

# **James D. Van Valkenburg**

## **61st Georgia Infantry Regiment**



**Residence Bibb County, GA**

**Enlisted on 9/24/1861 as a Captain**

**On 9/24/1861, he was commissioned into "I" Co. Georgia 61st Infantry**

**Prisoner-of-War Fredericksburg 12/13/1862**

**He was Killed on 7/9/1864 at Monocacy, MD**

**Promotions**

**Major 7/1/1863**

**Lt Col 5/12/1864**

# Identified Model 1833 Saber



This Ames Model 1833 Cavalry Saber is identified to Captain James D. Van Valkenburg and most likely was carried by him during the following battles: **Seven Days Battles, Gains Mills, Malvern Hill, Bristoe Station, Groveton/Brawner's Farm, Second Bull Run or Manassas, Sharpsburg/Antietam, and Fredericksburg.** No doubt this sword became a war trophy when Captain Van Valkenburg was captured during the battle of Fredericksburg and made a Prisoner-of-War.



This is an early example of an Ames Model 1833 Dragoon saber and most likely was a factory special order by Van Valkenburg himself. It is well known that the **Ames Manufacturing Company** provided swords to the South both before and during the Civil War, and to conceal this activity the maker and inspection marks were often removed as is the case in this sword.



The hilt is missing all the leather & wire as well as some original wood, which has caused a little movement in the hilt. The sword shows heavy wear with the guard being bent and Ames and inspection marks removed.





On the blade is pen-etched **Capt. James D Van Valkenburg** and **61st Georgia Regiment** on opposing sides. It is exceptionally well done and conforms to the etching style unique to Ames for the period and this pattern sword.



*Capt. James D Van Valkenburg*



*61st Georgia Regiment*









The scabbard fits perfect to the blade and has a deep brown patina which has never been cleaned and shows exposure and use consistent with the sabers hilt and blade. Additionally, it has the spit rings common to early produced Ames sabers.

There are three tiny pin holes below the middle mounts as well as two small holes between the ring mounts. These holes were enough to allow moisture to enter, which no doubt caused some pitting on the blade and lead to the dark gray patina making it difficult to discern the inscription without magnification and lighting. At the same time, the etching is under the pitting validating its authenticity!

Name

**James D. VanValkenburg**

Enlistment Date

24 Sep 1861

Enlistment Rank

Captain

Muster Date

24 Sep 1861

Muster Place

Georgia

Muster Company

I

Muster Regiment

61st Infantry

Muster Regiment Type

Infantry

Muster Information

Commission

Rank Change Date

1 Jul 1863

Rank Change Rank

Major

Muster Out Date

9 Jul 1864

Muster Out Place

Monocacy, Maryland

Muster Out Information

Killed

Side of War

Confederacy

Survived War?

No

Residence Place

Bibb County, Georgia

Additional Notes 2

Rank Change 2 Date: 12 May 1864; Rank Change 2 Rank:  
Lieutenant Colonel

Title

Roster of Confederate Soldiers of Georgia 1861-1865



# James D. Van Valkenburg



James Dunbar Van Valkenburgh, wearing very large Major's stars

# James D. Van Valkenburg

**James D Van Valkenburg** was born in 1829 in Lexington, NY and moved to Macon, GA in 1850. His father moved the family south to find a better climate for his ailing wife, who ultimately died of illness in 1851. While living in Macon, James volunteered with the Young American Fire Company No. 3. The Young American movement was a pro-small government, pro-states' rights faction of the Democratic Party that endeavored to serve the public. James contributed by starting that fire company. His father built the first steam-powered mill in Macon and began a modest business in the 1850s. He faced financial hardship because he was "an industrialist in an agricultural society."

In 1852, James married Molly Morgan, daughter of a middle-class family whose father had left for the gold rush and left a \$20,000 inheritance to his daughter. Mrs. Morgan didn't take kindly to James, claiming he was after her daughter's money. James went as far as to draw up an official statement at the courthouse proclaiming he didn't care about the money, just Molly's heart. Apparently, it got so bad that Mrs. Morgan forged a letter to James claiming to be Molly and told him "she didn't love him anymore." James saw through this and continued to call on her daughter. Mrs. Morgan posted friends of the family on the porch with guns. One night, Molly left to see her cousin across town. Mrs. Morgan fell for the ruse and she rode fifteen miles in the rain at night to meet James on a back road, where he waited with a preacher. They were married and had four children through the 1850s. When Molly inherited the \$20,000, the Van Valkenburg's built a quaint home just outside of Macon and freed the nine slaves her father had owned. Both were against the institution and drew fire for their views.

As the 1850s drew towards the 1860s, both James and Molly became avid secessionists. James drilled with the local militia and was one of the first in line to call for Georgia's secession after President Lincoln's election. On 24 September, 1861, James resigned his position as fire chief and moved to enlist in the Army of Georgia. Mayor Thompson of Macon refused and commissioned him as a captain with the task of raising a company from the city. James established the Thompson Guards and recruited some 150 men. His entire fire company followed him into the Army.

The Thompson Guards were formally attached as Company I to the 61st Georgia Infantry Regiment, Lawton's Georgia Brigade, Ewell's Division, Jackson's Corps, in the Army of Northern Virginia. Their baptism by fire was at the Battle of Gaine's Mill on 27 June, 1862. From there on, the 61st Georgia followed the exploits typical of most units. They were on the right flank of Stonewall Jackson's line at **Fredericksburg**. During that battle, Captain Van Valkenburg was captured while tending to a wounded colonel of the 7th Pennsylvania Reserves. He was later included in a prisoner exchange, perhaps due to the efforts of US Congressman Robert B. Van Valkenburgh (he spelled his surname with an "h"). He made Major on 01 July, 1863 at **Gettysburg** (filling a vacancy made by a bullet), where the 61st was positioned on the south side of town opposite the top of the Federal line's "fish hook."

Jame's most intriguing exploit was at the **Battle of the Wilderness**. Major Van Valkenburg volunteered to go on a reconnoiter mission to find Federal stragglers sighted nearby and take them prisoner. He took forty men and rode out into the woods to maintain cover. His men sighted Union soldiers, then realized that they were looking at what could be up to a regiment of men. When informed of the undoubtedly larger force's presence, James declared that they had gone to take Federal prisoners, so that's what they were going to do. In a daring move, Major Van Valkenburg rode



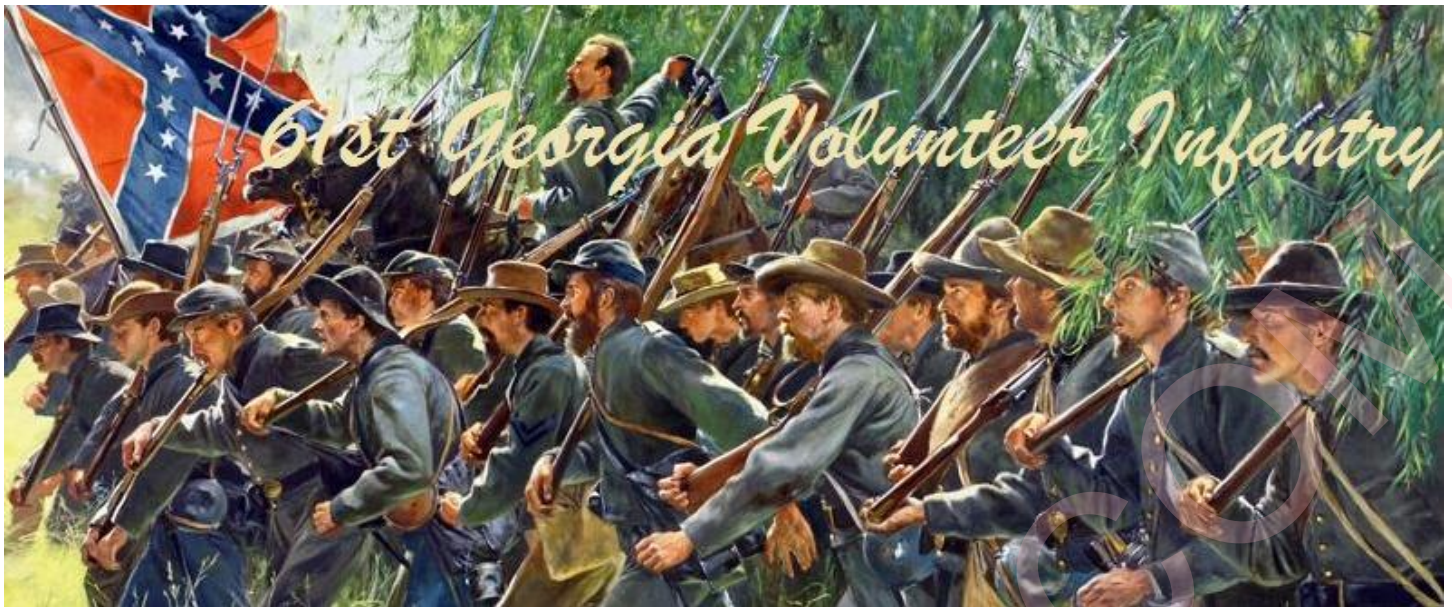
out of the trees alone and approached the unit with his sword drawn. He introduced himself and declared them prisoners of war, which the Federal Colonel found amusing and rejected. James then bluffed and informed him that if he wanted to fight an entire Brigade waiting in the tree line, he was welcome to send his men to their deaths. The Colonel reconsidered Major Van Valkenburg's declaration and acquiesced. After the Union troops laid down their weapons and turned over their flags, Major Van Valkenburg signaled and his forty men escorted the Federal unit back to camp. In an ironic twist of fate, Major Van Valkenburg had captured the entire 7th Pennsylvania Reserves (who had taken him prisoner at Fredericksburg), a force of over five hundred men. From then on, he was known throughout the 61st Georgia as the "**Hero of the Wilderness.**"

Major Van Valkenburg was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and Adjutant of the Regiment on May 12th, 1864. The 61st Georgia marched up the Shenandoah Valley, as General Gordon was moving his brigade north towards Winchester to make a push into Maryland and raid Washington, DC. While en route to the Federal capital, they were found and blocked by Union troops at Monocacy, Maryland on July 9th, 1864. The fighting quickly intensified and the 61st Georgia boldly advanced on the Federal positions, which remained steadfast. At the height of the battle, the opposing sides were only forty yards apart. In a gallant effort, Colonel Van Valkenburg rallied the men for a charge, riding towards the Union line. As the charge unfolded and the Federal soldiers fired a volley, bullets found their mark and killed him instantly.

