

**CW/VFM-152: *George H. Patch***

George Patch enlisted in the 19<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts on 8/24/1861 and was mustered into Company F four days later. Patch transferred to Company I on 12/15/1861. He was captured at Antietam and subsequently released on 11/1/1862.

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.

George H. Patch to Parents, 14 April 1863

Patch writes to his parents criticizing the Copperheads and any who oppose the war in the North, using the strongest language to question their manhood and honor.

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Soldier History of George H. Patch

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