

**CW/VFM-151: *William Smith***

William Smith enlisted in Company F of the 19<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts on 7/25/1861. He was wounded at Antietam, re-enlisted on 12/20/1863, and taken prisoner at the Boydton Plank Road in Virginia on 10/27/1864. Smith was mustered out on 6/30/1865 at Munson's Hill, Virginia.

The 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

William B. Smith to 'Friend Mary', 29 October, 1861

Smith details camp life in Northern Virginia, including the exploits of skirmishers and "Sharp Shooters." He then describes the participation of the 19<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts in the debacle at Balls Bluff.

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