After the Battle of Monocacy, a group of wounded and captured men from the Thompson Guards buried their beloved commander, the Hero of the Wilderness. They chose to lay him to rest at the foot of a solitary tree next to the farmhouse that had been at the epicenter of the battlefield. In 1866, his body was exhumed by the men of his old fire company and buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Macon, Georgia.

The 61st Georgia continued on to the end of the war, comprising part of General Lee's bedraggled army at Appomattox Courthouse. By the war's end, only 150 of the 700 that marched in 1862 had survived. Eighty were wounded and only forty were armed.





## Regimental History

The 61st Georgia Volunteer Infantry (also called the 26th regiment at one time) was assembled at Charleston, South Carolina in May 1862. The 7th Georgia Battalion was the foundation drawn on for establishment of this new regiment.

During this time the regiment was brigaded under Brigadier General Alexander Lawton who had proposed formation of an elite brigade of Georgia troops to repel the threat posed by McClellan's advance from Williamsburg on the Confederate capital at Richmond. Later the brigade would be commanded by Brigadier General Gordon and finally by Brigadier General Evans. The brigade served with the Army of Northern Virginia and is often found in research named as the Lawton-Gordon-Evans Georgia Brigade named for its three principal commanders.

The Lawton-Gordon-Evans Georgia Brigade was initially comprised of six regiments, which besides the 61st Georgia Volunteer Infantry included the 13th, 26th, 31st, 38th, and 60th Georgia Volunteer Infantries. This brigade was raised at the call of Georgia Governor Joe Brown for the defense of the Georgia coast following the bombardment of Fort Sumter in 1861.

The regiment began service as part of the Lawton-Gordon-Evans Georgia Brigade by participating in the Seven Days Battles in and around Richmond, Virginia, June 1862, later went with General Early to the Shenandoah Valley and continued to fight in numerous engagements until surrender at Appomattox in April 1865.

The 61st Georgia Volunteer Infantry regimental service included: **Seven Days Battles** June 1862, **Gains Mills**, 27 June 1862, **Malvern Hill**, 1 July 1862, **Bristoe Station**, 27 August 1862, **Groveton/Brawner's Farm**, 28 August 1862, **Second Bull Run or Manassas**, 29-30 August 1862, **Sharpsburg/Antietam**, 17 September 1862, **Fredericksburg**, 13 December 1862, **Chancellorsville**, 29 April-5 May 1863, **Winchester**, 13-14 June 1863, **York & Wrightsville**, 28-29 June 1863, **Gettysburg**, 1-3 July 1863, **Battle of the Wilderness**, 5-6 May 1864, **Spotsylvania Court House**, 10-12 May 1864, **Monocacy**, 9 July 9 1864, Winchester/Opequon Creek, 19 September 1864,



Fisher's Hill, 22 September 1864, Cedar Creek, 19 October 1864, Hatcher's Run, 5-7 February 1865, Hares Hill/Fort Steadman, 25 March 1865, Appomattox Court House, 9 April 1865.

The strategy described in Lee's letter was speeded along on 16 June 1862 when the order went out for Jackson to move his army without further delay and join Lee's peninsula offensive.

As General Jackson's troops marched closer to Richmond, McClellan ordered fortification of Porter's positions north of the Chickahominy and established a second supply base at Harrison's Landing on the James River, allowing him the flexibility to move north or south when the Confederates mounted an attack.

A heavy skirmish south of the Chickahominy on 25 June 1862 prompted Lee to force his attack on the following day. General Jackson's army, still on the march, was nowhere near the point of attack. Marching his troops relentlessly for days following Lee's summons, Jackson bivouacked at Hundley's Corner on the afternoon of 26 June 1862, within three miles of the hard fighting underway at Beaver Dam Creek.

The 61st Georgia arrived with General Jackson's column and received its baptism of fire at the battle of Gaines Mill, 27 June 1862. Spurred on by General Richard Ewell's "Hurrah for Georgia," they formed a line of battle and advanced through a heavy wooded area until they met the enemy. The 61st Georgia along with the other Georgia regiments of Lawton's brigade were the first Confederates engaged in this battle, meeting the Union army near Cold Harbor. The regiment advanced into Boatswain Swamp on the far left of the Confederate line at 5:00 PM "in perfect order through the woods and sticky-wet soil." Casualties this day were light.

#### **Battles in which James D Van Valkenburg was with the 61st Georgia Infantry Regiments.**

Seven Days Battles	June 1862
Gains Mills	27 June 1862
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Monocacy	9 July 1864



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<b>Antietam</b>	Sep 16, 1862	Sep 16, 1862	< 1 day	Sharpsburg, Maryland
<b>Appomattox Court House</b>	Apr 8, 1865	Apr 8, 1865	< 1 day	Appomattox Court House, Virginia
<b>Cedar Creek</b>	Oct 18, 1864	Oct 18, 1864	< 1 day	Frederick County, Virginia; Shenandoah County, Virginia; Warren County, Virginia
<b>Cedar Mountain</b>	Aug 8, 1862	Aug 8, 1862	< 1 day	Culpeper County, Virginia
<b>Cedar Run, Virginia</b>	Aug 9, 1862	Aug 9, 1862	< 1 day	Cedar Run, Virginia
<b>Chancellorsville</b>	Apr 29, 1863	May 5, 1863	6 day(s)	Spotsylvania County, Virginia
<b>Chantilly</b>	Aug 31, 1862	Aug 31, 1862	< 1 day	Fairfax County, Virginia
<b>Cold Harbor</b>	May 30, 1864	Jun 11, 1864	12 day(s)	Hanover County; near Mechanicsville, Virginia
<b>First Kernstown</b>	Mar 22, 1862	Mar 22, 1862	< 1 day	Frederick County, Virginia, Winchester, Virginia
<b>First Petersburg</b>	Jun 8, 1864	Jun 8, 1864	< 1 day	Petersburg, Virginia
<b>Fisher's Hill</b>	Sep 20, 1864	Sep 21, 1864	1 day(s)	Shenandoah County, Virginia
<b>Fort Stedman</b>	Mar 24, 1865	Mar 24, 1865	< 1 day	Petersburg, Virginia
<b>Fort Stevens</b>	Jul 10, 1864	Jul 11, 1864	1 day(s)	District of Columbia, DC
<b>Frederick, Maryland</b>	Sep 9, 1862	Sep 9, 1862	< 1 day	Frederick, Maryland
<b>Fredericksburg</b>	Dec 12, 1862	Dec 12, 1862	< 1 day	Fredericksburg, Virginia
<b>Gaines' Mill</b>	Jun 26, 1862	Jun 26, 1862	< 1 day	Hanover County, Virginia
<b>Gettysburg</b>	Jun 30, 1863	Jul 2, 1863	2 day(s)	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
<b>High Bridge</b>	Apr 5, 1865	Apr 6, 1865	1 day(s)	Prince Edward County, Virginia; Cumberland County, Virginia
<b>High Bridge, Virginia</b>	Apr 5, 1865	Apr 5, 1865	< 1 day	High Bridge, Virginia
<b>Malvern Hill</b>	Jun 30, 1862	Jun 30, 1862	< 1 day	Henrico County, Virginia
<b>Maryland Heights, Maryland</b>	Jul 5, 1864	Jul 5, 1864	< 1 day	Maryland Heights, Maryland
<b>Mine Run</b>	Nov 26, 1863	Dec 1, 1863	5 day(s)	Orange County, Virginia
<b>Mine Run, Virginia</b>	Nov 29, 1863	Nov 29, 1863	< 1 day	Mine Run, Virginia
<b>Mine Run, Virginia</b>	Nov 27, 1863	Nov 27, 1863	< 1 day	Mine Run, Virginia
<b>Monocacy</b>	Jul 8, 1864	Jul 8, 1864	< 1 day	Frederick County, Maryland



# Antietam - 1862 Battle at Sharpsburg

## Before Sharpsburg

**James Dunbar Van Valkenburgh** came to Georgia with his parents and siblings about 1849 and by 1850 he was a merchant in his father's successful business in Macon. In 1860 he was a 30-year-old ambrotypist (photographer) and fire chief in Macon. At the direction of Governor Thompson, he recruited and organized a company of troops called the Thompson Guards and they enrolled for Confederate service at Macon as Company I of the 61st Georgia Infantry on 24 September 1861, Van Valkenburgh their Captain.

## On the Campaign

He assumed command of the regiment as next senior officer after Major **McRae** was killed at Sharpsburg on 17 September 1862. He was himself wounded there.

## The rest of the War

He was **captured at Fredericksburg, VA** on 13 December 1862 and paroled for exchange on 19 December, returning to duty about February 1863. He was elected Major on 1 (or 4) July 1863 at **Gettysburg, PA** and promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 12 May 1864. On that date, in action in the Wilderness, VA, he led a detachment of about 40 men who bluffed that they had a Brigade behind them in the woods, and captured about 300 men of the 7th Pennsylvania Reserves. He was killed "instantly - struck in the head" at Monocacy Junction, MD on 9 July 1864.

## After the War

His body was returned to Macon in 1866 by the efforts of his fire company - Young America No. 3 - and reinterred there.

## Birth

07/28/1829; New York City, NY

## Death

07/09/1864; Monocacy Junction, MD; burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Macon, GA



# ***Captured During the Battle of Fredericksburg***

**Gentlemen's Agreement- December 13, 1862 by Don Prechtel**



*Confederate soldiers darted into ditches during a violent confrontation that placed Col. Edmund Atkinson and his men between what he had perceived as a vulnerable Union artillery battery and a sneak attack to his flank by Union General Hiram Berry's brigade. Atkinson was injured as he dove for cover, but he survived and was followed into a ditch by **Captain James D. Van Valkenburg** of the 61st Georgia and Lieutenant James M. Goldsmith of the 60th Georgia.*

*Some of Atkinson's men found positioning above ground and managed to hold off the Union for a while. In the meantime, Atkinson, Goldsmith and **Van Valkenburg** found themselves surrounded by Union soldiers. Van Valkenburg pronounced all the Union soldiers' prisoners, but clearer*

*heads prevailed, and both sides soon agreed to let the armies decide their fate. The arrival of the new 114th Pennsylvania – known as Collis' Zouaves for their leader Colonel Charles H. T. Collis and the distinctive white turbans, trimmed jackets, and baggy red pants that they wore – tilted the scale in favor of the Union. The men parted amicably and even exchanged addresses as Atkinson – the only brigade commander on either side to be captured during the Battle of Fredericksburg – and his men were led away.*

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December 13 — Battle context

