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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

Ms.2010.005

Unit Date

c.1861-1865

Language

The material in the collection is in English.

Abstract

The collection consists of a photograph of an unnamed Union soldier during the American Civil War.

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The Union Soldier Photograph was purchased by Special Collections in 2009.

Processing Information

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Administrative History

Although the collection contains no specific personal identification information of the soldier in the photograph, a handwritten notation on the back of the photo indicates that the soldier may have been enlisted in the 45th regiment of the New York Infantry. The 45th regiment was organized in New York City, where it was recruited almost entirely of Germans, and mustered in the service of the United States for three years term commencing on September 9, 1861, during the American Civil War. On October 9, 1861 the regiment left camp at Jones' Wood for duty in defense of Washington, D. C and northern Virginia. The regiment fought in the battles of Cross Keys, Groveton, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wauhatchie, Resaca, Dallas, New Hope Church, and Nashville. The regiment consolidated forces with the 58th regiment on June 30, 1865. During the term of service, the regiment lost 53 by death from wounds and 108 by death from other causes.

External sources:

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Scope and Content

The collection consists of a photograph of a Union soldier during the American Civil War. A note handwritten on the back of the photograph reads "45th NY, Co. B" with an advertisement for C.G. Gunther's Sons which may have been used to keep the photo in place.

Keywords

Civil War

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

United States. Army. New York Infantry Regiment, 45th (1861-1865)

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