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Pursuant to your request for information on Henry rifle serial no. 3423, please be advised that the records of the Army Adjutant General's office show that this arm was used in Co. K, 3rd U.S. Veteran Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War. The records of that company show that rifle no. 3423 was issued to Pvt. James Curran. The Henry rifles of this company were issued about May 17, 1865.

Pvt. Curran was born in Down, Ireland, and when first enrolled was 28 years of age, 5 ft., 8 in. tall, light complected, with blue eyes and light hair. By occupation he was a miner. He joined the 3rd Vet. Vol. Inf. on Mar. 1, 1865, at Philadelphia, Pa. He was discharged at Fort Snelling, Minn., on Mar. 2, 1866, upon expiration of his term of service.

Co. K, 3rd U.S. Veteran Vol. Inf. was organized at Camp Stoneman, D.C., in Feb. and March, 1865. They were part of an elite corps, the intended "shock troops" of the Civil War, seasoned veterans under command of Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock armed with breechloading rifles. However, the surrender of Lee in April, 1865, left them with little but garrison duties in the defense of Washington and in the Shenandoah Valley. They were eventually transferred to Camp Butler, Ill., and mustered out of service on July 20, 1866.

The information on rifle no. 3423 was found in the Company and Regimental books of the 3rd U.S. Vet. Vol. Inf., which are presently stored in the National Archives under Record Group 94, Entry 112. The particular citation of no. 3423 described above appears in the Order Book for Co. K. This is a bound book, which under the rules of the National Archives cannot be copied on ordinary photocopying machines. A description of the history of his regiment is enclosed; this is from Dyer's *Compendium of the War of the Rebellion*. A copy of Pvt. Curran's Compiled Military Service Record is also enclosed. There is no information on subsequent use or disposal of rifle no. 3423; however, these rifles were issued to the Veteran Volunteers on the proviso that they could retain them without cost upon discharge, provided they kept them in good condition. So it can be assumed that rifle no. 3423 was taken home by Pvt. Curran.

We trust the above information has been of interest.

Very respectfully,

Franklin B. Mallory
Chief Researcher

Enclosures as stated above

of the Shenandoah, to June, 1865. Middle Department to July, 1866.

SERVICE.—Duty at Washington, D. C., in the Shenandoah Valley and in the Middle Department till July, 1866. Mustered out January 10 to July 21, 1866.

2nd REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Organized at Camp Stoneman, D. C., January to March, 1865. Attached to 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 1st Veteran Corps, to June, 1865. District of New York, Dept. of the East, to August, 1866. Mustered out August 1, 1866.

3rd REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Organized at Camp Stoneman, D. C., February to March, 1865. Attached to 2nd Brigade, Provisional Division, Army of the Shenandoah, to June, 1865. Camp Butler, Ill., to July, 1866. Duty in the Defences of Washington, D. C., in the Shenandoah Valley, Va., and at Camp Butler, Ill. Mustered out July 20, 1866.

4th REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Organized at Camp Stoneman, D. C., December, 1864, to May, 1865. Mustered out August 6, 1866.

5th REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Organized at Camp Stoneman, D. C., January to April, 1865. Duty at Washington, D. C., Providence, R. I., Fort Wadsworth, N. Y., and Hart's Island, N. Y., till May, 1866. Mustered out May 28, 1866.

6th REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Organized at Camp Stoneman, D. C., March and April, 1865. Mustered out March 15 to July 27, 1866.

7th REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Organized at Camp Stoneman, D. C., January 25 to April 14, 1865. Attached to 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, 1st Veteran Corps, to June, 1865. Duty at Washington, D. C., Shenandoah Valley, Va., in Philadelphia, Pa., District and Schuylkill, Pa., District till July, 1866. Mustered out July 23, 1866.

8th REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Organized at Camp Stoneman, D. C., February to April, 1865. Mustered out July 28, 1866.

9th REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Organized at Camp Stoneman, D. C., March to June, 1865. Mustered out February 26 to July 1, 1866.

CORPS DE AFRIQUE.—UNITED STATES COLORED VOLUNTEERS.

1st REGIMENT CAVALRY.

Organized at New Orleans, La., September 12, 1863. Attached to Defences of New Orleans, La., to April, 1864. Designation of Regiment changed to 4th United States Colored Cavalry April 4, 1864 (which see).