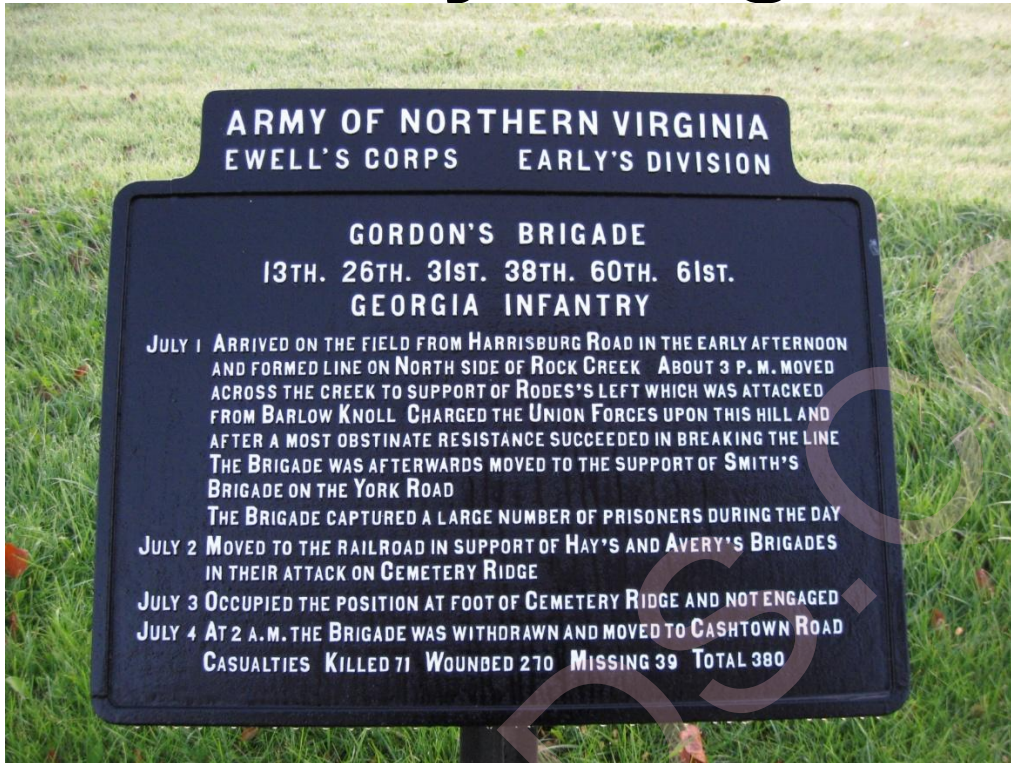
Main assault vs. Jackson: Maj. Gen. George G. Meade's division briefly pierces Jackson's line, threatening the Confederate right, in an area now called "Slaughter Pen," but lack of coordinated reinforcements and a powerful counterattack stop the advance. Casualties are severe on both sides.

Marye's Heights: Burnside's "diversion" against Longstreet's entrenched position becomes a catastrophe for Union troops. The sunken road below Marye's Heights is packed three ranks deep with Confederates; repeated Federal assaults across open ground meet devastating fire. As artillerist Edward Porter Alexander put it, "*a chicken could not live on that field.*"

General Lee (observing the carnage): "*It is well that war is so terrible. We should grow too fond of it.*"



# Gettysburg



**At Gettysburg, the 61st Georgia Infantry Regiment was in Brigadier General John Brown Gordon's Brigade, Major General Jubal A. Early's Division, Lieutenant General Richard S. Ewell's Corps. This plaque is located in the area of Blocher's Knoll / Barlow's Knoll.**

The 61st Georgia Infantry, part of John Brown Gordon's Brigade (Ewell's Corps), played a key role on the first day of Gettysburg (July 1, 1863) by helping to push Union troops off Barlow's Knoll (Blocher's Knoll) in the early morning attack, suffering casualties (around 100 men) in this fierce fight before the main battle lines formed.

## **Role at Gettysburg:**

- **Initial Attack:** On July 1, 1863, the regiment advanced with Gordon's Brigade, attacking from the northeast to southwest, driving Union soldiers from the high ground of Barlow's Knoll.
- **Casualties:** They suffered significant losses, with 30 killed, 75 wounded, and 6 missing, including officers like Major Peter Brennan and Lieutenant S.H. Rice.

## **Brigade & Division:**

- The 61st Georgia was in Brigadier General John Brown Gordon's Brigade, part of Major General Jubal A. Early's Division, within Lieutenant General Richard S. Ewell's Corps.

## **Significance:**

- Their involvement helped secure the northern approaches to Gettysburg for the Confederates on the crucial first day of the battle.

In essence, the 61st Georgia was instrumental in the early Confederate success on the first day, clearing Barlow's Knoll before the main fighting developed on the Union's defensive fishhook line.

# 61st Georgia Infantry Regiment

1862	
May	Formed at Charleston, South Carolina by adding companies to the 7th Georgia Battalion. The field officers were Colonel John H. Lamar, Lt. Colonel Charles W. McArthur, and Major Archibald P. McRae
June 27	<b>Battle of Gaines' Mill</b>
mid-June	Moved from Georgia to Virginia and attached to Lawton's Brigade, Jackson's Division, Army of the Valley
August 20	Attached to Lawton's Brigade, Ewell's Division, Jackson's Command, Army of Northern Virginia
August 28-30	<b>Second Battle of Manassas</b>
September 17	<b>Battle of Sharpsburg</b> Commanded by Colonel John H. Lamar, who took over command of the brigade after Colonel Douglass fell. Major Archibald P. MacRae briefly took command of the regiment until he was killed. <b>Captain James Van Valkenberg then took over.</b>
1863	
March 1	Captain Peter Brennan of Company F was elected major
April 11	Attached to Gordon's Brigade of Early's Division of the Second Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia
May 1-4	<b>Battle of Chancellorsville</b>
June 13-15	<b>Second Battle of Winchester</b>
July 1-3	<b>Battle of Gettysburg</b> The regiment was commanded by Colonel Jn. H. Lamar and brought 288 men to the field. It lost 30 men killed, 75 wounded and 6 missing. Major Peter Brennan and Lieutenant S.H. Rice were killed, and Lieutenant William R. Avant was wounded and captured. <b>After the battle Captain Van Valkenberg was promoted to major.</b>



1864	
May 4-5	<b>Battle of the Wilderness</b>
May 12	<b>Battle of Spotsylvania Court House</b>
May 12	<b>Major Van Valkenberg promoted to lieutenant colonel</b>
May 21	Attached to Evan's Brigade of Gordon's Division of the Second Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia
May 23-26	<b>North Anna</b>
June 13	Attached to Evans' Brigade of Gordon's Division of the Army of the Valley
June 17-18	Battle of Lynchburg
June 19-21	Pursuit of Hunter
June 22	Day of rest at Salem
June 23-26	Advance into the Shenandoah Valley to Staunton
June 28-July 2	Advance from Staunton to near Harpers Ferry
July 5-6	Crossed the Potomac at Boteler's Ford and advances to west of Frederick
July 9	<b>Battle of Monocacy</b> Colonel Lamar and <b>Lieutenant Colonel Van Valkenberg were killed.</b>
July 10	The advance on Washington continued through an extremely hot day.
July 11-12	<b>Battle of Fort Stevens</b>
July 13-15	Left Washington, crossed the Potomac at White's Ford, and marched across Loudon County.
July 16	Crossed the Blue Ridge at Snickers Gap to Berryville
July 19	Moved to Strasburg

July 24	<b>Second Battle of Kernstown</b>
August 8	At Bunker Hill
August 10	To Winchester
August 12	To Fisher's Hill
August 17	Returned to Winchester and Bunker Hill.
August 22	To Charles Town
August 25-26	Feint toward Williamsport and return to Bunker Hill.
September 5	To Winchester
September 19	<b>Third Battle of Winchester</b> Commanded by Captain Eliphalet F. Sharp.
September 22	<b>Battle of Fisher's Hill</b>
October 19	<b>Battle of Cedar Creek</b>
December 9	Returned with Gordon's Division from the Shenandoah Valley to the Richmond area under the command of Captain Eliphalet F. Sharp. Attached to Gordon's Division, Second Corps, Army of Northern Virginia
<b>1865</b>	
January	The 60th and 61st Georgia were combined under Colonel Jones of the 60th until the end of the war.
February 6	<b>Battle of Hatcher's Run</b>
April 7	<b>Farmville and High Bridge</b>
April 9	<b>Appomattox Court House</b> The regiment surrendered 81 enlisted men without an officer, of whom 49 were armed.

# CONFEDERATE GEORGIA TROOPS

## 61st Regiment, Georgia Infantry

### Overview:

61st Infantry Regiment [also called 26th Regiment] was assembled at Charleston, South Carolina, in May, 1862. It was formed by using the 7th Georgia Battalion as its nucleus. The men were from the counties of Irwin, Tattnall, Brooks, Bulloch, Montgomery, Bibb, Quitman, and Wilkes. Ordered north in June, the unit arrived at Petersburg, Virginia, with 1,000 officers and men. During the war it was brigaded under Generals Lawton, John B. Gordon, and C.A. Evans, Army of Northern Virginia. It participated in many conflicts from the Seven Days' Battles to Cold Harbor, went with Early to the Shenandoah Valley, then fought in numerous engagements around Appomattox. This regiment sustained 36 casualties at Gaines' Mill, 63 at Second Manassas, 114 at Sharpsburg, and 100 at Fredericksburg. It lost thirty-seven percent of the 288 at Gettysburg and sixty-five percent of 150 at Monocacy. The 61st surrendered with no officers and 81 men, of which only 49 were armed. Its commanders were Colonel John H. Lamar; Lieutenant Colonels Charles W. McArthur and James Y. McDuffie; and Majors Peter Brenan, Archibald P. MacRae, Henry Tillman, and **James D. Van Valkenburg**.





# James D Van Valkenburg

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Van Valkenburg James D.

Co. *D*, 61 Georgia Infantry.  
*F&S*

(Confederate.)

Captain Major.

## CARD NUMBERS.

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Number of medical cards herein 0

Number of personal papers herein 1

BOOK MARK:

See also

(Confederate.)

61

Ga.

*James D. Van Valkenburg.*

*Capt.*, { Capt. James D. Van Valkenburg's  
Company (Thomson Guards).\*

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

of the organization named above,

for *Oct. 1, to Dec. 31*, 186*1*.

Enlisted :

When *Oct. 1*, 186*1*.

Where

By whom

Period

Last paid :

By whom

To what time , 186*1*.

Present or absent

*Present*

Remarks:

\*This company subsequently became Company I, 61st Regiment Georgia Infantry.

The regiment was successively designated as 26th Regiment (Lamar's) Georgia Infantry, 7th Battalion Georgia Infantry and 61st Regiment Georgia Infantry.

