

BROCKETT, William B. Capt. & AQM

Ten documents are found in the National Archives files on Fold3.com for Confederate Officers under the name of William B. Brockett and fifty-nine documents are found in the files for the State of Louisiana under the unit of the Fourth Battalion, Infantry. A detailed description of the history and battles of this unit may be found at:

www.acadiansingray.com/4th Bn. Inf.htm

The locations of the 4th Battalion Louisiana Infantry in this website are corroborated by the files for Brockett in the National Archives. The unit saw considerable action at Jackson, Mississippi, in May 1863, Chickamauga in September, Missionary Ridge in November, Resaca in May 1864, Jonesboro in August, and Spanish Fort in March and April 1865.

1861

William B. Brockett, born in Virginia, enlisted for the duration of the war on May 25th, 1861, and was elected as a 2nd Lieutenant reporting to Capt. George C. Waddil's Company A, Madison Infantry, 4th Battalion Louisiana Infantry, R. L. Gibson's Brigade, H. D. Clayton's Division, S. D. Lee's Corps, Army of Tennessee. The unit was stationed at Camp Van Dorn, Georgia, in September and October of 1861. Brockett was appointed on September 26th, 1861, as Capt. & AQM reporting to the 4th Louisiana Regiment, taking rank the same day, with confirmation on December 24th and acceptance on September 28th of the same year. Signed vouchers also show that Brockett was the AACS, or Acting

Assistant Commissary of Subsistence for his unit.

1862

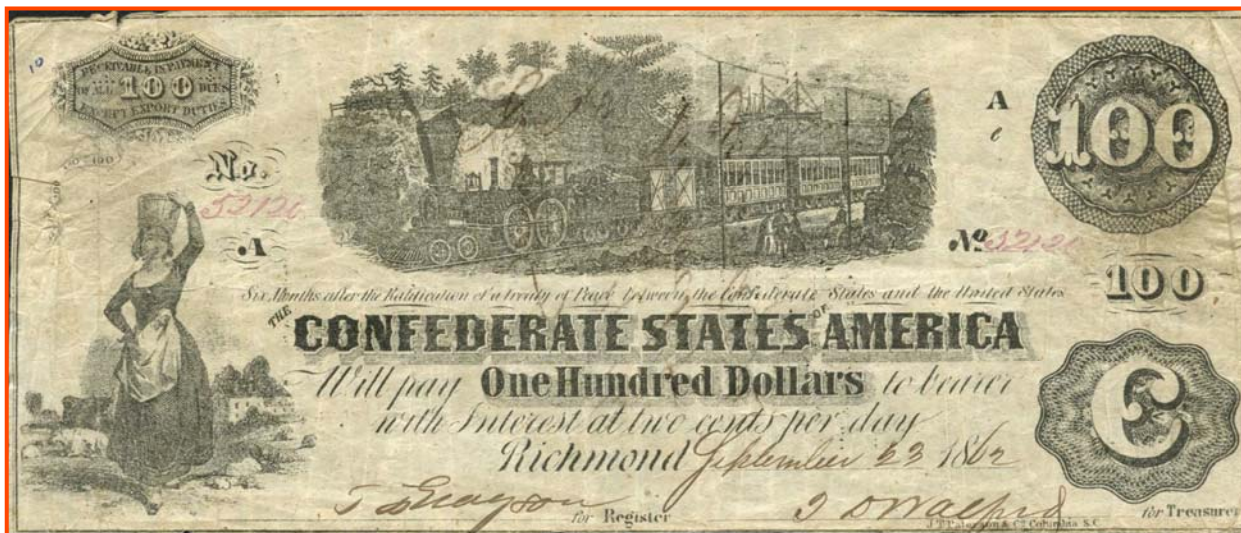
Requisitions and vouchers of April 15th, 1862, located Brockett at Savannah, Georgia, and June 13th, 1862, at Charleston, South Carolina. A voucher for receipt of commissary stores was signed by Brockett at Savannah, Georgia, on August 1st, 1862, as "Capt. & AACS, 4th La Batt." Brockett received \$6,850 in "bounty money" on August 7th, 1862 from Capt. H. M. Davenport, AQM, at Savannah, Georgia.

1863

The National Archives typed career summary for Brockett is extremely short but contains important notes in pencil: "April 1, 1863. Mentioned as Capt. & Brig. QM of Gen. W. B. Taliaferro's Brig. (Gen. Wright's staff)." And in typed notes: "No record found as serving with W. B. Taliaferro." National Archives summary cards show that Brockett was stationed at Savannah, Georgia in January and February of 1863, but the records of the unit show that it was camped at Dalton, Georgia in January where the illustrated Treasury note was likely issued.

