

DUNCAN, Charles B. Capt., AQM

The National Archives contains seven documents for Charles B. Duncan in the files for the state of Virginia, Thirty-sixth Battalion AND Thirty-seventh Battalion. Twenty-one documents are found in the files for Officers, Chas. B. Duncan. The unit was organized in August, 1862, as Dunn's Partisan Rangers, and saw action in West Virginia, East Tennessee, and the Shenandoah Valley, disbanding in mid-April, 1865. In 1864 the unit served in Jackson's Brigade, Lomax's Division, Second Corps, Army Valley District. On April 23rd, 1864, he served in Brig. Gen'l W. E. Jones' Brigade.

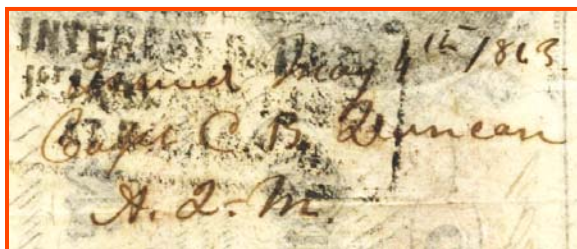
Charles B. Duncan was the son of William E. Duncan, AQM. In May of 1862 the father requested the transfer of his son from Gen'l Stuart's Brigade to Gen'l Heth's command, where he stated, "...I need him very much here." A letter from Col. A. C. Dunn (37th Virginia Cavalry Battalion) to the Secretary of War on December 16th, 1862, asked that Charles B. Duncan be appointed as AQM in the Confederate service, as "He has been acting as such for three months, and it has been with great difficulty that I have been able to get along, without a regular bonded Quarter Master."

A voucher dated June 28th, 1862, noted that Duncan purchased a horse, 250 bushels of corn, and 15,000 pounds of hay at Giles Court House, Virginia, signing without rank or title. Charles B. Duncan was appointed Capt. & AQM on August 2nd, 1862, reporting to the 37th Battalion Virginia Cavalry. On December 31st, 1862, Duncan purchased thirteen two-horse wagons, six work horses, and two mules for \$3,005.00.

On January 16th, 1863, Duncan purchased 210 pounds of beef at Salem, Virginia. He was first paid on April 10th, 1863, and appointed and confirmed in the Confederate service on April 13th, 1863, retroactively taking rank on August 2nd, 1862; It is interesting that Duncan accepted the commission on March 6th, 1863, prior to his appointment. A report dated December 10th, 1863, noted that Duncan reported to Brig. Gen'l W. E. Jones in East Tennessee.

In a letter of May 3rd, 1864, to A. R. Lawton, QM General, Duncan forwarded his Third Quarter returns for 1863 and apologized for the delay of later returns, explaining that "...owing to the incessant marching of this Brigade from day to day for several months past I have found it altogether impracticable to make out my reports sooner." A receipt dated September 21st, 1864, located Duncan at Dublin, Virginia.

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C. B. Duncan's signatures from the National Archives.

The earliest known example, signed on June 28th, 1862, at Giles Court House, Virginia, with no rank or title.

Signed on December 14th, 1862, at Giles Court House, Virginia, with Wm. E. Duncan, Quartermaster at top (father) and Charles B. Duncan at bottom (son).

Signed on April 10th, 1863, on a pay voucher (his first), as "Capt. & AQM, 37th Va Battalion Cavalry."

Signed on September 21st, 1864, at Dublin, Virginia, as "Capt & A.Q.M., 37th Va Cavy Batt."

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37th Battalion Virginia Cavalry
 formerly 48th Battalion of Par. Regt.
 changed to regular Cavalry Nov 6th 1863 by
 order of Brig Gen. Jackson

* Dunn, Andrew C. - Lt Col R. Mch 25/65
 * Claiborne, James R. - Major

Anderson, T. L. - A.S.
 Blair, B. B. - Chaplain
 Duncan, Chas B. - A.Q.M. ←
 Brogden, H. H. - Adjutant
 Conkton, Samuel - A.S.
 Hall, Thos. J. - A.S.
 * Brooks, James H. - Vice Officer
 * Gibson, N. G. - A.S.
 * Hardy, Thos. A. - A.S. (also 1676-H-13)
 filed with Co. E. 1864

Orig. Aug. 262 as P.R.
 4/3 - Nov. 3. 62 as Cav.

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All Rolls filed herewith.

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Unit card of the 37th Battalion Virginia Cavalry, with an annotation for Chas. B. Duncan, A.Q.M.
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