Book mark :

(642)

*J. S. Dowd*

Copyist.



(Confederate.)

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Ga.

*J. D. Van Valkenburg*  
Capt. { Co. I (Thomson Guards), commanded  
by Capt. J. D. Van Valkenburg.\*

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

of the organization named above,

for *May 10, 1862*, to \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_\_\_\_.  
*Dated May 10, 1862.*

Enlisted:

When \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_\_\_\_.

Where \_\_\_\_\_

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(Confederate.)

61

Ga.

J. D. Van Valkenburg  
Capt, Co. I, 61 Reg't Georgia Infantry.\*

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Nov. & Dec., 1862.

Enlisted :

When \_\_\_\_\_, 186 .

Where \_\_\_\_\_

By whom \_\_\_\_\_

Period \_\_\_\_\_

Last paid :

By whom \_\_\_\_\_

To what time \_\_\_\_\_, 186 .

Present or absent

Absent

Remarks:

Prisoner of war  
and paroled.

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J. McDowd

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V

(Confederate.)

61

Ga.

*J. D. Van Valkenburg*  
*Capt. I*, Co. *I*, 61 Reg't Georgia Infantry.\*

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for *Jan. & Feb.*, 1863.

Enlisted:

When \_\_\_\_\_, 186 .

Where \_\_\_\_\_

By whom \_\_\_\_\_

Period \_\_\_\_\_

Last paid:

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To what time \_\_\_\_\_, 186 .

Present or absent

*Present*

Remarks:

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Book mark:

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(Confederate.)

61

Ga.

*J. D. Van Valkenburg*  
Capt., Co. *D*, 61 Reg't Georgia Infantry.\*

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

of the organization named above,

for *March & April*, 186*3*.

Enlisted :

When \_\_\_\_\_, 186 .

Where \_\_\_\_\_

By whom \_\_\_\_\_

Period \_\_\_\_\_

Last paid :

By whom \_\_\_\_\_

To what time \_\_\_\_\_, 186 .

Present or absent

*Present*

Remarks :

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*This regiment was successively designated as 26th Regiment (Lamar's) Georgia Infantry, 7th Battalion Georgia Infantry and 61st Regiment Georgia Infantry.

Book mark : \_\_\_\_\_

*J. V. B. Dowd*  
Coryist.



N

(Confederate.)

61

Ga.

James D. Van Valkenburg  
Capt, Co. I, 61 Reg't Georgia Infantry.\*

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

of the organization named above,

for May & June, 1863.

Enlisted:

When, 186 .

Where

By whom

Period

Last paid:

By whom

To what time, 186 .

Present or absent<sup>x</sup>

Remarks: Promoted to  
Major July 4, 1863.

\* Name cancelled by line,  
but appears in column  
of Names Present

\*This regiment was successively designated as 26th Regiment  
(Lamar's) Georgia Infantry, 7th Battalion Georgia Infantry and  
61st Regiment Georgia Infantry.

Book mark:

J. S. Dowd

(Confederate.)

61

Ga.

*J. D. Van Valkenburg*  
*Major*, 61 Regiment Georgia Infantry.\*

Appears on

**Field and Staff Muster Roll**

of the organization named above,

for *Jan. 1. to Aug. 31.*, 186*4*.

Date of Commission, or }  
Regimental Appointment, } \_\_\_\_\_, 186*4*.

Station *Army N. Va.*

Present or absent \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: *Killed in Battle.*  
*9 July 1864*

\*This regiment was successively designated as 26th Regiment (Lamar's) Georgia Infantry, 7th Battalion Georgia Infantry and 61st Regiment Georgia Infantry.

Book mark: \_\_\_\_\_

(643c)

*Arthur*  
Copys.

(Confederate.)

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61

Ga.

*J. D. Van Valkenburg*  
*Capt.*, Co. *I*, 61 Reg't Georgia Infantry.\*

Appears on a

**Monthly Report**

of officers of the organization named above,

for *December*, 186*2*.

Number of days absent:

With leave

Without leave *18*

Sick

Remarks: *Missing in action*  
*since Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>*

\*This regiment was successively designated as 26th Regiment (Lamar's) Georgia Infantry, 7th Battalion Georgia Infantry and 61st Regiment Georgia Infantry.

Book mark :



(Confederate.)

61

Ga.

*J. D. Van Valkenburg*  
Capt., Co. L., 61 Reg't Georgia Infantry.\*

Appears on a

**Monthly Report**

of officers of the organization named above,

for *January*, 186*3*.

Number of days absent:

With leave *31*.

Without leave

Sick

Remarks: *On Parole*

\*This regiment was successively designated as 26th Regiment (Lamar's) Georgia Infantry, 7th Battalion Georgia Infantry and 61st Regiment Georgia Infantry.

Book mark :

V | 61 | Ga

J. D. Van Valkenburg  
Capt 61 Ga

## List

List dated Office of Commissary General of Prisoners, Washington, D. C., Dec. 26, 1862.

Paroled \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks : .....

Number of roll:

3

(652)

W J Hearst

*Copyist.*

V | 61 | Ga

J. D. Van Valkenburg  
Capt 61 Ga

## List

List dated Office of Commissary General of Prisoners, Washington, D. C., Dec. 26, 1862.

**Paroled** \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks : \_\_\_\_\_

3

W J Hearst

*Copyist.*



(Confederate.)

V 1 61 1 Ga.

J. D. Van Valkenberg  
Capt 61 Regt Ga

Appears on a

### Descriptive List

of prisoners of war captured at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862; sent into the enemy's lines at Fredericksburg Dec 17, subject to the conditions of the transfer as arranged by Maj. Gen. Parks, ch'f of Staff, in behalf of the United States, and Lieut. Gen. James Longstreet in behalf of the enemy.

List dated *Not dated*

Where born *New York*

When captured *Dec 13, 1862*

Where captured *Fredericksburg*

Age *33*; height: feet *5* inches *7*

Hair *light*; eyes *grey*

Complexion *light*

How disposed of *Paroled for exchange*

Remarks:

Number of roll:

*4*

*W J Hearst*

(649)

Copyist.

(Confederate.)

*V* | *61* | *Ga.*

*J. D. Van Valkenberg,*  
*Capt, 61 Georgia,*

Appears on an

**Abstract**

of Confederates captured at Fredericksburg, Va.,  
Dec. 13, 1862.

Abstract dated

*Not dated*, 186

Remarks:

Number of roll:

*2*

Virginia.

(639b)

*J. R. Strenwalt,*

Copyist.

Vanvalkenberg, J. D.  
Capt; Co. "I" = 61. 4a

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Richard S. Cox,

A. Q. M.

IN VOUCHERS. No. 3,



(CONFEDERATE.)

*Y*

*Y*

*James D. Vanvaulkinburg*  
*Capt. Thompson Guards*

Appears on a

**Return**

of Troops at Brunswick, Ga.,

for the month of

*7/31*

*10*

*10*

*Oct.*

*1861*

Commissioned officers present and absent:

*Present*

Remarks:

Enlisted men casually at Post:

When received, 1861.

Remarks:

Remarks:

Miscellaneous File No. 48.

(661)

*Geo. A. Preston*

Copyist.

(CONFEDERATE.)

V

61

Ga

Van Valkinburg

Capt Co I, 61st Ga.

Appears on a

LIST

of killed, wounded and missing,  
in Ewell's Division, Aug. 22 to  
Sept. 20, 1862.

List dated Not dated

, 186 .

Remarks: Wounded

Sharpsburg, Sept. 17, 1862

Series 1, Vol. 12, part 1, page 810.

Shepherd

( )

Copyist.

Vandalhenburg, J.D

Capt

61st Ga. Reg.

Subject: detail for the court

Title of record: gen ord 128

Dept & Army No. Va-Lee

Date:

Nov 25/62

This record contains information relative to the above named man, upon the subject stated.  
(Confederate)



VanValkenburg, J.D<sup>W</sup>

Capt

61st Ga. Reg.

Subject: amend gen ord 128/2

Title of record: gen ord 1/3

Dept & Army No. Va-Lee

Date: Jan 2/63

This record contains information relative to the above named man, upon the subject stated.  
(Confederate)

(CONFEDERATE)

V

J. D. Van<sup>Y</sup>elkenburg

Capt 61 Ga

Appears on a

REPORT

of officers of Gordon's Brigade for  
the month of April 1863.

No. of days absent: .....

With leave .....

Without leave .....

Sick .....

Remarks: .....

Box 59.

No. 48.

Herring

Copyist.

(CONFEDERATE)

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Ho

J D VanVolkenburg

Capt Co I

Appears on a

LIST

of officers of Lawton's Brigade,  
for the month of February, 1863.

No. of days absent:.....

Sick .....

With leave 19 .....

Without leave .....

Remarks:.....

Box 59.

No. 67.

Simpson

Copyist.



(CONFEDERATE)

V

61

Ga.

<sup>as?</sup>  
J.D. Vanvankenburg

Capt Co. I, 61 Reg't. Ga. Inf.

Appears on a

LIST

of killed, wounded and missing, of  
the 61st Ga. Reg't. at Fredericks-  
burg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862.

List dated Dec 19, 1862.

Remarks: Missing

Casualties, Va., 245.

Barger

Copyist.

Vauvalkenburg, J.D

Capt

Co. I. 61st Ga.Reg.

Subject: leave

Title of record: spec. ord 255/1

Dept & Army No.Va-Lee

Date: Nov 28/62

This record contains information relative to the above named man, upon the subject stated.  
(Confederate)

Camp of Lawtons Brigade

near Fredericksburg Va Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1863

We the undersigned enlisted men of Co I. 61<sup>st</sup> Regt Calles  
hereby certify that we received each our fifty dollars bounty  
money at the time of our enlistment from Capt Haskel Keeney  
and signed by our mark the same on the Bounty pay roll.