1864

A summary card noted that Brockett appeared on a list of the officers on the staff of Adams' Brigade at Dalton, Georgia, on January 31st, 1864. The ubiquitous list of quartermasters at Atlanta, Georgia, dated August 20th, 1864, noted that Brockett was still assigned to the 4th Louisiana Regiment; a pencil notation "40 stout" probably referred to his approximate age and fitness for duty. A summary card noted that Brockett was stationed at Mobile, Alabama, from September 1st, 1864 to February 28th, 1865, but that he was absent and ordered to the Trans-Mississippi Department on



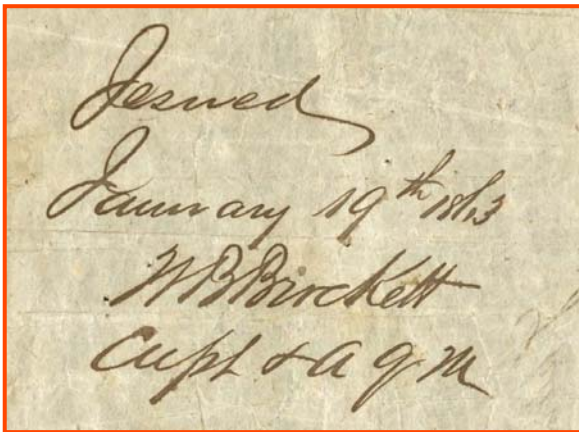
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1865

A January 22nd, 1865 report of quartermasters in Lee's Corps, Army of Tennessee, noted that Brockett was still assigned to the 4th Louisiana Battalion, was a part of Gibson's Brigade, was bonded, and was recommended as the Asst. Brigade QM. An undated report noted that Brockett was recommended for promotion to Major & Brigade QM by Brig. Gen'l Taliaferro. Brockett's unit surrendered at Gainesville, Georgia, on May 8th, 1865, but there are no records of parole which would indicate if Brockett was present.

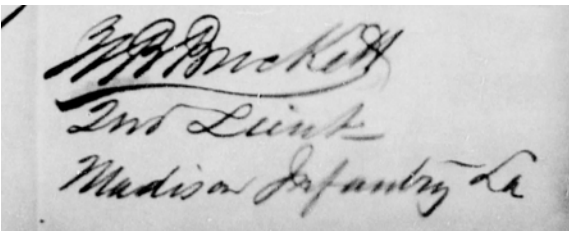
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Signed
January 19th 1863
W B Brockett
Capt & a qm

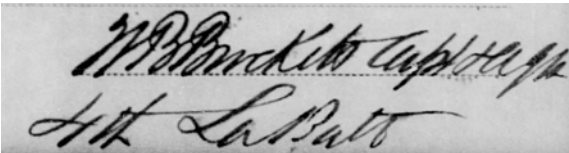
W. B. Brockett's signatures from the National Archives.

The earliest known example, signed on July 5th, 1861, on a pay voucher, as "2nd Lieut., Madison Infantry La."



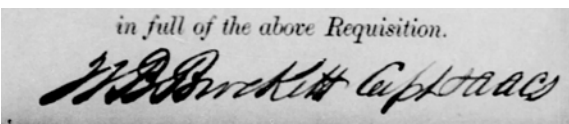
W B Brockett
2nd Lieut
Madison Infantry La

Signed on June 13th, 1862, at Charleston, South Carolina, as "Capt. & AQM, 4th La Batt."



W B Brockett Capt & AQM
4th La Batt

Signed on August 10th, 1862, at Savannah, Georgia, as "Capt & AACS."



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W B Brockett Capt & AACS

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BROCKETT, WILLIAM B., Capt. A. Q. M.

4th La. Battalion.

Sept., 1861. Commissioned Capt. & A. Q. M. (Personal Papers.)

~~June 24, 1864. Capt., A. Q. M., 4th La. Battn., says he has been in the field since date of commission. (Personal Papers.)~~

No record found as serving with W. B. Taliaferro.

Makes return for 4th quarter 1861

April 1, 1863. mentioned as Capt. & Brig. Am. of Gen. W. B. Taliaferro's Brig. (Gen. Wright's staff)

The National Archives career summary for W. B. Brockett.

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