

MASSACHUSETTS MINUTEMAN MEDAL TO NCO 4TH INFANTRY LATER 39TH MA INFANTRY WHERE THE REGIMENT TOOK PART IN THE MARYE'S HEIGHTS ASSUALT AT FREDRIKSBURG DECEMBER 1862



MASSACHUSETTS MINUTEMAN 'HENRY S. EWER,CORPL.I.4TH.REG'

Henry S Ewer, aged 28, mustered into Company 'I' of the 4th Massachusetts (Militia) Infantry as a Corporal on 22nd April 1861. He mustered out on 22nd July 1861 after their 3 month service was over and mustered into Company 'A' 32nd Massachusetts Infantry on 26th November 1861. He was discharged due to disability on 7th March 1863.

Taking part in various campaigns with the 32nd 1862-3,the now Sergeant Ewer's toughest test would be during would the assaults on Marye's Heights at the battle of Fredericksburg in December 1862.



Condition Extremely fine

THIRTY-SECOND REGIMENT MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY - THREE YEARS

The 32d Regt. Mass. Vol. Inf. was the outgrowth of the First Battalion, Massachusetts Infantry which was organized in November, 1861, to garrison Fort Warren, Boston Harbor. Major Francis J. Parker, commander of the battalion, became the first

colonel of the regiment. The members of the original battalion, Col's A, B, C, D, and E, were mustered in mostly in November and December, 1861, those of Co. F in February, 1862, and those of the other companies during the following summer.

The first six companies left for the seat of war May 26, 1862. They were encamped near Washington City until June 30, and were here given a regimental status. Taking boat for Fort Monroe on the above date, they arrived July 2. Proceeding at once to Harrison's Landing the regiment was assigned to Griffin's Brigade, Morell's Division, Porter's (5th) Corps, Army of the Potomac. During the six weeks of its stay here the regiment suffered much from malarial diseases. Aug. 15 it started to join Pope's army near Culpepper, proceeding via Yorktown, Aquia Creek, and Stafford Court House to Barnett's Ford on the Rappahannock. Though within hearing of the second battle of Bull Run, Aug. 29 and 30, it was not engaged. Retiring with the army to the outskirts of Washington, it was encamped at Miner's Hill where it received the remaining companies of the regiment.

It participated in the Maryland campaign of September, 1862, but was not engaged either at South Mountain or Antietam. After the Confederate army had recrossed into Virginia and Gen. Burnside had succeeded Gen. McClellan in command of the Army of the Potomac, the 32d regiment went into winter quarters at Stoneman's Switch near Potomac Creek. On Dec. 13, 1862, it participated in the assaults on Marye's Heights at Fredericksburg, losing 35 officers and men, of whom 6 were killed or mortally wounded. It then returned to its old camp at Stoneman's Switch.