes from my books How

Monday Aug 3rd Heat 95 degrees

Aug 11th Heat 130 deg.

Let 4nd John Conlen die at anspous
M.D. of fever

Sep 17th Anniversary of Battle
of Antietam M.D.

Oct 17th I went on the Washington
Monument Baltimore

Dec 22nd first snow in Baltimore

" 31st left Baltimore for
Washington went to Camp Stoneman.

Jan 5th Reenlisted for 3 yrs.

In January went to my Company, at
Warrenton Junction Va.

Staid there 1 month. got a
shurlough. for 35 days. had it
extended 20 days more.

Received for Reenlisting. the
Old U.S. Bounty of \$1,000 ^{100⁰⁰ 150⁰⁰ 2 years}

And \$400 more And \$300

from the State of R. I.,

Making a total of \$8,000.

On April 8th 1864 we all left
Providence. went to N. Y. and
Remained there waiting for
transportation about 4 days.

Left there got to Washington.

Promptly. Went into
Camp at Camp Stoneman.
Here we got Arms &c.
May 9th left here went to
Briston Station on cars.
10th went to Rappahannock
Station. Returned to Fairfax.
11th went to Vienna. Went
near Chantrea on foot.
12th went to Chantrea farm.
13 went to Prying Run.
14th _____
15th got back to Vienna.
Had been looking for quercias
Left for Bee Plain Arrived on 16th.
17th Sunday. Reto.
Our army was fighting through
that country toward Franckburg
Spotsylvania Court house down
to Richmond in this Campaign.
18th on ticket at oak hood
Church 3 miles from Franckburg.
2150 got our horses and equipments.

Tuesday May 24th Bush Camp.

Heavy Rain and hail storm.

Such as is seldom seen north.
Stones weighed $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz and the
Road enough to do to manage our
Horses. as for being that was
out of the question.

25th we arrived at Port Royal.

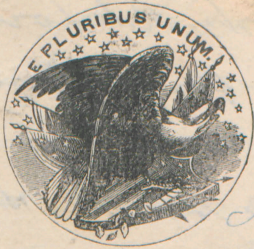
At this place I saw a torpedo
Made to explode by a galvanic battery.
It was about 3 ft long and as
much round. nice May May West

26 Crossed the River went on
Picket some days. Very fine sand
In this place.

30th left Port Royal for White
House on Pamunkey River.
At this time we was with Gen
Abercrombie. at the base of Supplies
with him we went out foraging
our horses. Passed through Caroline
County.

May 31st arrived at Bowling Green
Colt Lisonoia of 4 1/2 lbs. Langed 2
guineas for killing some
of our men.

June
July 1st I and 4 others caught
1 Red Captain a Spig and have their



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Loth. Continuation
Has got angry again.
Through neglect of guard
leave to Pamunkey

River. This day crossed on pontoon.
Staid over night at Eastern View
Hanover County. 4th Arrived
At White House Landing.

June 5th 1864 went to West Point.

6th leave back Heavy thunder
Storm on both feet and staided
the whole Squad for 15 minutes.

The shock was so sudden that 2 men
was dismounted suddenly but no
one was hurt.

8th went out near West Point.
We was here on 8th

But this morn on 14th
The advance came on guerrillas and
one of our boys was badly wounded
with buck shot he is in the
service at present but has lost

the use of his left arm he is
in the Invalid Corps at Rocky Point
We think

11th went to King the at house
King the County the forgerman
was wounded here

As he was coming back he
ran into snow Bels. in our
uniform was ordered to surrender
I thought they was in fun
They fired at I and my
Companion my horse was
shot in the fore shoulder and
disabled. I got another horse
to ride back to Camp.
And the chest of it was they got
off all safe = 12th went out
to King the at house again.

14th a Squad of us went to Gamroy
Bluff 10 miles from White house
our picket attacked on 15th
2 men taken prisoner

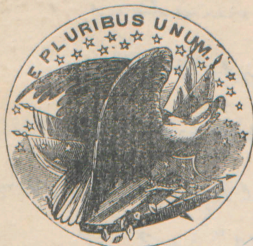
1 got away the other was shot
through the shoulder. in Coed
Block June 20th went to
Signal gun boat. coming back.

