

# Henry C. Cutter

FIFTH REGIMENT  
MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEER MILITIA (INFANTRY)  
ONE HUNDRED DAYS



Residence Charlestown MA; a 20-year-old Clerk.

Enlisted on 7/14/1864 as a Private & promoted Corporal.

On 7/20/1864 he mustered into "H" Co. MA 5th Infantry  
He was Mustered Out on 11/16/1864 at Readville, MA

**Company A "Charlestown Cadets" 5<sup>th</sup> Regiments M.V.M**

Captain

October 7, 1866 – May 1871

# CIVIL WAR PRESENTATION SWORD

## COMPANY A "CHARLESTOWN CADETS"

### 5TH REGIMENTS M.V.M

This is an amazing High-Grade post - Civil War Presentation sword attributed to the "Charlestown Cadets" Boston Massachusetts. The **5th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Militia** was a peacetime infantry regiment that was activated for federal service in the Union army for three separate tours during the American Civil War. In the years immediately preceding the war and during its first term of service, the regiment consisted primarily of companies from Essex County as well as Boston and **Charlestown**. The sword is an ornate staff & field sword with a German silver grip; gold washed guard and pommel cap in a German silver scabbard with high-grade fancy mounts. The top mount is etched "CC" for Charlestown Cadets, and on the reversed side between the mounts if the presentation:

*Presented to Captain H. C. Cutter by the  
Charlestown Cadets and Friends  
May 24th 1869*

Cutter entered service as a Private and promoted to Corporal in the "H" company, 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment M.V.M. during the latter part of the Civil War for an enlistment of 100 Days. He would remain with the unit and promote to Captain of the Charlestown Cadets





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The regiment first served a 90-day term of service from April to July 1861. Near the end of this first enlistment, the 5th Massachusetts was heavily engaged in the First Battle of Bull Run. Their second term of service lasted 9 months from September 1862 to July 1863 during which they were stationed in New Bern, North Carolina, participated in several expeditions and saw minor combat including the Battle of Goldsboro Bridge. **Their third enlistment in response to the emergency call for troops to defend Washington, D.C. lasted 100 days from July to November 1864 during which they were stationed in various fortifications around Baltimore, Maryland, primarily in Fort McHenry.**

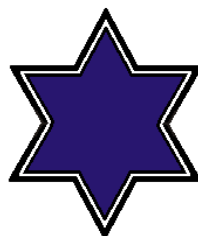
## 1864 Term of Service

In the spring of 1864, as Major General Ulysses Grant prepared to launch his Overland Campaign, he removed fresh troops from the defensive fortifications of Washington and transferred them into the field to strengthen the Army of the Potomac. Capitalizing on this reduction of manpower, Confederate General Robert E. Lee ordered Jubal Early to launch an offensive against the largely undefended capital from the Shenandoah Valley. The attack failed, however the fact that Confederate troops advanced to the outskirts of Washington D.C. caused widespread panic. This prompted Lincoln to issue a call for 500,000 troops to serve a brief term of 100 days to bolster defenses around the capital.

The 5th Massachusetts was activated for a third time in response to this call. Men began to be mustered in on July 16, 1864 at Camp Meigs just outside Boston. Colonel George H. Peirson again commanded the regiment. The roster of officers was fundamentally the same as that of the 9-months term of service as was that of the rank and file. Recruitment was rushed, new enlistments were given only most minimal training, and the regiment departed Boston on July 28, 1864 for Baltimore.

Shortly after reaching Baltimore, the 5th Massachusetts occupied Fort McHenry. Three companies were later detached to serve garrison duty at Fort Marshall. Other companies were stationed on Federal Hill. The 5th Massachusetts men who remained at Fort McHenry were present for the 50th anniversary of the famed bombardment of the fort during the Battle of Baltimore on September 13, 1814. The regimental historian noted that their duties in Baltimore were focused more on maintaining order in a city known for its secessionist views rather than external threats. During the presidential election in October 1864, detachments of the 5th Massachusetts guarded the election polls in various locations in and around Baltimore.

