

Transcript of Letter from Charles Warner to his Mother Mrs. Almon Warner, September 3, 1863

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Camp 145th Reg New York Vols.
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Dear Mother. &

I was happy last night to receive two letters from home. one from you the other from Jane - though written on different days, yet both are postmarked the 31st and are doubtless the last summer offerings I shall receive from home while in this army - to those offerings I will now pay my compliments Badger did care to be dismissed, and was trying very hard to be reinstated. with considerable prospect of success, but of late - day before yesterday a 1st Lieut. was commissioned Capt. in his place so that will block him I think - He was promised by the governor that he would keep the place vacant, until Badger could have an opportunity to see the War Dept. about it; but evidently Seymour forgot the promise when he commissioned Lieut. Palmer as Capt. I think Badger will feel pretty badly about it now.

That superior officer was Lieut. Col. Van. Wagener who initiated charges against the three captains that were broken - and he told me yesterday that Capt. Allen should be made to suffer for some remarks made against him (Van Wagener) hence Allen in turn may go. I am a friend to both parties, but I think Van Wagener is fully justified in his course. I do not stand in Butler's way - I only wish you could see his writing, when he endeavors to write. he is not very strong & robust, though not particularly sick - he is rather of a sober personage - his mother was a Spaniard, and his name is Don Carlos Butler - Jane shows good judgment on Henderson - he is emphatically a lady's man (though married & one child) Intelligent-quick-witted, full of fun & mirth, withal quite good looking - he is indeed made to please. Palmer is my age, and came out a 2nd Lieut. he received his second promotion to captain viie Badger, day before yesterday and unbeknown to Price, who had intended to put an outsider in his place. but thanks to influential political friends, Palmer receives his just rewards in spite of a detested Price

No furloughs are granted now a days. Price is no authority for granting them - I suppose I can now resign by receiving a certificate that my accounts with the Ordnance Dept (Brig. Gen. Ripley) are correct

By the way it was reported that Capt Allen was killed at Chancellorville but he was only taken prisoner. Poole was the only one killed among the officers. As daily papers, of every description reach us for only five cts. and I am well supplied with reading matter, you need send no more Tribunes or Republicans, as I get but little time to read them. In the last Gazette I saw the death of Wm. Morgan at Gettysburg son of Sam Morgan Hadley

he worked at Newark in the same shop with me and was coming out with *me*, but getting impatient at my delays, he enlisted in the 11th New Jersey, since which I have not heard from him until now - thus perish the honored brave!

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Jane is disposed to give me credit for writing that Advertisement in the Republican - I can only say that by answering it she will doubtless find out, for that it emanated from this regiment, I have no doubt, though Fred P. Laurens is not known in this regiment by that cognomen - doubtless that is his "Nom de plume".

We received marching orders again, with three days rations last Monday, but as I expected it has as yet amounted to nothing - fear of Lee doubtless started the project. A sutler of the 3^d Wisconsin is going to start a mess for our officers soon at \$5. per week. though high, for the "living" we shall get, yet it will prove very acceptable, and save us considerable trouble & bother. We hear nothing from any conscripts for us, and if they are no better then the average thus sent on, I do not care when they do come. they will make us considerable trouble in drilling & writing, for some time at least, after their arrival.

Everything is very dull in camp, and I seek in vain for subjects where withal to fill up this sheet. I have written this much in a little over 30 minutes, and I am expecting every minute to be interrupted by a call to breakfast by Capt. Allen, with whom I shall breakfast - he has meat- I butter, both together will add much to a meal. I shall enclose postal currency to the amount of 50 cts. for which return stamps at leisure

I have the honor to remain
Your dutiful &c Son
Charles Warner