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39th Infantry Regiment Civil War

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Legion;
Hungarian Regiment; First Foreign Rifles.**

History

The following is taken from *New York in the War of the Rebellion*, 3rd ed. Frederick Phisterer. Albany: J. B. Lyon Company, 1912.

Mustered in: May 28, 1861

Mustered out: July 1, 1865

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This regiment, raised by the Union Defense Committee of New York city, under special authority from the War Department, was accepted by the State May 27, 1861; organized and recruited at New York city under Col. Frederick George D'Utassy, and mustered in the service of the United States for three years at Washington, D. C., June 6, 1861, to date from May 28, 1861. Three companies consisted of Germans, three of Hungarians, one of Swiss, one of Italians, one of Frenchmen, and one of Spaniards and Portuguese. May 31, 1863, the regiment was consolidated into four companies: A, B, C and D; new companies were organized in the field from recruits: E December 8; F December 14; G December 19; H December 30, 1863; I and K in January, 1864. Companies A, B, C and D were mustered out in New York city June 24, 1864, those not entitled to be discharged having previously been transferred to other companies; and the regiment, six companies, E, F, G, H, I and K, retained in service. In October, 1864, a new Company D, enlisted principally at Malone for one year, joined the regiment; June 2, 1865, the members of the regiment not to be mustered out with it were transferred to the 185th Infantry.

The regiment left the State May 28, 1861; served at and near Washington, D. C., from June 1, 1861; in the 1st Brigade, 5th Division, Army of Northeastern Virginia, from July 13, 1861; in Blenker's Brigade, Division of Potomac, from August 4, 1861; in Stahel's Brigade, Blenker's Division, Army of the Potomac, from October 15, 1861; in 1st Brigade, same

division, Mountain Department, from April, 1862; in White's Brigade, Army of Virginia, at Winchester, Va., from July, 1862; at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., from September, 1862; at Camp Douglass, Chicago, Ill., from September 27, 1862; near Washington, D.C., 1st Brigade, Casey's Division, defenses of Washington, from December, 1862; in January, 1863, in 3d Brigade, Casey's, later Abercrombie's Division, 22d Corps; in 3d Brigade, 3d Division, 2d Corps, Army of the Potomac, from June 25, 1863; in the 3d, and for a time in the Consolidated, Brigade, 1st Division, 2d Corps, Army of the Potomac, from March, 1864; and was honorably discharged and mustered out, under Col. Augustus Funk, July 1, 1865, except (new) Company D, which had been mustered out, June 7, 1865, at Alexandria, Va.

During its service the regiment lost by death, killed in action, 5 officers, 62 enlisted men; of wounds received in action, 3 officers, 49 enlisted men; of disease and other causes, 1 officer, 158 enlisted men; total, 9 officers, 269 enlisted men; aggregate, 278; of whom 1 officer and 99 enlisted men died in the hands of the enemy.

Battles and Casualties Table from Phisterer

Monument at Gettysburg



39th Battle Flag

Further reading

Soldiers memorial Company I, 39th regt. New York volunteers. Washington, D. C.: C. G. Case, R. G. Walrad [and] B. C. Baker, c1863. illus. broadside, 56 1/2 X 46cm. "Lith of Sarony, Major & Knapp, New York"

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UNION NEW YORK VOLUNTEERS

39th Regiment, New York Infantry

Organized at New York City and left State for Washington, D. C., May 28, 1861. Mustered in June 6 to date from May 28. Attached to Blenker's Brigade, Miles' Division, McDowell's Army of Northeast Virginia, to August, 1861. Blenker's Brigade, Division of the Potomac, to October, 1861. Blenker's Brigade, Hooker's Division, Army of the Potomac, to January, 1862. Stahl's 1st Brigade, Blenker's Division, Army of the Potomac, to March, 1862. 1st Brigade, Blenker's 2nd Division, 2nd Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, to April, 1862. 1st Brigade, Blenker's Division, Mountain Department, to June, 1862. 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, 1st Army Corps, Pope's Army of Virginia, to July, 1862. White's Brigade, Army of Virginia, at Winchester, Va., to September, 1862. Miles' Command, Harper's Ferry, W. Va., September, 1862. Camp Douglas, Chicago, Ill., to December, 1862. Casey's Division, Defences of Washington, D. C., to February, 1863. 3rd Brigade, Abercrombie's Division, 22nd Army Corps, Dept. of Washington, to June, 1863. 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division, 2nd Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, to March, 1864. 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, 2nd Army Corps, to June, 1864. Consolidated Brigade, 1st Division, 2nd Army Corps, to November, 1864. 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, 2nd Army Corps, to July, 1865.