On November 1, 1864, the 5th Massachusetts departed Baltimore and reached Boston on November 7. They were mustered out for the final time at Camp Meigs on November 16, 1864.



# 5th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment

## Third Enlistment

1864	
July	Tendered services to the government for 100 days
July 28	Left State for Baltimore, Md.
July – November	Attached to <b>8th Army Corps, Middle Department</b> . Camp at Mankin's Woods and garrison duty at Forts McHenry, Marshall, Carroll and other points in and about the Defenses of Baltimore
November 6	Ordered home
November 16	Mustered out

### VIII Corps

#### Defense of Washington and Garrison Duty 1864

The VIII Corps played a major part in the defense of Washington from Jubal Early at Monocacy on July 9, 1864 under the commander of Maj. Gen. Lew Wallace. The primary duty of the VIII Corps in 1864 was rear echelon duties in Maryland guarding the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Elements of the corps also battled Confederate cavalry as it raided across Maryland to the suburbs of Baltimore during Early's Raid on Washington. The headquarters of the department was located in Baltimore.



## THE ONE HUNDRED-DAY'S MEN.

Just before the midsummer of 1864, the authorities at Washington feared a visit from Lee's troops when the army of the Potomac should be placed on the South side of the James River.

The contemplated point of diversion was the National Capitol, and the most feasible way to reach it, by Confederate troops, seemed to be by the Shenandoah Valley across the Potomac into Maryland, taking it in reverse. This apparent movement, if undertaken, would call into use the whole available army in the Middle Department, under General Lew Wallace, and foreseeing this, the President called for one hundred-day volunteers.

As usual, Massachusetts immediately recruited her quota, and the Fifth, under Col. George H. Peirson, left camp July 28th, 1864, with 886 men, with orders to proceed to Washington, but were detained by order of Gen. Lew Wallace at Baltimore, and were sent by him into camp at "Mamkin's Wood," some four miles from Baltimore. Soon after this, the entire regiment were ordered to Fort McHenry, commanded by General Morris, and under Col. Peirson, the regiment garrisoned the Fort for several weeks. Companies B, E, and H were ordered to Fort Marshall, commanded by Col. Peirson, Major Granmer retaining command of those companies left in Fort McHenry that were not detailed under Col. Worcester at Federal Hill. There were several details of companies and detachments at various times, Corporal Webster of Co. H, and seven men had charge of the Lazerette Magazine, Lieut. Fowler of Co. F, and 20 men were stationed at Fort Carrol, Capt. Marden of Co. D, had charge of a

portion of the recruits for distribution ; Capt. D. Webster Davis of Co. H, with several other Companies did some important duties at Monocacy, and during election, most of the regiment was stationed at various points on the Eastern shore of Maryland.

The regiment was assembled on the 1st of November, and prepared for their return home. During their term of service they performed their duties with great satisfaction to the Commander of the 8th Army Corps, General Lew Wallace, and General Morris in command of Fort McHenry complimented Lieut. William H. Spaulding, of Co. H, for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of Post Adjutant.

Colonel George H. Peirson was president of the Military Commission, and of the Court Martial in Baltimore.

The Charlestown Companies were received in Boston, upon their arrival home on the morning of the 7th of November, 1864, by a battalion of past members of the Artillery, City Guards, and Cadets, numbering 300 men, under command of Col. J. B. Norton as Chief Marshal, assisted by John M. Call, William W. Davis, and James Swords. The line of march was taken up, and proceeded toward Charlestown, and upon reaching City Square, the Band struck up "Home, Sweet Home," and the companies marched to Prescott Hall, where a bountiful collation was prepared by Enoch J. Clark. Mayor Stone welcomed the soldiers, and was pleased that they had arrived home in time to vote.

The regiment was mustered out of service Nov. 16th, 1864, at Readville.