Witness

Jacob <sup>his</sup> X Smallerwood  
John <sup>his</sup> X R Shaw  
<sup>mark</sup>

Peter Brennan Capt Co F 61<sup>st</sup> Regt  
Peter Brennan Capt Co F 61<sup>st</sup> Regt

C. M. McArthur Maj  
comd Co 61<sup>st</sup> Regt



Macon Ga January 23<sup>d</sup> 1863

I hereby certify that on the day of my enlistment into the  
Confederate Service May 1862 I received of Capt J D Munkelberg  
of Co I 61<sup>st</sup> Regt Ga Inf Fifty Dollars Bounty due for said Enlistment  
C. C. Grannis, J. P. Frederick <sup>his</sup> <sup>mark</sup>

I, Elizabeth Hambrie widow & legal representative of James Hambrie  
late a Private of Co I 61<sup>st</sup> Regt Ga Inf hereby certify that from my own  
knowledge derived from my Husband about the time of his Enlistment  
into the Confederate Service in the month of May last at Macon Ga  
that he received from Capt J D Munkelberg of said Co the Fifty  
dollars bounty money due by virtue of said Enlistment & consequently  
I as his legal representative hereby release the Government or any  
other interested party from any obligation to pay the same again  
Signed this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 1863 at Macon Ga

Attest

Elizabeth <sup>her</sup> Hambrie  
mark

C. C. Grannis, J. P.

The undersigned Elizabeth King Widow of William S King Dead  
late a Private of Co I 61<sup>st</sup> Regt Ga Inf do hereby certify & declare that  
of my own knowledge derived from my Husband at the time  
of his enlistment that he received the Fifty Dollars Bounty due  
by virtue of said Enlistment and I as his widow hereby release  
the Government or any party interested from having to pay the  
same again Signed this the 31<sup>st</sup> day January 1863 at Macon Ga

C. C. Grannis, J. P.

Elizabeth <sup>her</sup> King  
mark

Georgia } Clerk's office Superior Court  
Bibb County } I John F. Riley Deputy Clerk do  
Certify That Ebenezer G. Mansieff whose name  
appears to the within Certificate was duly elected  
and commissioned as Justice of the Peace, and  
his acts as such is duly accredited and is entitled  
to full faith & credit as such Justice of the Peace  
Given under my hand and Seal  
of office July 11 1863  
John F. Riley Deputy Clerk



Macon Ga Feb 2<sup>d</sup> 1863

I Sarah Davis Widow of John C Davis Dead late a Private  
in Co I, 61<sup>st</sup> Regt Gaols do hereby Certify and declare that  
of my own Knowledge derived from my Husband about the  
time of his Enlistment in the Confederate States Service that  
he received from Capt J Minkenberg who enlisted him the  
Fifty Dollars bounty money due by virtue of said Enlistment  
and consequently release any interested party from paying the  
same again

Sarah <sup>her</sup> X Davis  
witness

Albert E. C. Grannis, J.P.

Macon Ga Feb 2<sup>d</sup> 1863

I William Roberts of Jones County Ga hereby Certify that I was  
present when Zackariah Roberts deceased late of Co I 61<sup>st</sup> Regt Gaols  
was enlisted and that I witnessed the payment of the Fifty  
Dollars Bounty money by Capt Minkenberg on the day  
of his enlistment viz 1862 to said Zackariah Roberts

Attest

William Roberts

E. C. Grannis, J.P.



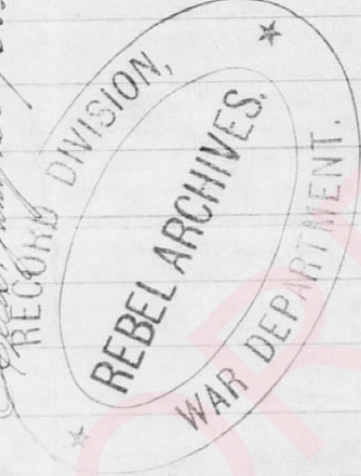
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Macon, Ga

Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> /63.

Capt.

C. D. Canvass

Recd. Aug. 23 /63.



Mr. Wright

Macon Ga January 15<sup>th</sup> 1863

W H S Taylor Esq

Auditor, Richmond Va

Dear Sir. Yours of Dec 8<sup>th</sup> has been forwarded to me here after having been received by the Lieut in command of my Co during my absence. ~~in~~ In regard to the deficiency in my returns of the Bounty funds paid out by me I will say that I was under the impression that the Affidant attached to the return was sufficient to cover all, but as it has been decided otherwise I will have to procure other proof that the money was paid. Three of the <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> men have died, but I expect I can get proof from their wives or some near friend that I paid them the Bounty - the others being alive I can get sufficient proof of the payment. I shall take the earliest opportunity of forwarding such proof which I hope will prove satisfactory.

Respectfully Your Obedt Servant

J. D. Numbalkenburg Capt

Co. I. 1<sup>st</sup> Regt Ga Vols

W: 816

Capt. J. R. Van Valkenburg  
Co. I 61st Sta. Inf.  
December 3, 1862





No. 816

Treasury Department, C. S.,

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

December 4<sup>th</sup> 1862

I Certify, That I have examined and adjusted the account of

J. D. Van Valkenburg, Capt. Co. "D" 61<sup>st</sup> Regt. Ga. Inf. for disbursement made in the payment of bounty to recruits for said Co. at Macon, Ga. April, & May, 1862, and find that he is chargeable as follows:

Bounty of \$10 to each man companied officer &c.
\$ 3,000 .00
350 .00
\$ 3,350 .00

J. L. L. Smith, Major &c.  
Hon. amt. per acct April 25 1862  
" Larkin Smith, Lieut. Col. &c.  
Hon. amt. per acct July 20, 1862

And I also find that he is entitled to credit as follows:

By General account money advanced,  
The amount of \$3,350.00

of several accounts many amounts

For and disbursed by him in paying bounty to recruits  
for Co. 3<sup>rd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Regt. Ga. Vol at Macon, Ga. April 2

May, 1862, after ap vouchers herewith

Balance due C. S.

\$ 4,850.00

\$ 500.00

as appears from the Statement and Vouchers herewith transmitted for the decision of the

Comptroller of the Treasury thereon.

To Lewis Oranger, Esq.,  
Comptroller of the Treasury.

W. D. S. Taylor  
Auditor.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

I admit and certify the above balance this 21<sup>st</sup>

day of

December 1862.

Reuben C. Oranger  
Comptroller.



No -  
Capt.  
C. D. Vandenberg  
Head, Corp. 16 & 17

61 Ga

RECORD  
Capt. J. S. S. that he  
will bring another Comrade  
recorder - awaiting for same  
DEPARTMENT

Mr. Wright



Macon Ga Feb 10 1863

I William Bryce a Private of Co I. 61<sup>st</sup> Regt Ga  
Vols. do hereby certify that at the time of my enlistment  
in the Confederate State Service by Capt J D Mustalckenbury  
at Macon Ga in May last. I received from Capt Mustalckenbury  
the Fifty Dollars bounty due by virtue of said enlistment

Witness

J. G. Mikhailoff  
Capt & Co

William <sup>by</sup> Bryce  
march

The Confederate States of America.

Voucher No. 79

Paid the 19 day of February 1862

J. D. Van Valkenburg

Captain C. S.

From the 1 day of January 1862

To the 31 day of January 1862

Pay.....\$ 30.00

Forage...

Amount..\$ 30.00

Thompson Guards Co

61 Ga Inf



# The Confederate States of America,

To *P. S. Funckhewer Capt Dr.*

ON WHAT ACCOUNT.		Commencement and Expiration.		Term of Service charged.		Pay per month.		Amount.		REMARKS.
		From—	To—	Months.	Days.	Dolls.	Cts.	Dolls.	Cents.	
Pay—										
For myself, <i>as Captain</i>		<i>January 1862</i>	<i>February 1862</i>	<i>One</i>	<i>+</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>00</i>	
For	year's service,									
Forage for	horses,									
								<i>\$ 130</i>	<i>00</i>	

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is accurate and just; that I have not been absent without leave during any part of the time charged for; that I have not received pay, forage, or received money in lieu of any part thereof, for any part of the time charged; that the horses were actually kept in service and were mustered for the whole of the time charged; that for the whole of the time charged for my staff appointment, I actually and legally held the appointment and did duty in the department; that I have been a commissioned officer for the number of years stated in the charge for every additional five years service; that I am not in arrears with the Confederate States, on any account whatsoever; and that the last payment I received was from

*Capt H. H. Davenport 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec*  
and to the *Twenty* day of *December*, 1861.

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of *H. H. Davenport Capt & A. D. H.*  
this *the nineteenth* day of *February* 1862, the sum of *one hundred & thirty*  
*thirty* dollars, being the amount in full, of said account.

Pay.....\$ *130 00*

Forage.....

Amount... *130,00*

(Signed Duplicates,)

*P. S. Funckhewer Capt*  
*Thompson Guards*





... Special Agent in

1 One Axi

to certify that the above registration is correct & that  
the value as assessed is a reasonable representation for the  
public service.

Drumbeat electric blue

1. J. S. Castle M. C. J. will require the articles  
of association to be revised

S. H. Lamar

Chas. May

[illegible]

I don't talk back any more

Chas. Smith



[No. 33.]

No..... Abst. G..... Qr. 186

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## REQUISITION FOR FORAGE

For.....	186
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Issued.....	186
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REQUISITION for Forage for.....	Private Horses in the service of.....	days, commencing the.....
..... at.....	for.....	.....
of..... 186	and ending the..... of.....	..... 186

I CERTIFY, on honor, that the above Requisition is correct and just; and that I have not drawn forage for any part of the time above charged.

RECEIVED at....., the ..... of ..... 186....., of.....  
 Assistant Quartermaster,..... bushels of corn,..... bushels of oats,..... pounds of hay,..... pounds of fodder, in full  
 of the above Requisition.\*  
 ( DUPLICATE. )

[No. 32.]

No. *4* Abst. G *338* Qr. 186*3*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company

REQUISITION FOR FORAGE

For \_\_\_\_\_ 186

\_\_\_\_\_  
Issued \_\_\_\_\_ 186



[No. 32.]

REQUISITION for Forage for *Public Horses*, (11) *all*

*61 reg. 2nd Regt.* Regiment, of

1863, and ending on the *31<sup>st</sup>* of *August*

in the service of *Maj. J. D. Hambleton*  
Company  
C. S. Army for *31* days, commencing the *1<sup>st</sup>* of  
1863, at *Marionville, Mo.*

Date of Requisition.	Number of Horses.	Number of Mules.	Number of Oxen.	Total number of Animals.	Number of Days.	Number of Rations.	DAILY ALLOWANCE TO EACH ANIMAL.					TOTAL ALLOWANCE.				
							Pounds of Corn.	Pounds of Barley.	Pounds of Oats.	Pounds of Hay.	Pounds of Fodder.	Pounds of Corn.	Pounds of Barley.	Pounds of Oats.	Pounds of Hay.	Pounds of Fodder.
	1	0	0	1	31	31	3 1/2	0	14	0	108 1/2	0	15 1/2	1434		
Required,																
On hand, to be deducted,																
To be supplied,																

I certify, on honor, that the above Requisition is correct and just; and that I have *not drawn forage for any part of*  
forage is required, and that forage has not been received for any part of the time specified. *the nine changed*  
*the nine changed*  
Commanding.