1st REGIMENT HEAVY ARTILLERY.

Organized November 19, 1863, from 1st Louisiana Colored Heavy Artillery. Garrison Artillery in Defences of New Orleans to April, 1864. Designation of Regiment changed to 10th United States Colored Heavy Artillery May 21, 1864 (which see).

1st REGIMENT ENGINEERS.

Organized at Camp Parapet, La., April 28, 1863. Attached to 1st Division, 19th Army Corps, Dept. of the Gulf, to August, 1863. Engineer Brigade, Corps de Afrique, to October, 1863. Engineer Brigade, 13th Army Corps, Dept. of the Gulf, to April, 1864.

SERVICE.—Siege of Port Hudson, La., May 24-July 8, 1863. Assaults on Port Hudson May 27 and June 14. Surrender of Port Hudson July 9. Sabine Pass Expedition September 4-11. Western Louisiana ("Teche") Campaign October 3-27. Rio Grande Expedition and operations on Coast of Texas October 27-December 2. Arkansas Pass November 17. Expedition against and capture of Fort Esperanza, Matagorda Island, November 22-30. Duty at Brazos Island, Point

Isabel and Brownsville, Texas, till April, 1864. Designation of Regiment changed to 95th United States Colored Troops April 4, 1864 (which see).

2nd REGIMENT ENGINEERS.

Organized at New Orleans, La., August 15, 1863. Attached to Engineer Brigade, Dept. of the Gulf, to October, 1863. Unattached, 13th Army Corps, Dept. of the Gulf, to March, 1864. Provisional Brigade, 2nd Division, 13th Army Corps, Texas, Dept. of the Gulf, to April, 1864.

SERVICE.—Duty at New Orleans, La., till December, 1863. Ordered to Matagorda Bay, Texas, December 5. Engaged in engineering duty and erecting field works at De Crow's Point, Point Isabel, Fort Esperanza, Matagorda Island, Indianola and Pass Cavallo, Texas, till April, 1864. Designation of Regiment changed to 96th United States Colored Troops April 4, 1864 (which see).

3rd REGIMENT ENGINEERS.

Organized at New Orleans, La., August 26, 1863. Attached to Engineer Brigade, Dept. of the Gulf, to October, 1863. Unattached, 13th Army Corps, Texas, Dept. of the Gulf, to March, 1864. Provisional Brigade, 13th Army Corps, Texas, Dept. of the Gulf, to April, 1864.

SERVICE.—Duty at New Orleans and Brashear City, La., till October, 1863. Ordered to Texas October, 1863, and duty there till March, 1864. Ordered to Berwick Bay, La., thence to Franklin, La. Red River Campaign March to May. In charge of Pontoon Train. Built bridge at Vermillionville Bayou March 18, and at Cane River March 30. Designation of Regiment changed to 97th United States Colored Troops April 4, 1864 (which see).

4th REGIMENT ENGINEERS.

Organized at New Orleans, La., September 3, 1863. Attached to Engineer Brigade, Dept. of the Gulf, to April, 1864. Stationed at New Orleans, Brashear City and Berwick City. Designation of Regiment changed to 98th United States Colored Troops April 4, 1864 (which see).

5th REGIMENT ENGINEERS.

Organized February 10, 1864, from 15th Corps de Afrique Infantry. Attached to Engineer Brigade, Dept. of the Gulf, to April, 1864.

SERVICE.—Stationed at Berwick City and Brashear City, La., till March, 1864. Red River Campaign March 10-May 22. Advance from Franklin to Alexandria March 14-26, with Pontoon Train. Built bridge at Vermillionville Bayou March 18, and at Cane River March 30. Designation of Regiment changed to 99th United States Colored Troops April 4, 1864 (which see).

1st REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Organized June 6, 1863, from 1st Louisiana Native Guard Infantry. Attached to Defences of New Orleans, La., to July, 1863. Port Hudson, La., to December, 1863. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, Corps de Afrique, Dept. of the Gulf, to April, 1864.