## COMPANY G. — CONTINUED.

Priv'ts, Litchfield, Lorenzo	Priv'ts, Richardson, G. W.
Littlefield, Clarence	Sawtelle, W. H.
Marden, David	Smith, Norman
Merriam, F. E.	Sullivan, T. V.
Moulton, Elbridge	Sweet, Albert A.
Newell, Frank A.	Taylor, Dennis
Newell, Frederic A.	Tufts, C. W.
Newhall, A. A.	Wade, Martin V. B.
Parkhurst, Herbert	Walker, James H.
Pearsons, Horace R. †	Ward, George F.
Perrego, J. G.	Waugh, W. W.
Perry, E. B.	Wheeler, John S.
Perry, H. W.	Whitten, Rufus R.
Pettee, H. A.	Williams, Fred. G.
Pierce, Warren T.	Williams, George F.
Poole, P. T.	Wood, Fred. H.
Pond, F. A.	Wright, Daniel, jr.
	York, William S.

## COMPANY H — CHARLESTOWN.

Captain, D. Webster Davis.	Priv'ts, Caryl, Henry
1st Lieut., William Spaulding.	Caswell, Jacob A.
2d " Andrew J. Bailey.	Cheney, Benjamin F.
1st Sergt., James K. Churchill.	Chesley, William
William H. Macauslan.	Clark, George E.
Thomas R. Roulstone.	Colbert, Lawrence E.
William D. F. Miller.	Cole, Albert G. †
Alonzo Parshly.	Colson, Charles A.
Corporals, Ezra B. Kenah.	Crowningshield, Jacob
George A. Webster.	Cottle, Albert
William H. Archer.	Cummings, Lyman W.
Thomas W. Mullett.	Cutter, William B.
Henry C. Cutter.	Davis, Henry
Benjamin D. Willey.	Davis, John
Eben White, jr.	Downing, Washington J.
George F. Eaton.	Draper, Samuel
Musicians, Charles H. Prentiss.	Edmonds, Dexter A.
Walter C. Kelley.	Flannagin, Matthew J.
Priv'ts, Barstow, E. F.	French, Samuel A.
Barnard, Henry	Gadd, George W.
Batchelder, George	Gilman, Granville
Blaisdell, Charles H.	Goldsmith, Howard



## RE-ORGANIZATION.

The regiment was not disbanded upon its return from one hundred days' service, many of the old organization still holding on to their membership under Col. George H. Peirson, and on several occasions performed escort and other military duties.

On the 18th of May, 1866, the regiments of the State were re-organized, and the companies were reduced from 101, rank and file, to 60.

## FIELD AND STAFF, 1866.

Colonel,	WILLIAM T. GRAMMER.
Lieutenant-Colonel,	GEORGE A. MEACHAM.
Major,	GEORGE H. MARDEN, Jr.
Adjutant,	WALTER EVERETT.
Quartermaster,	DANIEL W. LAWRENCE.
Assistant-Surgeon,	
Chaplain,	

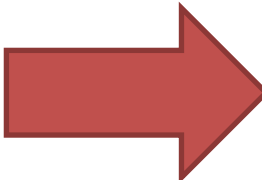
The following companies constituted the Fifth under the re-organization, and were a part of the 2d Brigade.

Co. A, Capt. GEORGE F. CHAPIN, (26th unattached Co.)...	Charlestown.
Co. B, Capt. GRANVILLE W. DANIELS, .....	Somerville.
Co. C, Capt. GEORGE A. MEACHAM (12th unattach. Co.).	Cambridge.
Co. D, Capt. GEORGE H. MARDEN, jr, .....	Charlestown.
Co. E, Capt. ISAAC F. R. HOSEA, .....	Medford.
Co. F, Capt. GODFREY RYDER, jr., (39th unattach. Co.)...	Medford.
Co. G, Capt. CYRUS TAY, .....	Woburn.
Co. H, Capt. D. WEBSTER DAVIS, .....	Charlestown.
Co. I, Capt. ANDREW A. POWERS, .....	Marlboro'
Co. K, Capt. C F. HARRINGTON (34th unattached Co.)....	Cambridge.