RECEIVED *Marionville, Mo.*, the  
Quartermaster C. S. Army, *008 1/2* One hundred eight 1/2  
pounds of barley, *115 1/2* One hundred fifteen 1/2  
pounds of hay; and  
fodder, in full of the above Requisition.

of *August* 1863, of *61 reg 2nd Regt.*  
pounds of corn,  
pounds of oats, *41 3/4* Four  
pounds of

[SIGNED IN DUPLICATE.]



No 6 Abstract 3<sup>rd</sup> Qr 1865

May J D Vanvorsthuizen

61<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Regt

August 26 1863

# 8 78-

Received this day of Lt-Giles Harshen A. A. Q. M.  
6<sup>th</sup> Regt - 8<sup>th</sup> Colo. Ave. 1<sup>st</sup> English Shoes for which  
I paid him the Price annexed, the Invoice Price

1 Ave for English Shoes \$ 8.75

Chas Orange C H W

Augt - 26<sup>th</sup> 1863

please acknowledge receipt  
at 207 1/2 E. 1<sup>st</sup>



[No. 33.]

No. 1 Abst. G. 4<sup>th</sup> Qr. 186

May J. L. Worthington

REQUISITION FOR FORAGE.

For Hay 1863

Issued 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1863

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## REQUISITION for Forage for

Twice

of Portland, Me. and ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of March at Portland, Me.

Private Horses in the service of *May*  
for *16* days, commencing the *16<sup>th</sup>*  
*22* 186*3*

186. 子

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I certify, on honor, that the above Requisition is correct and just, and that I have not drawn forage for any part of the time above charged.

RECEIVED at *Marchburg*, the *31<sup>st</sup>* of *October*, 186*3*, of *Capt. H. D. Oath*  
 Assistant Quartermaster, *540* bushels corn, *32* bushels oats, *64* pounds hay, in full  
 of the above Requisition. *129*

(DUPLICATE.)

Dr. Frederick C. Brown  
O. & G. Co., St.

VOUCHER No. 803

Paid the 16 day of February 1863

W. H. Van Hook

Capt. of 61<sup>st</sup> Regt Va H<sup>rs</sup> C. S.

From the 1 day of Dec 1862

To the 1 day of Jan 1863

Pay, - - \$ 130.00

Forage, -

Amount, \$ 130.00



# THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

To J. D. Munsterkamp Capt. Co. 8<sup>th</sup> Va. Heavy Arty. Dr.

ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	COMMENCEMENT AND EXPIRATION.		TERM OF SERVICE CHARGED.		PAY PER MONTH.		AMOUNT.		REMARKS.
	From—	To—	Months	Days	Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents	
PAY—	December first 1862	January first 63	one	00	130	00	130	00	
For myself, . . . . .									
For Year's service, . . . . .									
Forage for horses, . . . . .							\$ 130	00	

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is accurate and just; that I have not been absent, without leave, during any part of the time charged for; that I have not received pay, forage, or received money in lieu of any part thereof, for any part of the time therein charged; that the horses were actually kept in service and were mustered for the whole of the time charged; that for the whole of the time charged for my staff appointment, I actually and legally held the appointment and did duty in the department; that I have been a commissioned officer for the number of years stated in the charge for every additional five years' service; that I am not in arrears with the Confederate States on any account whatsoever; and that the last payment I received was from Capt. *Spencer Doty's* Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Va. Cavalry, *1862*

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of *Major John A. Tucker* — *1862* — this *16<sup>th</sup>* day of *February*, 1863, the sum of *one hundred and thirty* <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars, being the amount in full of said account.

Pay, - - - \$ 130.00

Forage, - -

Amount, \$ 130.00

(Signed Duplicates.)

*J. D. Munsterkamp Capt*  
*Co. 8<sup>th</sup> Va. Heavy Arty.*  
*Lawson's Brigade*  
*Potomac Corps*



Voucher No. 29

Paid the 1st day of June 1863

for

C. S.

From the 1st day of May 1863

To the 1st day of May 1863

Pay, --- \$ 100.

Forage, -

Amount, \$ 100.

# THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

To *for 2 months ending Oct. 1863* Dr.

ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	COMMENCEMENT AND EXPIRATION.		TERM OF SERVICE CHARGED.		PAY PER MONTH.		AMOUNT.	REMARKS.
	From—	To—	Months.	Days.	Dollars.	Cts.		
PAY—	1863 May 1st	1863 May 31st	one	—	150	00	150 00	
For myself, . . . . .								
For year's service, . . . . .								
Forage for horses, . . . . .								
							\$ 130 00	

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is accurate and just; that I have not been absent, without leave, during any part of the time charged for; that I have not received pay, forage, or received money in lieu of any part thereof, for any part of the time therein charged; that the horses were actually kept in service and were mustered for the whole of the time charged; that for the whole of the time charged for my staff appointment, I actually and legally held the appointment and did duty in the department; that I have been a commissioned officer for the number of years stated in the charge for every additional five years' service; that I am not in arrears with the Confederate States on any account whatsoever; and that the last payment I received was from *Capt. G. W. Smith, 2d Regt.*

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of *Capt. W. H. Pennington, 2d Regt.* this *22* day of *April* 1863, the sum of *one hundred & thirty* Dollars being the amount in full of said account.

Pay, - - - \$ 130 00

Forage, - - -

Amount, \$ 130 00

(Signed Duplicates.)

*for 2 months ending Oct. 1863*

No 816  
Statement of Difference

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Account



Statement of difference arising upon the settlement of the  
 account of J. D. Van Valkenburg, Capt. Co. "I," 61st Ga.  
 Btl for disbursements made in the payment of bounty to  
 recruits for said company at Macon, Ga. April 7, May  
 1862

Balance due Confederate States, per Official Statement	\$ 500.00
Balanced per Officer's "	" "
<u>Difference</u>	\$ 500.00

Arising thus

The amt of fifty dollars paid each of the  
 following men who receipted by (x) mark  
 witnessed by the disbursing Officer is  
 suspended.

The witness must be a third or disinterested party.

<u>J. C. Davis,</u>	<u>James Lambie,</u>	\$ 100.00
<u>Jacob. Smallwood,</u>	<u>Augustus Miller,</u>	100.00
<u>Zachariah Roberts,</u>	<u>William Bryce,</u>	100.00
<u>William King,</u>	<u>John Wilson,</u>	100.00
<u>A. N. Galt,</u>	<u>John. R. Shaw,</u>	100.00
	<u>Difference explained</u>	\$ 500.00

Treasury Department  
 Second Auditor's Office  
 December 4.<sup>th</sup> 1862

J. M. L. White

Acct Current  
 Bounty

Capt J D Van Hookburg  
 Co. I 61. Geo. vol.  
 X CKA

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

DISBURSEMENTS UNDER OFFICIAL BOND, DATED

186

1862

The Confederate States, In Account Current with Capt J D Van Hookburg, of the Army of the Confederate States.

CP

1862

To amount expended in paying the Troops from  
 date of last account rendered, to  
 and thence hereunto, viz:  
 Pay of the Army,  
 Subsistence,  
 Forage,  
 Clothing (Soldiers),

1862

By balance to be accounted for, as stated in last Account Current of this date.

\$

July 11. To Cont. Exp. under by me in paying  
 bounty to recruits as per Roll  
 hereunto \$ 5550 00

Sept 23

July 11

By Cont. received from Major  
 J. D. Smith, Master at Arms  
 on 1/2 of Bounty \$ 5000 00  
 do from St. C. L. Smith  
 on 1/2 of Bounty \$ 250 00  
 \$ 5250 00



Balance due Confederate States, to be rendered in next account.

Total

\$

Total

\$

I certify that the above is a true account of all public moneys received by me and heretofore accounted for, and that the disbursements have been faithfully made. Signed

Richard this 10 day of July

1862

J. D. Walkerburg Capt Co. I  
51 4th Regt Inf 1st Div. 1st S.C.

B. P. O.

Wm. W. Wagon

No. 8164

J. D. Walkerburg

Capt. Co. I 61st Ga. Inf

Bounty

April & May, 1862

Macon, Ga

Balance due Co. I

Bounty of \$50. to each non  
commissioned officer & Co

\$ 500.00

Reported December 4th 1862

Returned December 3rd 1862



D. I. D. Van Valkenburg, Capt. Co. I 61<sup>st</sup> La. Inf.

.820

County \$5.00  
to each non-  
commissioned  
Officer  
40

.79 To S. I. Smith, Maj's &c

For amt. per acct April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1862

\$ 500.00

.814 " Varkin Smith, Lieut. Col. &c

For amt. per acct July 20. 1862

350.00

Balance due C. I.

\$ 5.350.00  
\$ 500.00

Treasury Department C. I.  
Comptroller's Office  
December 5<sup>th</sup> 1862  
J. H. Boykin Clerk

In account with the Confederate States, Cr.

Bounty of \$50.  
to each non-  
commissioned  
Officer  
90

695

By General account money advanced,  
For amt. disbursed by him in paying  
bounty to recruits for Co. "I" 61<sup>st</sup> Ga. Inf.  
at Macon, Ga. April, & May, 1862, as per  
a/c vouchers herewith

Balance due C. S.

\$ 4,850 00

500 00

\$ 5,350 00

Treasury Department

Second Auditor's Office

December 4<sup>th</sup> 1862

Stated by

J. McK. White,  
Ck.



Voucher No. 196

Paid the 2 day of July 1862  
Capt. J. W. Van Volkenburg,

61 42 C. B.

From the 10 day of May 1862

To the 30 day of June 1862

Pay, - - \$

Forage, -

Amount, \$ 216.66



# THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

To *James L. Van Dethlingen Capt. Dr.*

ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	COMMENCEMENT AND EXPIRATION.		TERM OF SERVICE CHARGED.		PAY PER MONTH.		AMOUNT.		REMARKS.
	From—	To—	Months.	Days.	Dollars.	Cents.	Dollars.	Cents.	
PAY—	1861	1862	One	20.	100	00	200	00	
For myself, - - -									
For year's service, -									
Forage for horses, -									
							\$	200	00

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is accurate and just; that I have not been absent, without leave, during any part of the time charged for; that I have not received pay, forage, or received money in lieu of any part thereof, for any part of the time therein charged; that the horses were actually kept in service and were mustered for the whole of the time charged; that for the whole of the time charged for my staff appointment, I actually and legally held the appointment and did duty in the department; that I have been a commissioned officer for the number of years stated in the charge for every additional five years' service; that I am not in arrears with the Confederate States on any account whatsoever; and that the last payment I received was from

and to the day of *Sept 10th* 18*62*, the sum of *Two hundred and* 100 Dollars,

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of

this *Second* day of *Sept* 18*62*, being the amount in full of said account.