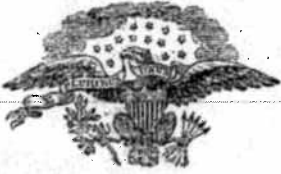
SERVICE.—Assault on Port Hudson June 14, 1863. Surrender of Port Hudson July 9. Duty at Port Hudson, La., till April, 1864. Skirmish at Jackson August 3, 1863, and at Tunica Bayou November 8. Designation of Regiment changed to 73rd United States Colored Troops April 4, 1864 (which see).

2nd REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Organized June 6, 1863, from 2nd Louisiana Native Guard Infantry. Attached to the Defences of New Orleans, Dept. of the Gulf, to September, 1863. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, Corps de Afrique, Dept. of the Gulf, to October, 1863. Defences of New Orleans to April, 1864. On garrison duty at Ship Island, Miss., June, 1863, to April, 1864. Designation of Regiment changed to 74th United States Colored Troops April 4, 1864 (which see).

VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF



TOWN OF

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia

I, James Curran, born in Ireland,
in the State of _____, aged (28) Twenty Eight years,
and by occupation a Miner, Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have
volunteered this First day of March, 1864,
to serve as a Soldier in the Army of the United States of America, for
the period of THREE YEARS, unless sooner discharged by proper authority:
Do also agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be,
established by law for volunteers. And I, James Curran do
solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States
of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their
enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the orders of
the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over
me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at Phila
this 1st day of March, 1864,
BEFORE Edwin G. Sellers
Capt 10th Mass

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above-named Volunteer, agreeably
to the General Regulations of the Army, and that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and
mental infirmity, which would in any way disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

W. E. Eby
a. a. Surg. W. A.
EXAMINING SURGEON.

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer James Curran
previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my
judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the
duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting
service. This soldier has gray eyes, light hair, light complexion, is fair
feet 5 1/2 inches high.

B. J. Payman
Major Regiment of 1st Corps Volunteers,
RECRUITING OFFICER.

Certificate for the Signature of the Mustering Officer, Commissary, or Assistant Commissary of Musters, as the case may be.

Mustered into the service of the United States, for three years or during the war, from date of enlistment, in the
Regiment of Volunteers, on the 1st day of March, 1864, at Philadelphia
and credited to 5th Ward, (or Sub-district,) in the Town of Philadelphia, in the County of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania.

Bounty paid at time of Muster-in: _____
U. S. Bounty, _____
Local Bounty, _____

Edwin G. Sellers
Capt 10th Mass

NOTE 1.—This blank will be used for both enlistments and re-enlistments—enlistment of Veterans, &c., &c., in the volunteer service. They will be made out in duplicate in all cases—one to accompany the recruiting return of the superintendent (not the recruiting officer) to the Adjutant General, and one to accompany the accounts of the officer who pays bounty, &c. The Regiment and Company in which the soldier last served should be given on the back.

NOTE 2.—An enlistment holds to service. A muster-in must, in all cases, precede payment of pay, bounty, pension, &c. A muster-in roll must, in all cases, be filed in the Adjutant General's Office as evidence of muster-in. The mustering officer, commissary, or assistant commissary of musters, as the case may be, will countersign both enlistments as having mustered the soldier into the service of the United States before either of them is given to the disbursing officer.

DECLARATION OF RECRUIT.

I, James Curran, desiring
VOLUNTEER as a Soldier in the Army of the United States, for the term of one YEARS,
Do Declare, That I am Twenty Eight years and _____ months
of age; that I have never been discharged from the United States service on account of disability or by
sentence of a court martial, or by order before the expiration of a term of enlistment; and I know of no
impediment to my serving honestly and faithfully as a soldier for three years.

GIVEN at Philadelphia
the First day of March 1865

Witness:

Geo. A. Bickel James Curran

Sept. 1865. This paper was formerly
filed in the Enrollment Div. R. & C. Co.

Harold C. Bickel

2d enlistment; last served in Company (H)
11th Reg't of P. C. Co.
Discharged January 10th, 1865

Volunteered at Philadelphia
March, 1865
By Almy Chapman
2d Regiment of Volunteers 1st Inf. B.

No. _____

Enlisted to 5th March 1865
Pa.

CONSENT IN CASE OF MINOR.

I, _____, Do CERTIFY, That I am
the _____ of _____; that the
said _____ is _____ years of age; and I
do hereby freely give my CONSENT to his volunteering as a SOLDIER in the ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES
for the period of THREE YEARS.