We Ran into Reso. They
find one shot of artillery.

But hurt no one. They took
one prisoner as he got dismounted.
This was the day White House
was attacked. But the gun
Boats kept them off well.
We went back to Gammons
Bluff. Staid there all night.
21st The Reso fired into our
gun boat. but a few doses
of grape and canister set
them running. We heard
Sheridan had come up with
his Co. so we went through
all safe. That night we joined
The Reserve Brigade of Sheridan's
Co. 22nd got to Lone Bridge
1 1/2 miles from Harrison Landing.
23rd day all day for Rest
24th went over Chocomaing
Passed Chas City Ct House.
Passed Nelsons Landing.

staid over night near here.
25th moved on to Nyandott Landing
on Picket Sunday 26 June.
My ordinary day with nothing
to eat and a blue ~~to~~ look
for more. 27th Got one man
sunstruck. 29th Left
Nyandott Landing. Passed
Prince Geo. Ct House. halted
30th moved on went to Jones hole
Came Back to Keams. Station.
Had my leg cut very bad by
Accident. July 1st turned
In my case went in the
Ambulance to City Point.
Leav camp Hospital. Had 4
Stiches in my leg. Day in
Hospital. 3 weeks. Left for
Remount camp at Tipton
House Point. 25th we heard
of fall of Atlanta Georgia.
While in hospital Genl Grant
And Sheridan passed through

Corp. William Walsh,



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July 26th 1864

Co. A, 1st R. I. Cavalry.

Detached to

Horse Battery 2nd U.S. Artillery. The Squad I was with start at Lips house Point Hill July 31st. We left for Washington D.C.:

Aug 2nd Arrived at Washington. Went into camp near Camp Storeman. Was assigned to 2nd detachment. As driver on caisson.

4th was a general fast day

5th Left Washington. Went into camp near Seminary town D.C.

11th Moved on Passad Rockville Lane to Sandy Hook, crossed at Harper's ferry.

10th Left Harper's ferry, moved on up the valley. 11th Very sharp fight My Batteries in action (I was shot)

Friday 12th Came to New town.

Rets retreating. Skirmishing,
At this time my Regt was
sent out on a Reconnaissance,
And was Reported all captured, but
was not. 14th The Rets
took one Wagon from our Regt.
15th Day near Middle town.
Audubon County, Passed Bergvies
staid here looking for enemy.
19th Staid near Bergvies.
21st Left Camp near Bergvies.
Came to Charlestown. The Retreating
The Rets close on our heels.
22nd left Charlestown. Came to
Sheparstown. Staid here all day.
23rd My Regt lost all Company books.
A week before got the news on this date
24th moved a short distance.
25th moved again met the
Enemy. and we fell back.
Fell back all day but made
stands. Smart fighting all day.
Came in sight of Boliver heights

26th Staid here all day

28th Left here severe Skirmish

All day drove the Reds firing all day.
And out of Smithville.

29th was punished for supposed
Disobedience of orders Fault of Serjt
Skirmishing over the River

Battery in action. orderly Sergeant
Scott was shot through the head
And died in a few minutes.

This was at Smithville. —

the few back the Reds occupied
Smithville. we had 2 men wounded

In this action. 30th moved near

Beryville. Sep 2nd moved down

the Charlestown road a few miles.

Reds close up. Moved on to Beryville
Passed white oak. 4th moved back

Again came on Reds fighting
early in the morning. Some
blanking done we got the best
blank. Day around some days.

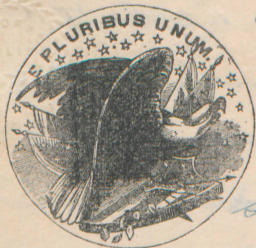
7th one Section went out on
a Reconnaissance

Had a small success with Rebs.
Evening came back without loss.
The doctor an Lt Chapman was
Both drunk and fought.

9th Regt Section went out again my section
were fighting all day near Chastain.
13 we went out again Battery was
Action. came back to camp.

