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## Letter from Charles Warner to his mother Mrs. Almon Warner, September 3, 1863

Charles Warner

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Camp 44<sup>th</sup> Reg New York Vols  
Pully, Fordway  
Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1863

Dear Mother,

I was happy to receive  
last night two letters from home; one from  
you the other from Jane - though written on  
different days, yet both are postmarked the 31<sup>st</sup>  
and are doubtless the last summer offerings I  
shall receive from home while in this army -  
the those offerings, I will now pay my compliments  
Badger did say to be dismissed, and was trying  
very hard to be reinstated, with considerable  
prospect of success, but y<sup>e</sup> today before yesterday  
a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. was commissioned Capt. in his place  
as that will keep him I think - He was prom-  
ised by the Governor that he would keep the place  
vacant, until Badger could have an opportunity  
to see the Gov. about it; but evidently  
my man forgot the promise when he commissioned  
Siv. Palmer as Capt. I think Badger will  
feel pretty badly about it now.

That Lopez's Affairs was said. Col. Van Wagener  
who instituted 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 endeavours to write  
he is not very strong & robust, though not partic-  
ularly sick. He is brother of a noble personage -  
his mother was a Spaniard, and his name is Don  
Carlos Butler. You show good judgment on  
Henderson. he is emphatically a lady man (though  
married & has a child) Intelligent - quick, witty, full  
of fun & mirth, without quite good looking - he is  
indeed made to please. Palmer is my age, and  
came out a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. he received his second pro-  
motion to Captain vice Badger, day before yesterday  
and unknown 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 dejected Price.  
No factories 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  
Chancellville, but he was only taken prisoner -  
Prose 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  
Trinities a Republican, as I get but little time to  
read them - In the last Gazette I saw the death  
of Mr. Morgan at Gettysburg son of Gen. Morgan Hadley  
he worked at Newark in the same shop <sup>with me</sup> and was  
coming out with me, but getting impatient at  
my delay, he enlisted in the 11<sup>th</sup> New Jersey, since  
which I have not heard from him - until now -  
Thus perish the honored brave!

Dave is disposed to give me credit for writing  
that advertisement in the Republican - I can  
only say that by answering it he will doubtless  
find out, for that it emanated from this  
regiment. I have no doubt, though Fred P.  
Lawrence is not known in this regiment of  
that Cognomen - doubtless that is his "nom de plume"

We received marching orders again with  
three days notice last Monday, but as I ex-  
pected it has as yet amounted to nothing.  
Genl Lee's orders started the project.  
A letter of the 3<sup>d</sup> Wisconsin is getting to start  
a mess for our officers worth \$10. per week,  
though high, for the "living" we shall get; for  
it will prove very acceptable, and save us  
considerable trouble & bother. We hear nothing  
from any conscripts for us, and if they are not  
better than the average thus sent over, I do not  
care when they do come. They will make us  
considerable trouble in drilling & writing, for  
some time at least, for their habits.

Everything is very dull in camp, and I  
seek in vain for subjects, when without  
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 mess - I doubt, both  
together will add much to a meal. I shall  
enclose postage currency to the amount of  
60 cts, for which return stamps at leisure.

I have the honor to remain  
your devoted servant.

Charles W. James

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Kelleys Ford  
Sept 3, 1863



Mrs. S. Simon Warner  
Williamsburg  
Va.

Camp 145th Reg New York Vols.  
Kellys Ford Va.  
Sept 3d 1863

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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

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Your dutiful &c Son  
Charles Warner