GIVEN at _____
the _____ day of _____

Witness:

6 | 3 | U.S.V.V.

James Curran
Priv, { Co. K, 3 Reg't (U. S. Vet. Vol.
 Infantry) 1 A. C.

Appears on

Company Muster and Descriptive Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated

Camp Stoneman Md. April 24, 1865.

Where born Down Ireland

Age 28 years; occupation Miner

When enlisted March 3, 1865.

Where enlisted Phila, Pa.

For what period enlisted 1 years.

Eyes Blue; hair Light

Complexion Light; height 5 ft. 8 in.

When mustered in Mar 3, 1865.

Muster-in to date 1865.

Where mustered in Phila, Pa.

Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 400 100

Where credited 5th Ward Phila

1st Dist, Pa.

Company to which assigned

Remarks:

Book mark:

(356d)

Copyist.

6 | 3 | U.S.V.V.

James Curran
Co. K, 3 Reg't U. S. Vet. Vol. Inf. (1 A. C.)

Appears on

Company Descriptive Book

of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.

Age 28 years; height 5 feet 8 inches.

Complexion Light

Eyes Blue; hair Light

Where born Down Ireland

Occupation Miner

ENLISTMENT.

When March 3, 1865.

Where Philadelphia

By whom Saml Gray; term one y'rs.

Remarks Discharged by reason

of expiration of term

of Service.

13423.

(388g)

Copyist.

6 | 3 | U.S.V.V.

James Curran
Pvt, Co. K, 3 Reg't U. S. Vet. Vols. (Inf. 1 A. C.)

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for May & June, 1865.

Present or absent Absent

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: Absent on detached
service in 2nd M. Dept. Wash-
ington D.C. since June
1, 1865.

Book mark:

Inspector
 (358) Copyist.

6 | 3 | U.S.V.V.

James Curran
Pvt, Co. K, 3 Reg't U. S. Vet. Vol. Inf. 1 A. C.

Age 28 years.

Appears on an

Individual Muster-out Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated
th Snelling Min Mar 2, 1866.

Muster-out to date Mar 2, 1866.

Last paid to Dec 31, 1865.

Clothing account:

Last settled 1866; drawn since \$ 100

Due soldier \$ 47 100; due U. S. \$ 100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ 100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ 34 100

Bounty paid \$ 366 100; due \$ 33 100

Remarks: Mustered out by
reason of expiration
of term of service

Book mark:

Deadrick
 (348) Copyist.

Ad. G. 3^d Regiment U.S. Vol.
Camp Hunter Ill.
Sept. 21st 1865.

General Order }
No. 24

The following method of loading the
Henry rifle is hereby published for the instructions and guidance
of the Officers of the 3^d Regt. U.S. Vol.

Load in 8 times — Load

- 1st Motion Same as the first motion of Sargent Arms —
- 2^d " Carry the piece perpendicularly across the body to the
left shoulder turning at the same time ~~bringing~~ ^{aligning} the barrel
to the point of the muzzle to the point so as to form an angle of about
fifteen degrees from the vertical support the butt between
the left elbow and side seize the spring between the
thumb and forefinger of the right hand. —
- 3^d Motion Raise the spring by extending the right arm and turn the
sleeve to the left. —
- 4th " Bring the piece in front of the body grasp it with the
right hand just below the sleeve. quit the piece with
the right hand and seize it at the muzzle.
- 5th " Lower the piece to the ground with both hands without
shock and carry the right hand to the Cartridge Box
- 6th " Pull the magazine lower the right hand by extending
the right arm its full length without bending the knee
or changing the shoulders and seize the piece —
- 7th " Turn the sleeve to the right with the left hand change
the position of the hands, the right grasping the piece
near the muzzle the left extended along the piece.
- 8th " Shoulder Arms. —

For the purpose of instruction Company Commanders should
see that each piece is provided with a wooden rod fitted in
and about one and a half inches shorter than the magazine

By Command of
Bvt Brig Genl.
William H Morgan
(Signed) James J. McCormick
1st Lieut and Adjutant

Ad. G. Camp Randall
Madison Wis October 21st 1865.

General Order }
No. 6.

Extract.

7. Before the Garrison Court Martial when