SERVICE.-Duty in the Defences of Washington, D. C., till July 16, 1861. Advance on Manassas, Va., July 16-21. Battle of Bull Run July 21. Duty in the Defences of Washington till April, 1862. Operations in the Shenandoah Valley May to July. Near Strasburg June 1. Strasburg and Woodstock June 2. Near Harrisonburg June 6. Battle of **Cross Keys** June 8. Near Middletown July 15. Duty at Winchester July to September. Solomon's Gap September 12. Defence of Harper's Ferry September 12-15. Maryland Heights September 12-13. Bolivar Heights September 14. Surrendered September 15. Paroled September 16, and sent to Annapolis, Md., thence to Camp Douglas, Chicago, Ill., and duty there till December. Exchanged November 22. Moved to Washington, D. C., November 22-25. Duty at Arlington Heights and Centreville, Va., Defences of Washington, till June, 1863. Ordered to join Army of the Potomac in the field and joined 2nd Army Corps June 25. Battle of **Gettysburg** July 1-4. Pursuit of Lee July 5-24. On line of the Rappahannock till October. Advance from the Rappahannock to the Rapidan September 13-17. Bristoe Campaign October 9-22. **Auburn** and **Bristoe** October 14. Mitchell's Ford October 15. Advance to line of the Rappahannock November 7-8. **Mine Run** Campaign November 26-December 2. Demonstration on the **Rapidan** February 6-7, 1864. **Morton's Ford** February 6-7. At Stevensburg, Va., till April, 1864. Campaign from the Rapidan to the James River May 3-June 15. Battles of the **Wilderness** May 5-7; Spottsylvania May 8-12; Po River May 10; **Spottsylvania Court House** May 12-21. Assault on the Salient or "Bloody Angle" May 12. **North Anna** River May 23-26. On line of the Pamunkey May 26-28. **Totopotomoy** May 28-31. **Cold Harbor** June 1-12. Before **Petersburg** June 16-18. Siege of Petersburg June 16, 1864, to April 2, 1865. **Jerusalem Plank Road** June 22-23, 1864. Demonstration on north side of the James July 27-29. **Deep Bottom** July 27-28. Demonstration north of the James August 13-20. Strawberry Plains, **Deep Bottom**, August 14-18. **Ream's Station** August 25. **Boydton Plank Road**, Hatcher's Run, October 27-28. Reconnoissance

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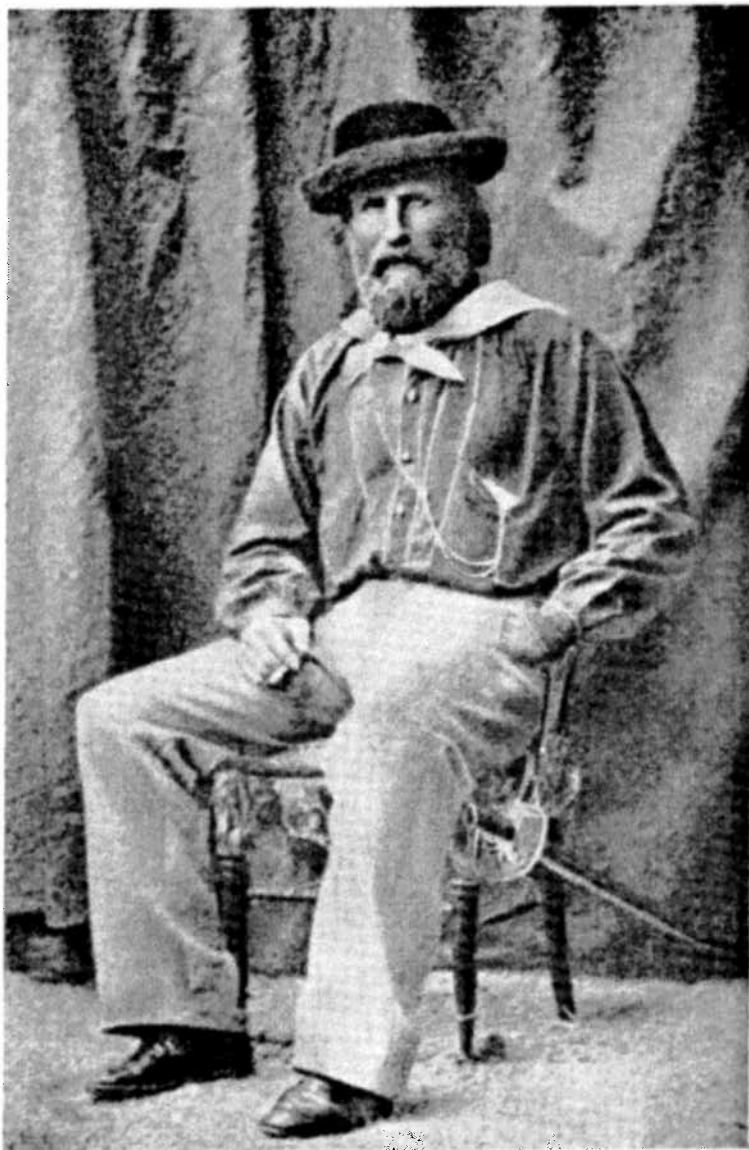
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to Hatcher's Run December 9-10. Dabney's Mills, **Hatcher's Run**, February 5-7, 1865. Watkins' House March 25. Appomattox Campaign March 28-April 9. Hatcher's Run or Boydton and **White Oak Roads** March 30-31. **Sutherland's Station** and fall of **Petersburg** April 2. **Sailor's Creek** April 6. **High Bridge** and **Farmville** April 7. **Appomattox Court House** April 9. Surrender of Lee and his army. At Burkesville till May 2. Moved to Washington, D. C., May 2-12. Grand Review May 23. Mustered out July 1, 1865. Veterans and Recruits transferred to 185th N. Y. Infantry.

Regiment lost during service 8 Officers and 107 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 1 Officer and 158 Enlisted men by disease. Total 274.

Please [click here](#) to view a list of all soldiers in this unit.



GARIBALDI.

From a photograph, probably ten years later than the siege of Rome.
See illustration, p. 117 below, for his dress during 1849.



The Garibaldi Guard march past President Lincoln in 1861 at the time of mobilization of the Union troops. The colour party, with 1st Sergeants as Colour Guard, carry the Union National Flag, the official Regimental Flag, and (nearest) their own independent non-official flag based on Italian national colours.



Giuseppe Garibaldi