Companies C, E, F, and K, late of this regiment and recruited for one hundred days' service, were disbanded.

In the latter part of this year, 1866, Col. Peirson retired from the regiment, and was promoted to Brigadier-

elected its first Militia Captain on the above date. The company was attached to the 5th Regiment, M. V. M., Col. George H. Peirson, at the time of the re-organization of the State Regiments, May 18th, 1865, and received as their Company letter "A."



Capt. Chapin resigned his position Oct. 7th, 1866, and was succeeded by Lieut. Henry C. Cutter, who brought the company to the highest standard of military discipline. Capt. Cutter held his position until May, 1871, when he was succeeded by Lieut. Frank Todd, who was honorably discharged September, 1871, and was succeeded by Captain Francis W. Pray, Jan., 1872, "the father of the company." Capt. Pray did the corps great service by condescending to become its commander, and he did not give up the position until it could be left in good hands, which occurred Nov. 23d, 1874, upon the election of Capt. John E. Phipps. Capt. Phipps has held the position ever since, with a marked degree of ability, and while under his command, the corps have received the highest mark at the State inspection, A. 1, and have taken the grand prize at the Massachusetts Militia rifle competition. The company has made a national reputation for their hospitality, having entertained the following organizations: A battalion of the 22d Regiment, N. G., New York, the 5th Maryland regiment, Washington Light Infantry, Washington, D. C., Governor's Foot Guard, of Hartford, Conn., and New Haven Grays of 2d Conn. N. G. The company has visited New York, New Haven and Lawrence, and own one of the most costly company uniforms in the State; they also occupy one of the best armories in this country. Every office in this regiment has been held by graduates from this corps.

# Henry C. Cutter

Cutter Henry C  
Co. A, 5 Massachusetts Mil. Inf.  
(100 Days, 1864.)

Pos | Cpl

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**GENERAL INDEX CARD.**  
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Cutter, Henry C  
Co. H, 5 Massachusetts  
Militia Infantry.  
(100 Days, 1864.)

Private

Corporal

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5 (100 Days, 1864.)

Mass. Mil.

Henry C Cutter

Pt. H, Co. H, 5 Reg't Mass. Inf. (100 Days, 1864).

Appears on

## Company Muster-in and Descriptive Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated

Camp Meigs Mass July 20, 1864.

Where born Charlestown Mass

Age 20 years; occupation Clerk

When enlisted Aug 11, 1864 \*

Where enlisted Charlestown Mass \*

For what period enlisted 100 days. \*

Eyes blue; hair dark

Complexion dark; height 5 7 3/8 in.

When mustered in Aug 20, 1864.

Mustered-in to date, 1864.

Where mustered in Camp Meigs Mass

Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100

Where credited

Company to which assigned

Remarks:

\* ~~See~~ Muster-in and descriptive roll shows enlistment of all men of this company as of same date. See enrollment on subsequent card or cards.

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5 (100 Days. 1864.) Mass. Mil.

Henry C Cutter  
5<sup>th</sup> Co. H, 5 Reg't Mass. Mil. Inf. (100 Days, 1864).

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for July 20 to Sept 1, 1864.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When July 11, 1864.\*

Where Charlestown Mass.\*

Period 100 days.\*

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

\* See enrollment on card from muster-in roll.

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6 | 5 (100 Days.) | Mass. Mil.  
1864.

Henry C Cutter

5th Co. H, 5 Reg't Mass. Mil. Inf. (100 Days, 1864).

Appears on

Company Muster Roll  
for Sept - Oct, 1864.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When July 11, 1864.

Where Charlestown Mass.\*

Period 100 days.\*

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

\* See enrollment on card from muster-in roll.

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6 | 5 (100 Days.) | Mass. Mil.  
1864.

*Henry C Cutter*

*Sgt*, Co. *A*, 5 Reg't Mass. Mil. Inf. (100 Days, 1864).

Age *20* years.