Pay, - - - \$ *200.00*

Forage, - - -

Amount, \$ *200.00*

(Signed Duplicates.)

*J. D. Van Dethlingen Capt. Dr.*  
*1st Regt. Cavalry*

Voucher No. 14

Paid the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1864

to Maj. D. D. Van Hook

Capt. H. B. Galt C. S. A.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1864

To the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1864

Pay, \$ 130.00

Forage,

Amount, \$ 130.00



# The Confederate States of America,

To *Dr.*

*of 5 months & 15 days*

ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	COMMENCEMENT AND EXPIRATION.		TERM OF SERVICE CHARGED.		PAY PER MONTH.		AMOUNT.		REMARKS.
	From—	To—	Months.	Days.	Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.	
PAY—	1864 April 1 <sup>st</sup>	1864 April 30 <sup>th</sup>	one	—	150	00	150	00	
For myself, . . . . .									
For year's service, . . . . .									
Forage for horses, . . . . .							\$ 150	00	

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is accurate and just; that I have not been absent, without leave, during any part of the time charged for; that I have not received pay, forage, or received money in lieu of any part thereof, for any part of the time therein charged; that the horses were actually kept in service and were mustered for the whole of the time charged; that for the whole of the time charged for my staff appointment, I actually and legally held the appointment and did duty in the department; that I have been a commissioned officer for the number of years stated in the charge for every additional five years' service; that I am not in arrears with the Confederate States on any account whatsoever; and that the last payment I received was from *Capt John S. Smith A. L. H.*

and to the *31<sup>st</sup>* day of *January* 1864.

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of *Capt H. J. Dutton A. L. H.* this *1<sup>st</sup>* day of *June* 1864, the sum of *one hundred & fifty* Dollars, being the amount in full of said account.

Pay, . . . . \$ 150.00

Forage, . . . .

Amount, \$ 150.00

(SIGNED DUPLICATES.)

*of 5 months & 15 days*





Received at *Richmond, Va*

the *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *July* 1862 of LIEUT. COL. LARKIN SMITH,

Assistant Quarter Master General C. S. Army, the sum of

*Three hundred and fifty* Dollars,

and *00* Cents, Funds of the Quarter Master's

Department, for which I am accountable at the Treasury of the

Confederate States.

*Samuel*

(SIGNED IN DUPLICATE.)

*per J. H. Baskinbury Capt & Co I  
61 Ga Regt late, 1 Ga Bat  
120th Regt*

Vou. No. 1, Abstract Bb, 3<sup>d</sup> Qr. 1862.

RECEIPT OF

Capt J. A. Van Valkenberg

FOR

\$ 350 100

10<sup>th</sup> July 1862



Vou. No. 1, Abstract Bb, 3<sup>d</sup> Qr. 1862.

RECEIPT OF

Capt J. D. Van Valkenberg.

FOR

\$ 350 ————— 100

10<sup>th</sup> July 1862



(CONFEDERATE.)

*V*

*61*

**Ga.**

*J. D. Van Valkenburg*  
*Capt. Co. I. 61 Regt Ia.*

Appears on a

**Register**

containing Rosters of Commissioned Officers, Provisional Army Confederate States.

Date of appointment \_\_\_\_\_, 186 .

Date of resignation, death, }  
transfer or promotion } \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, 186 .

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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*at Rye*  
Copyist.

Camp near Bunker Hill Va  
Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1862  
Capt John Ambler A. L. M. Richmond Va

Captain - Several of my men who have been absent for several months at Hospital Sick. have lately returned and I find that some of the members who have received pay at your Office have either wilfully or ignorantly made out false statement of the Government's indebtedness to them by - including the twenty five dollars clothing money in their a/c's. As I in May last furnished each man with a uniform suit of clothing, and have since furnished many of them shoes &c which will take all the clothing money due them & I have also served a proper notice through my Regt & Brigade Commanders to our Brigade Quartermaster to retain the clothing money in bulk of my Co. as things are going on now I cannot see how someone either the Government or persons furnishing clothing to the troops are to escape being defrauded. I hope you will not in future pay any clothing money to my men - and I shall

take steps to have the guilty parties  
punished who have made out &  
room to a false alarm

Respectfully Yours Othello  
J. D. Hinkleyburg Capt  
Co. I. 61 Regt Ga Vols  
Gen Lawton's Brigade  
Jackson's Army.





Van Valkenburg, J D  
Capt, Co. I 61, Reg't La Vols

(Confederate.)

1 Inclosures.

Bed Cards .....	Final Statements .....
Burial Records .....	Furloughs or L. of A. ....
Certs. of Dis. for Discharge .....	Med. Certificates .....
C. M. Charges .....	Med. Des. Lists .....
Descriptive Lists .....	Orders .....
Discharge Certificates .....	Pris. of War Record /
Enlistment Papers .....	Resignations .....

Other papers relating to—

Admission to Hosp'l .....	Furlough or L. of A. ....
Casualty Sheet .....	Med. Examination .....
Confinement .....	Misc. Information .....
Contracts .....	Pay or Clothing .....
Death or Effects .....	Personal Reports .....
Desertion .....	Rank .....
Discharge from Hosp'l .....	Transfer to Hosp'l .....
Discharge from Service .....	Transportation .....
Duty .....	

Vanralkenburg, J. G.  
Capt 61 Da Regt

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Office of the Provost Marshal General,  
ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

I, Dec. 19 1862  
L. S. Van Valkenburg, of  
Co "Georgia Regt" - Captain do  
hereby give my parole of honor, that I will not take up  
arms or serve in any military capacity against the Gov-  
ernment of the United States, until released from this  
obligation by competent authority.

L. S. Van Valkenburg Capt  
Co 4. 51st Regt Inds

Subscribed in presence of

H. H. Hall  
H. H.



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*Van Valkenburg, J.*

*Co. I,* **61 Georgia Infantry**  
**(Confederate.)**

*Captain* | *Major*

**REFERENCE ENVELOPE.**

Cards filed with

*Van Valkenburg, James D.*

Orig.

CONFEDER

Co. I 61 Regt. Ga.

Write nothing above this line.

Mr. Van Vranken:

Please add the following  
to the index sheet of Co. I, 61  
Regt. Ga. Inf. "Thomson Guards"  
Capt. James D. Van Valkenburg (6 May)  
" Charles S. Virgin

This Co. was orgd May 10/62  
for 3 yrs. It was a reorgn  
of Capt. Van Valkenburg's Co  
La Vols, which was enlisted  
Oct. 1/61 for 6 mos. and  
mustered out Apr. 5/62.  
Co. returned to Macon, Ga.  
and subsequently re-enlisted  
and recruited. The same  
Co. Com. Officers were  
re-elected at the reorgn.  
(See remarks in R. of E. on  
roll dated May 10/62.)  
5-8-16 Harley  
C.E.M.

No. of Names.	RECORDS.		From—
	Character.	Number on file.	
65	Abigail as muster roll of Co. Thomson Guards Commissioned by Capt. James D. Van Valkenburg	✓ 1	Oct. 1/61
96	Abigail as muster roll of Co. — Commissioned by Capt. D. Van Valkenburg	✓ 1	May 10/62
64	Abigail as muster roll of Co. I 61 Regt. Ga. Inf.	✓ 1	Dec 31/62
75	Abigail as muster roll of Co. I 61 Regt. Ga. Inf.	✓ 1	Dec 31/62
78	Abigail as muster roll of Co. I 61 Regt. Ga. Inf.	✓ 1	Dec 31/62
72	Abigail as muster roll of Co. I 61 Regt. Ga. Inf.	✓ 1	Dec 31/62
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*J. D. Van Alstedenburg*

Captain

day of December 1841

day of December 1861

120.00

Forage...

50.00



# The Confederate States of America,

To *A. D. Dan Vallenburg Captain Dr.*

ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	Commencement and Expiration.		Term of Service charged.		Pay per month.		Amount.		REMARKS.
	From—	To—	Months.	Days.	Dolls.	Cts.	Dolls.	Cts.	
Pay— For myself, <i>as Captain</i>	<i>December 1st 1861</i>	<i>December 31st 1861</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>130</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>00</i>	
For year's service.....									
Forage for horses.....							<i>\$ 130</i>	<i>00</i>	

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is accurate and just; that I have not been absent without leave during any part of the time charged for; that I have not received pay, forage, or received money in lieu of any part thereof, for any part of the time therein charged; that the horses were actually kept in service and were mustered for the whole of the time charged; that for the whole of the time charged for my staff appointment, I actually and legally held the appointment and did duty in the department; that I have been a commissioned officer for the number of years stated in the charge for every additional five years service; that I am not in arrears with the Confederate States, on any account whatsoever; and that the last payment I received was from

*Captain A. D. Dan Vallenburg A. D. M.*  
and to the *30th* day of *November*, 1861.

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of *A. D. Dan Vallenburg Captain and A. D. M.*  
this *10th* day of *February* 1862 the sum of *One Hundred and Thirty Dollars*

*no* dollars being the amount in full, of said account

Pay.....\$ *130.00*

Forage.....

Amount.. *130.00*

(Signed Duplicates.)

*A. D. Dan Vallenburg*  
*Captain Thompson Quartermaster*

Van Valkenburgh J.D.  
Commissary Department  
Voucher No. 6  
\$6.95  
Second Charter 1862.

Valkenburgh

The Confederate States

To  
The Thompson Guards Dr.

Date  
1862

Apr. 30 For Commutation of Fresh Beef Rations  
into money; 30 days from 1 to 5<sup>th</sup> April;  
55 Rations at 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 69 pounds at 10<sup>cts</sup> per pound \$6 90

\$6 90

I Certify that the above account is correct & just;  
and that the sixty-nine pounds of Beef therein named  
are due to the Thompson Guards for the month of  
April 1862.

J. N. Price  
Captain A.C.S.

Received at Waynesville Ga on the Thirtieth day  
of April 1862 of Capt. F. M. Reid A.C.S. Six Dollars  
and Ninety Cents in full of the above account.

J. I. Van Valkenburgh  
Capt. Thompson Guards



# Van Valkenburg, James D

US, Census - Federal, 1860

United States - 1860

State: Georgia

County: Bibb

Estimated Birth Year: 1830

Birth Place: New York

SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Macon in the County of Bibb State of Georgia enumerated by me, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1860. Thomas L Rep Asst Marshal  
Post Office Macon Georgia.