The Cav took 300 prisoners at
Whiguan Creek. 17th still near
Berryville. 18th left here at
2 A.M. found Rebs before light
captured 13 guerrillas all shot.

The guerrillas shot one of our
Captains and 2 men in cold blood.
Went on to Surry. 24th got there
Here we took a good many prisoners.
Sunday 25th moved over the mountain
to New Market. here we was
Relieved by the 6th Pennsylvania Battery.
The Cav went on up to Harrisonburg
And we went back to Pleasant
Valley Md to recruit our horses.



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To be continued
The march up to
Newmarket was very
severe on the horses. We

Had a great many men
dismounted. Those men went
back to Remount Camp,

Pleasant Valley N. D.

Sept 25th Moved back again at
Edinburgh all night. Move on
staid near Winchester.

27th staid at Boliver Heights.

28th went into Pleasant Valley.

where I remained till. Now first
in the meantime startling things
was going on up the valley.

Oct 15th Some Guerillas made
a dash into Pennsylvania and N. D.
considerable excitement about it.

19th Battle of Cedar Creek Va
we could hear the cannonading
very plain although about 100 miles
off. The 6th Corps Gen Wright.

The bar keeps yr targets.
And the timely coming up
of little Phil Sheridan saved
us from a sad disaster.

20th I left the Battery went
to Remount Camp got a
cut out left there for my Regt
At Cedar Creek on Nov 18th
got to my Regt on 4th.

They was escort for Gen Tarbette
he remained here and done the
usual duties till 9th when he
left. was expecting an attack on night
of 8th 10th he left here

went into winter quarters near
Winchester 12th severe battle
18th New Hampshire but we had
Gen Ponce took 2 pieces of
Artillery and 2 flags, some prisoners.

19th Nov. saw Gen Custar and
Lacy for first time she was
A General young woman.

Custar has a balloon confession.

Long curly hair. Tall
And as smart as a whet.
It is said he has some indian
Blood in him. 21st Broke Camp
Went out to Woodstock.

22nd went out to Mount Jackson
Found the enemy in force. With
Infantry. We had only Cavalry & artillery.
Too strong for us. fell back to
Woodstock. 30 of us left here
for Winchester with a disaster.
For Gen Sheridan. It was a
Cold night tedious traveling.
one man had one foot froze
And has done no duty since.
While here we got turkeys from
R.I for Thanksgiving dinner.
Nov 25-12 Moseley made a dash into
Gen Coxes Camp And lost
27 men of shot dead. So we
for Moseley Ratter had the best of it
for once. 26th led from
A daily paper those names.

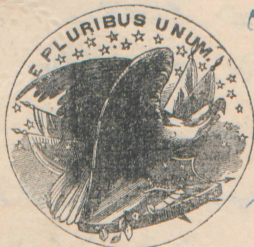
Catholic Major Generals in
the U.S. Service.

Rosecrans. Meade. Gt. Mearns.
Sheridan. Ord. Proctor.
Stoneman. Shields. Sickles.
Stanly. Newton. Pleasanton.
Richardson. Carr. Hunt.
Sherman. And others not named.
16 men

Brigadiers

Meagher. Sweeney. Connor,
Zouler, Ewing, Devine, Stone,
Duffie, Mulvaney, Leamy.
All Popular men and good ^{10 men}
Generals. And the Rank and
File is nearly one half Irish.
All those that make most talk
About our Victories are Yankees
who stay at home. If it was
not for the Irish and Germans.
The war should have been whipped.
So the Northern army was fed
By Emigrants from Europe.
This cant be denied at all.

Corp. William Walsh,



Co. A, 1st R. I. Cavalry.

No 7 Continuation
After the battle
of Cedar Creek.
He always stands near
Winchester Va.

Dec 2nd my 3 yrs time out.
" 4th Promoted Corporal to
Date from 1st Inst. A long time
to wait for promotion.

7th He was Released at Camps Hodges
By first Regulars. our Regt too small
went into Reserve vs Regular
Brigade. Gen Devin's. Merritt's
Division. 1st division.

