

Private Robert L. Stewart 1st Wisconsin Cavalry Collection Letters

Guide to the Robert L. Stewart letter collection December 1861 - October 1862.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Repository

Civil War Museum, Jack D. Michaels Resource Center Kenosha, Wisconsin

Language of Material

Material in English (typed copies)

Abstract

This activated collection of 12 documents, letters that Robert Stewart wrote to his family while serving in the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry regiment.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Preferred Citation

(Identification of item) Robert L. Stewart Collection, Co D, 1st Wisconsin Cavalry Regiment
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Biographical Note:

Robert Stewart was born in 1837, younger brother of Agnes Stewart Carlisle. Family, John Stewart, brother, Trained with the 1st at Camp Harvey, Kenosha, Wisconsin and Camp Benton (Benton Barracks) St. Louis, Missouri. Deployed with the unit to southern Missouri and northern Arkansas. Died at the Post Hospital at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis on November 13th, 1862 from dysentery. Buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. Plot location Section 11, Site 8475.

COLLECTION OVERVIEW

COLLECTION LIST:

- Doc #1 of 12 Letter to Agnes(sister) from Robert, December 18, 1861, Camp Harvey, Kenosha, WI. sickness(measles & lung fever), quarters Durkee House, pay, uniforms, meals, building quarters, cook stove, drinking, guard house.
- Doc #2 of 12 Letter to Agnes(sister) from Robert, December 21, 1861, Camp Harvey, Kenosha, WI, weather very cold, no drill, sickness, death of soldier, Howard Grant, measles and mumps, 40 in hospital, casual time, fiddles.
- Doc #3 of 12 Letter to Agnes(sister) from Robert, March 2, 1862, Camp Harvey, Kenosha, WI, extra drill, guard duty, inspections, visiting officers.

- Doc #4 of 12 Letter to Agnes(sister) from Robert, March 20, 1862, Camp Benton, St. Louis, MO., movement to St. Louis via train & steamboat, train movement, Confederate prisoners, Alton, Illinois, Benton Barracks Union troops, pay problems.
- Doc #5 of 12 Letter to Agnes(sister) from Robert, April 1, 1862, Benton Barracks, St. Louis, MO., troop sickness, weather, Co I death, orders to New Mexico, pay, sending things home, cooking detail, horses.
- Doc #6 of 12 Letter to Agnes(sister) from Robert, April 30, 1862, Cape Girardeau, MO., guard duty, Confederate unit under Jeff Thompson, Confederate prisoner, regiment split.
- Doc #7 of 12 Letter to Agnes(sister) from Robert, May 19, 1862, Cape Girardeau, MO., guard duty, moving prisoners, health of regiment, mail problems, Jay Hawkers, regimental action taking 50 prisoners, Confederate Colonel Phelleons, White River action, Trooper Townsend, Union Colonel LaGrange, partial letter only.
- Doc #8 of 12 Letter to Agnes(sister) from Robert, June 23, 1862, Cape Girardeau, MO., unit scouting expedition, Arkansas, Scatteredville, AR., Gainsville, AR., poor rations, capturing Confederates, impressions of people.
- Doc #9 of 12 Letter to Agnes(sister) from Robert, July 6, 1862, Camp LaGrange, AR., operations in Arkansas, 2nd Lt Fredericks death, poisoning, Bloomfield, AR., field life.
- Doc #10 of 12 Letter to Agnes(sister) from Robert, August 10, 1862, Helena, Ar., good health, regimental disgrace, Major Eggleston, La Anguille Ferry battle or Henson's Ferry, long campaign, Union General Curtis, Confederate forces.
- Doc #11 of 12 Letter to Agnes(sister) from Robert, September 11, 1862, Helena, AR., guarding Rebel property, health issues, bad water, mail problems.
- Doc #12 of 12 Letter to Agnes(sister) from Robert, October 16, 1862, St. Louis, MO., Post Hospital, poor health, dysentery.