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Twelling-house— numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.	
			Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Minnie S "	72	F					"				
		Clifford B "	19	M		Printer			"				
		Daniel Rungay	17	M		"			"				
609 633		James D VanValkenburg	30	M		Ambulatory first			New York				
burg, James D		Mary E "	24	F			3000	8400	Georgia				
		Charles M "	7	M					"			1	
		Albert C "	5	M					"				
No. white males, 25			No. colored males, _____			No. foreign born, _____			No. blind, _____			No. idiotic, _____	
No. white females, 15			No. colored females, _____			No. deaf and dumb, _____			No. insane, _____			No. paupers, _____	
												No. convicts, _____	

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# A SOLDIER'S STORY OF HIS REGIMENT

(61<sup>ST</sup> GEORGIA)



AND INCIDENTALLY

OF THE

LAWTON-GORDON-EVANS BRIGADE

ARMY NORTHERN VIRGINIA

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BY

PRIVATE G. W. NICHOLS,  
INFANTRY, GEORGIA.



With those seven companies the Seventh Georgia Battalion was armed with the best Enfield rifles, and was ordered to Jekyl's Island, about one mile south of St. Simon's Island, about seven miles east of Brunswick, where it had to work very hard building a fort, and fighting sand flies and mosquitoes and drilling on our siege artillery, and company and battalion drill with small arms.

After completing the fort we were ordered to transfer our heavy guns to Brunswick and the battalion was ordered to Savannah, Ga., and camped ten miles below Savannah, at Camp Bethesda. Here the battalion was well drilled and had two companies added to the battalion:

8. Company H, "Tattnall Volunteers." Tattnall county. Captain, James B. Smith; first lieutenant, J. M. Dasher; second lieutenant, M. B. Brewton; and third lieutenant, W. F. M. Edwards.

9. Company I, "Thompson Guards," from the city of Macon, Bibb county. Captain, James D. Van Valkenburg; first lieutenant, C. S. Virgin; second lieutenant, E. P. Lewis; and third lieutenant, Eugene Jeffers.

The battalion of nine companies was ordered to Charleston, S. C., about the 20th of May, 1862, and camped in the city one week. Here Company K. was formed by volunteers from the different companies of the battalion. Sergeant E. F. Sharpe, of Company B., was elected its captain; Sergeant J. J. Mobley, of Company E., was its first lieutenant; D. L. Gray, second lieutenant; and Sergeant J. E. C. Tillman, of Company D., was elected third lieutenant.

The company being formed and added to the Seventh Georgia battalion, it then had ten companies and was called the Sixty-first Georgia regiment.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lamar had resigned and Major J.



tomac, and that he was a terrible "bull-dog," and that he never turned loose. We heard that he had massed 200,000 men in our front, and we knew that General Lee did not have over 60,000 to meet him with, and we knew we were going to have a terrible struggle.

Next morning, May 5th, we were ordered up early and put on the march at quick step. We soon heard heavy musketry and some cannonading. We met troops (Doles' Brigade) coming out badly confused, with General Lee in the rear right by himself. He seemed burdened. I think his mind was taxed to its utmost capacity.

Our company (D) was at the head of our regiment; our regiment at the head of Gordon's brigade and Gordon's brigade at the head of Early's division.

The first words General Lee said was: "General Gordon, there are Yankees in front and lots of them, and they must be moved or the day is lost. They have our position and if they are not moved we will be forced to retreat, and we are not prepared for it. Can you move them?" The gallant Gordon replied: "We will try, general." General Gordon turned to us with a deep determined look—to move them or die. The regimental officers and men looked the same way.

General Gordon addressed us in about these words: "Boys, there are Yankees in front and lots of them, and they must be moved or the day is lost, and *we* must move them. Now all who are faint hearted, fall out, you shall not be hurt for it; for we do not want any to go but *heroes—we want brave Georgians.*" We cheered him and General Lee. General Lee said: "General, right and left your men into line and forward *at once.*"

We filed to the right, and loaded our guns as we marched along. We were informed that General Gordon addressed all the regiments with about the same words that he addressed ours with. The next regiment

to ours filed left. All the regiments filed right and left till the brigade was formed across the road. If I mistake not, the Thirty-eighth Georgia was the last one to form.

The brigade forwarded in thick woods in the wilderness. Every man seemed anxious to go ahead, and it seemed that every one had an iron will—determined to move those Yankees from General Lee's chosen position or die in the attempt.

It has been thirty-four years since this memorable campaign opened, on this awful 5th day of May, 1864, but it seems almost as fresh in my mind now as it did then.

Just as we were ordered forward, Irvin Spivy, of the Twenty-sixth Georgia Regiment, hallooed. He could halloo the queerest that I ever heard any one. It was a kind of a scream or low, like a terrible bull, with a kind of a neigh mixed along with it, and it was nearly as loud as a steam whistle. We called him "The Twenty-sixth Georgia's Bull," and the Yankees called him "Gordon's Bull." He would always halloo this way when we charged the enemy, and we were informed that the Yankees understood it as a signal for them to move back. We have heard that Spivy is yet living in Coffee county, Georgia.

We forwarded and soon struck the Yankees. They began to fire at us and we at them. I never heard such a yell as we raised. We could scarcely hear a gun fire, and could hardly tell when our own guns fired, only by the jar it gave us.

We soon routed the first Yankee line. We all pushed right on and on with the yell, until we had driven the first line into the reserve line. The two lines did not stand but one or two volleys before both began to waver and retreat in confusion. We soon had them into the

third line, and on into the fourth, and on until we seemed to have five or six lines in one confused mass, with many of them lying down and surrendering, or coming back with their hands up to show that they were surrendered. We would send them to the rear. Our officers could hardly get a man to go to the rear with them.

We killed a great many of them, and drove them off of Lee's position and on for nearly two miles.

Our regiment's position was on the extreme right, and we kept getting further to the right until Company D was not more than a skirmish line. We found that the enemy had retreated so far from our front till they were all out of our sight. We came to an open field, or open place in the woods, and found that they had divided and some had retreated to the right and some to the left of this open field. So Major J. D. VanValkenburg, of our regiment, was left with our company and a part of his old company (Company I, if I am not mistaken in the company) to watch that side and prevent a flank move by the enemy.

General Gordon had driven the enemy from Lee's position and General Lee sent Gordon orders to fall back. Colonel Lamar sent Lieutenant Eugene Jeffers with orders to Major Van to fall back to the line. We had just gotten started when we saw a regiment of Yankees between us and our line. I felt bad, for we did not have over forty men and there were about five hundred Yankees.

They appeared badly confused to see Confederate soldiers coming up in their rear, when they were not expecting any. We stopped and Major Van advanced, for his quick military eye took in the position that we were placed in. He walked up with a quick step and with drawn sword and ordered their commander to sur-



**render.** He refused and ordered Major Van to surrender. He refused and hallowed back to tell General Gordon to send up a brigade, for we had an obstinate regiment cut off and they refused to surrender. Captain Kennedy and the rest of us, in a low voice, began to command forward. Major LeGrand B. Speece, the commander of the Yankee regiment, ordered his regiment to stack or ground arms. He expected a volley from a brigade. We hurried up and Major Van commanded: "Officers to the front." All the officers came to the head of the regiment and Major Van led off and ordered the enemy to follow him.

Captain Kennedy took their flag and carried it out, and we, forty men, formed a thin guard around them and marched them out. I tell this truthfully, for I was an eye-witness.

The enemy told us after we got past our lines that they had been sent in to re-inforce their line and that they came up through that open field referred to above, and that they never saw any of their retreating men and that when they saw us and Major Van's actions, they thought that Gordon's Brigade had them cut off. They said we had captured every man in the regiment but one, who was sent back to inform their commander that they could not find any men only their dead on the battlefield.

When we got them out and they found that they had been captured by Major Van's strategem they were the worst set of mortified officers and men I have ever seen. Major Van turned them over to the provost guard and took a receipt for about forty regimental and company officers and four hundred and seventy-four non-commissioned officers and privates. If I am not mistaken it was the Seventh Pennsylvania Regiment of reserves that we captured.

through an open field. Wallace's men were well posted in a road that was washed out and graded till it was as fine breast works as I ever saw. Here our brigade suffered as bad as it ever did in battle for the amount of men and the length of time engaged, especially the Sixty-first Georgia Regiment and the Twelfth Georgia Battalion. General Evans was shot off his horse in the charge, the ball passing through his body.

We advanced to within thirty yards of the line of Yankees, but we would have had to fall back, for our men were killed and wounded until we did not have but a mere skirmish line. If it had not been that Hay's Louisiana Brigade crossed over the river and formed a line on our left and flanked the Yankees out of their position, we would have suffered worse than we did. It made our hearts ache to look over the battle-field and see so many of our dear friends, comrades and beloved officers, killed and wounded. Our loss was terrible, while the Yankees lost but few. I only saw three dead Union soldiers and I did not see one that was wounded, though I did not go over the field. We could not see a Yankee on our part of the line during the whole advance. All that we could shoot at was the smoke of their guns, they were so well posted. It was called our victory, but it was a costly one, for it cost Evans' Brigade over five-hundred men, in wounded and killed. It was said that it was raw troops that we were fighting, but I never saw old soldiers shoot better. The Sixty-first Georgia Regiment went into the battle with nearly one hundred and fifty men, and after the battle was over we could not stack but fifty-two guns by actual count.

Our beloved Colonel J. H. Lamar and Lieutenant Colonel J. D. Van Valkinburg (the hero of the wilderness) were both killed on the field. We truly mourned the loss of these good men and noble Christian commanders.





- Sikes, A. J.;** captured in Pennsylvania or Maryland in 1863; still living.
- Strickland, Albert;** died in hospital in Charlottesville, Va., 1862.
- Strickland, J. M.;** died in hospital in Charlottesville, Va., 1862.
- Strickland, W.;** discharged for disability; unknown.
- Tootle, M. J.;** promoted to third sergeant; lost an arm at Gettysburg; still lives.
- Thomas, Stephen;** still lives.
- Wilkes, J. O.;** fine foldier; yet living.
- Williams, P. A.;** fine soldier; yet living.

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- Captain James D. Vanvalkinsburg;** promoted to major in 1863, and to lieutenant-colonel in 1864; killed at Monocacy, Md., July 9, 1864.
- First Lieutenant C. S. Virgin;** wounded at Gaines' Mill; promoted to the office of captain in July, 1863.
- Second Lieutenant E. P. Lewis;** killed at second battle of Manassas.
- Third Lieutenant Eugene Jeffers;** promoted to first lieutenant; captured at Spotsylvania C. H.; died since war.
- First Sergeant S. W. Berry;** missing at Gaines' Mill; supposed to have been killed.
- Second Sergeant Geo. W. Sims;** severely wounded in foot and leg August 30, 1862. yet living.
- Third Sergeant W. R. Avant;** taken prisoner at Gettysburg; died since war.