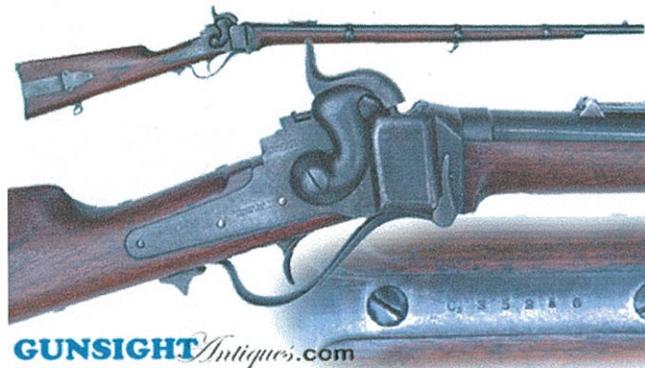


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4TH VET. VOL. INFANTRY

SHARPS *Military Rifle*

The serial number on this Sharps Military Rifle [C35210] identifies the piece as having been issued to **Cpl. William H. Bennett** as a member of Co. K, **4th United States Veteran Volunteer Infantry**.

(The serial number is published as such from Co. Order Books in Coates & McAulay's "Civil War SHARPS CARBINES & RIFLES". The rifle will come with a copy of this reference and a packet of National Archives military and pension records on the original owner William H. Bennett.)

Records show that Bennett was a 21 year old farmer residing in Sidney, Ohio when he enlisted on June 20, 1861 and mustered in as a Private of Co. H **11th Ohio Volunteer Infantry**. Before mustering out of the 11th O.V.I. at the close of his term of enlistment on June 21, 1864, the Regiment saw action in Pope's Campaign in Northern Virginia, at such places as Bull Run Bridge, The Maryland Campaign and Battles of South Mountain, Antietam and others. The 11th Ohio was ordered to Nashville thence to Carthage then saw involvement in the Middle Tennessee Campaign, Hoover's Gap and more to include action at Chickamauga, the Siege of Chattanooga, Reopening Tennessee River, Brown's Ferry, Dalton and Atlanta, Georgia, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca and more.

At the time of Bennett's mustering out of the 11th Regiment, the United States Congress had authorized the formation of an elite *Veteran Corps*. It would be comprised of seasoned veterans under the command of General W. S. Hancock and the battle hardened veterans were to be issued the finest breech loading rifles. As inducement to volunteer for such service, Congress provided by special order that participants would be allowed to retain their rifle as their own upon mustering out at the end of their enlistment. Accompanying records document Bennett's post 11th Ohio service with enlistment as a Private in Co. B **4th United States Veteran Volunteer Infantry**. The included National Archive copies document Bennett's promotion to Corporal and his mustering out at the close of his term in March of 1866. **Provided mustering our records note Cpl. Bennett's retention of his Sharps Rifle as provided by War Department General Order No. 287.**

A brief account of the late war formation of the elite Veteran Infantry Corps and the special provision for retention of their breech loaders may be found in an article entitled "Rifles That Delivered" in Troiani's "SOLDIERS in AMERICA 1754 - 1865"

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SPENCER M1865 CARBINE	19347		NO MATCH
SHARPS CARBINE	C15418	1ST MARYLAND (U.S.) VOL CAVALRY / 1863	RANGE MATCH
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BURNSIDE CARBINE	17543	6TH INDIANA VOL CAVALRY / 1865	RANGE MATCH

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6th Regiment Indiana Cavalry (71st Regiment Volunteers)

Organized at Indianapolis, Ind., February 23, 1863, from the 71st Indiana Infantry. Company "L" organized September 1, 1863. Company "M" organized October 12, 1863. Regiment left State for Kentucky August 1, 1863. Attached to 1st Division, 23rd Army Corps, Lexington, Ky. Dept. of the Ohio to September, 1863. Command, Left Wing forces 23rd Army Corps, Dept. of the Ohio, to January, 1864. District of the Ohio, to April, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 1st Division Cavalry Corps, Dept. of the Ohio, to May, 1864. Cavalry Division, 23rd Army Corps, to July 1864. 2nd Brigade, Cavalry Division, 23rd Army Corps, 1864. Dismounted Brigade, Cavalry Division, 23rd Army Corps, to September, 1864. 1st Brigade, Cavalry Division, 23rd Army Corps, to November, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 6th Division, Wilson's Cavalry Corps, Military District of Mississippi, to June, 1865. District of Middle Tennessee, Dept. of the Cumberland, to September, 1865.

SERVICE.--Reconnaissance to Olympian Springs, Ky., October 8-11, 1863. Moved to the Cumberland Action at Lenoir Station November 14-15. Campbell's Station November 16. Siege of Knoxville, No. 1, December 5. Been's Station December 14. Lee County, Va., December 24. Big Springs January 19, 1864 (Detachment). Tazwell January 24. Duty at Mt. Sterling and Nicholasville, Ky., till April. March from Dalton, Ga., April 29-May 11. Atlanta (Ga.) Campaign May to August. Demonstrations on Dalton Varnell's Station May 12. Battle of Resaca May 14-15. Pine Log Creek May 18. Etowah River near Dallas, Ga., May 20. Operations on line of Pumpkin Vine Creek and battles about Dallas, New Hope Church and May 25-June 5. Allatoona Pass June 1-2. Lost Mountain June 9. Pine Mountain June 10. Operations and against Kenesaw Mountain June 10-July 2. Lost Mountain June 11-17. Cheyney's Farm June 27. Kenesaw June 27. Nickajack Creek July 2-5. Chattahoochie River July 5-17. Sandtown July 6-7, Ca. 12-14. Turner's Ferry July 16 and 22. Siege of Atlanta July 22-August 25. Sweetwater July 23. Stone Mountain July 27-August 6. Macon and Clinton July 30. Hillsborough Sunshine Church July 30-31. Ju. 24-25. Mulberry Creek, August 3. Moved to Nashville, Tenn., August 28. Pursuit of Wheeler September 24-25. Pulaski, Tenn., September 26-27. Waterloo, Ala, October 3. Moved to Dalton, Ga., November 1, and Nashville, Tenn., November 26. Duty at Nashville till April 1, 1865. At Pulaski, Tenn., and in Middle Tennessee, to June 17, 1865. Regiment mustered out September 15, 1865.

Regiment lost during service 4 Officers and 66 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 2 Officers and 2 Enlisted men by disease. Total 273.

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