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated  
*Boston Mass, Nov 16, 1864.*

Muster-out to date *Nov 16, 1864.*

Last paid to *Aug 31, 1864.*

Clothing account:

Last settled *Nov 1864*; drawn since \$ *100*

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

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ *18.50* *100*

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

Bounty paid \$ *100*; due \$ *100*

Remarks :

Book mark :

*W. Emmet*



NAME				(3-P. A. 1)	
Cutter Henry C				ACT OF JULY 3, 1926	
Certificate No.		846137		ARMY INVALID	
Service				ACT OF MAY 1, 1920	
Disability		Corp H 5 Mass Inf			

CLASS	RATE	DATE OF COMMENCEMENT	DATE OF CERTIFICATE	HOMES—Admitted	DH							6-6571
	50	May 1, 1920.										
	65	Aug. 4, 1926		Discharged	9/10/27							
				Died	Oct 20 1929	Reported	NOV 13 1929					
				Remarks:	CR							

DEAD		Cutter, Henry C.		
NAME OF SOLDIER:				
SERVICE:		Late rank, Corp Co. H., 5 Regt Mass Inf		
TERM OF SERVICE:		Enlisted, 1 Discharged, 1		
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	LAW.	CERTIFICATE NO.
1891 Dec 7	Invalid,	1076286	J	846137
	Widow,			
	Minor,			
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				
1891 Dec 7		Died Oct 20, 1929, at Danville, Ill		

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# APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE

49524

(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

Name	Rank	Company	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel	Date of Death
Cutter, Henry C.	Corp.	H.	5th Mass. Inf.	Oct. 21, 1929
Name of Cemetery	Located in or near—		If World War Veteran—	
National Home	City	State	Division	State
	Danville	Ill.		
				Emblem
				Christian Hebrew None

TO BE SHIPPED TO Quartermaster, at Danville, Vermilion, Illinois  
(Name of consignee) (Give town, county, and State)

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE National Home, Danville, Ill.

DO NOT WRITE HERE

Verified \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered MAY 12 1930

From LEE, MASS.

Shipped 8/1/30 188729

I hereby agree to accept the headstone at above destination, freight prepaid, and properly place same at decedent's grave.

This application is for the UNMARKED\* grave of a soldier. It is understood the stone will be furnished and delivered at the railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated, at Government expense, freight prepaid, and agreed it will be promptly removed and set up at private expense.

Address Nat. Home, Danville, Ill. Date Jan. 20, 1930 Applicant. Danville Branch

\*Stones must not be requested for any grave at which a private stone, monument, or other permanent marker is already erected or is to be erected.  
†State whether soldier, sailor, marine, Army nurse, etc.

## Co. K, STONEHAM.

Company K was recruited for the one hundred-days' regiment, in July, 1864, and was attached to the Fifth during its term of service in that year. It was commanded by Capt. T. M. Sweetser, and was disbanded in November, 1864.

## Co. A. (CHARLESTOWN CADETS,) CHARLESTOWN.

This is one of the youngest companies in the Fifth, and its record compares favorably with any other in the State. It had its origin in a drill-club of boys, who were regularly uniformed and officered in 1858. On the 17th of May, 1861, the corps was enlarged, and some old flint-locks took the place of wooden guns they were using, and Charles Morris was made captain. The corps thrived from this time out. In July, 1861, George F. Chapin was elected captain, and during his term of command, with Captain Francis W. Pray as drill-master, the company won two prizes in a competition drill at Music Hall, Boston. J. E. Phipps succeeded Capt. Chapin, in April, 1863. During the war the company did escort and other duties at home, always acquitting themselves most admirably. The company from time to time was reduced in numbers, many of its members enlisting for the war, but it was continually being added to, enough members being present at regular meeting to keep up the organization. The company sent over one hundred of its men to the front, and of its original members, Wesley Packard and James Doughty were killed while attached to the 36th Regiment. On the 5th of October, 1864, the Cadets were made the 26th Unattached Company, M. V. M., and George F. Chapin was



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