



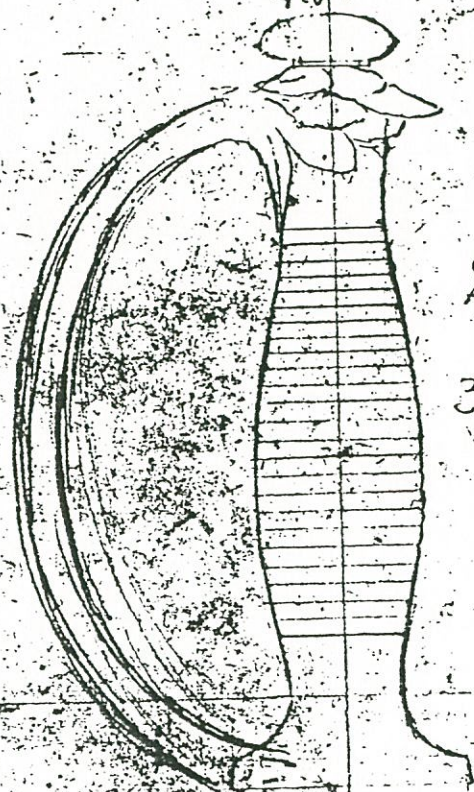
## THE BADGE OF COURAGE

### *Antique Edged Weapons*

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**Adolphus Dobke** mustered in as a **Captain** at the age of 40 years on September 2, 1861. He was promoted to **Major** on June 15, 1862 and promoted to **Lieutenant Colonel** on May 19, 1863. He became a full **Colonel** on January 22, 1864 and remained with his unit until mustered out in June 1865. The unit saw service in the following battles and campaigns: **Annandale Church, Cross Keys, Centreville, Groveton, Second Bull Run, March to Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wauhatchie, Chattanooga-Ringold, Mission Ridge, Atlanta Campaign, Resaca, New Hope church, Kenesaw Mountain, and Nashville.** At the battle of **Gettysburg, Dobke was in command** and his report is part of the **Official Record.** Dobke's regiment marched for 36 hours without rest to be at Gettysburg by July 1<sup>st</sup> where they were spread out thinly in the open to the right of First Corps. They were repeatedly subjected to artillery fire. On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the regiment was assigned to hold **Cemetery Hill** where it **sustained two thirds loss** to casualties. It remained there under repeated attack for the rest of the battle.

Eagle  
No 1



Sword 69  
509

Silver grip  
" guard Polish steel  
3 " Bands  
all left silver color  
Scabbard steel - gilt  
Rest all brass gilt

Sword Pommel  
Shield-backed

2 bands  
with laurel & Ribbon

1/2 inch

Footband  
with laurel & toe

**DESCRIPTION OF CASED PRESENTATION SWORD**

**TO**

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL DOBKE**

The deluxe walnut case has a brass plaque set in the top, which is inscribed to **Lt. Col. Adolphus Dobke**. Inside is his; **sword, gold bullion sword knot, sash, two piece gilt buckle and belt with suspension straps, gold bullion hat cords, pair of Colonel's shoulder straps, spurs, Union Veteran's Alliance Badge, New York at Gettysburg Veteran's Medal 1893, 25 year badge at Kolte's Post G. A. R. engraved Col. A. Dobke (1867-1892) and a G. A. R. Badge with Assistant Post Commander's rank.**

His sword is **Tiffany** designed and made, a copy of the original drawing (# 69) is included. The pommel is mounted with a full figural winged eagle and the counter guard (langet) is a New York Metropolitan Police Shield made of **solid silver**. Tiffany's highest grade **Damascus** steel blade is gold washed with a **military scene** on the obverse side and the **presentation** on the reverse side.

The scabbard is **silver** mounted with applied silver ribbons on the ring mounts and the standard **U. S.** on the drag.

*Presentation Sword*

*to*

*Lieutenant Colonel Adolphus Dobke*

*Forty-Fifth New York Infantry*

*"Fifth German Rifles"*