



Lt. Col. Calvin Littlefield,  
94th New York Vols.



Lt. Col. Calvin Littlefield's double breasted dark blue wool frock coat. Coat has eagle "I" buttons with "W.H. SMITH & CO. NEW YORK" (rmdc) backmarks. The coat is lined with the typical wool/silk blend dark brown material with some breast area quilted and a fancy "palm" leaf design in indigo blue thread. Overall the coat is in very good to very fine condition with a few small moth nips scattered around the coat. Also some period tears repaired on the shoulders. On NY staff button attached to the tail area with three other eagle "I" as on the front. Single border shoulder bars of a smaller than normal size with silver wing spread eagle. A nice coat which shows signs of field usage. [Advertisement in The Horse Soldier.]

Sharpsburg  
Sept. 21 1862

Father

Excuse myself now  
as I have swept the battle  
at Sharpsburg. Will write  
you at a later date.

As soon as possible  
and feasible will send  
you a trophy of the  
battle. My wife has  
recovered a Rebel  
musket which I now  
have in my possession

God is merciful!  
Lavin

Sharpsburg [Maryland]

September 21, 1862

Father,

Concern yourself not as I have survived the battle at Sharpsburg. Will write you at a later date.

As soon as possible and feasible, will send you a trophy of the battle. My orderly recovered a Rebel musket which I now have in my possession.

God is merciful!

— Calvin

# Bio of Lt. Colonel Calvin Littlefield

Calvin was the son of John Littlefield (1794-1880) and Aurilla Barney (1803-1881) of Ellisburg, Jefferson county, New York. He was married in 1848 to Harriet Lucretia Sprague (1824-1903) in 1848. Prior to the war, Calvin had earned a living as a school principal and had even served in the New York State Legislature from 1854 to 1857. He mustered in as the Captain of Co. K, 94th New York infantry but was appointed the Lt. Colonel on 17 March 1862.

Because he was suffering so badly from dysentery at the time, Littlefield asked Lieutenant A. A. Moffett to write the after-action report of the Battle of Antietam, leading some historians to question whether he actually commanded the 94th New York during the fight.

Littlefield was in command of the regiment from just after the Second Battle of Bull Run (where Colonel Adrian R. Root was wounded) until November 1862 when he resigned his commission to return home.