Here we done picket duty &c.
15th He went out to picket duty.
Distance 31 miles. 17th Heard
Sherman took Savannah. and
25,000 prisoners. 180 pieces of
Artillery. 19th Packed up went on
A Raid. Moved out went
through front Royal. Stand
In Chester gap cold windy night

Moved on went through Little
Washington. Went into Camp
Traveled $\frac{1}{2}$ miles the day.

21st Came to Madison Court
House. Went on ticket. Very severe
weather. our Brigade went to
within 9 miles of Gordonville.
Custer went on had some
fighting. took and lost men.

Reto too strong for us we fell
Back to Madison C. H.

24 moved on home again.

25 passed Sulphur Spring ^{Creek}
one man drowned crossing River

26th Passed through Warrenton ^{Large Run}

Guerrillas delayed on Gen. Tubett
He was near being taken prisoner.

2 men shot for insulting women.
1 wounded. Heard this day that

Moseley was killed he was wounded
By the 8th Illinois Cavalry

27th Went through Madrasburg
crossed Shenandoah River water

was high, got out of the
knees. Had a small horse
£814 Pass Minto and
over 2 streams both very high
got in camp again after
A dangerous & tedious march
310 closes this year he was

Mustered for pay and we made
ourselves as comfortable as possible
Thinking of our friends at home

How it came 20 Jan 1863 -

This day I was on picket

Our 4 companies was
consolidated into 2

And the 2nd Battalion the same

so we had one Battalion

we done camp duty till Feb 27th

In the meantime other things need

some notice Feb 11th

The Wg. Adjutant passed a note

of thanks to Sherman and his

command 14th Regiment

Some Some Recruiting Officers

Feb 20th News of capture of
Columbus S.C. by Sherman
21st news of capture of Charleston
By Sherman with 770 pieces of artillery

24th Report of capture of
Wilmington S.C.

27th Went on another Raid
Came to Woodstock took 4 prisoners
Shot one more 28th News

Reynolds was skirmishing all day
Took 1 officer and 4 men full
Into Shenandoah River and of our
Regt moved on went through
New Market Shenandoah came up
Passing Mass. first

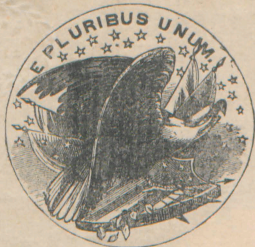
Came to within a few miles of
Mount Crawford At 3 A.M.

Very much fired Leuster took
100 Rebs and some wagons

2nd Passed through Stanton

But marching Leuster took
1340 prisoners 9 pieces of artillery
12 Stand of colors and 100 Wagons
In fact Bagged all of Early's army

Corp. William Walsh,



Co. A, 1st R. I. Cavalry.

Chung Shen
No 8 Continuation
Cummy & Maxwell
with the exception
of about 200 Caval

Loge
Gen Early barely got off
our Regt was left at
Chouston Creek to do picket duty
we staid here till the 4th
In the meantime numbers of
Rebs come in and plenty of Blacks
were mounted all stolen property
on the 4th the 150 RD 150
of the 18th Regt 32nd of the
4th Regt, was ordered to go
with the prisoners to Winchester
All dismounted men with us
and all men with our horses
we had It was supposed 1700 Rebs
came down to Mount Crawford
Attacked near this place But
we sustained no loss that I know
of 6th Passed Summit
skirmishing all day with guerrillas

The Rebels held the ford all
night the 4th day on front
7 1/2 miles of by and 150 R.I.
Look the advance charged and
took the ford and held it
we charged a Red flag but
did not take it while the
Prisoners was crossing the
ford Gen Rossier thought to
terminate them and made
a charge on 150 men
In that charge we took 20 men
and killed a number the
rest a few men 1 Col in
N. 26 was wounded not badly
we got the Prisoners over the
safe this day our contingent
was on the advance I had

6 narrow escapes this day
8th arrived at Winchester
All safe bringing in 100 more
Prisoners than we had first
we left this night as we

London
to

and a done much
and boasting that place
And in consulting your
to surrender that that is
for the historian to write
not me

we remain doing duty
the 8th May when I got a
Aurlough to Providence when
I was am writing this
leaving gone all through the
you without losing my head
or other serious injury

May 17th / 1865
W. Walsh

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