

CW/VFM-150: *Edward Rice*

Edmund was commissioned on 8/22/1861 as a Captain in Company F of the 19th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He was promoted to Major on 9/7/1862, shortly before the Battle of Antietam, in which he was wounded. He was wounded again at Gettysburg and received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions there, before being promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 2/28/1864. At Spotsylvania Court House, Rice was wounded and taken prisoner during the May 12 assaults against the Confederate ‘Mule Shoe’ Salient. He would be promoted once more, to Colonel, on 7/28/1864 before then being discharged on 6/30/1865 at Munson’s Hill, Virginia. Rice would later serve in the US Army from 1866 to 1903, retiring as a Brigadier General.

The 19th Massachusetts was organized at Lynnfield, Massachusetts on 8/28/1861 for a three year enlistment. The regiment participated in every major battle fought by the Army of the Potomac from its inception to Lee’s surrender, and was mustered out on 6/30/1865.

Record of ammunition expenditure by 19th Massachusetts Infantry, 3rd Quarter 1864

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Soldier History of Edmund Rice

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