Zouave, Co. A, c. 1862
First Uniform, 1861
State Issue, c. 1862

41st New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment,
(De Kalb Regiment, or 2nd Yaeger Regiment), 1861-1865

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11th New York Volunteer Infantry,
(Ellsworth’s First New York Fire Zouaves),
First Uniform, 1861
Company Officer with Regimental Color  

Privates

11th New York Volunteer Infantry, (Ellsworth's First New York Fire Zouaves), Second Uniform, 1861-1862

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13th, 19th and 24th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiments, Contract Uniforms, 1861

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Infantryman

Cavalryman

Irish Republican Army (Fenian Brotherhood), Vermont/Quebec Border, May 1870

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Pulawski Cadets, New York State Militia, 1833-1839

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Private, 1st Company, 1861
Private, 2nd Company, 1861
Sergeant, 1st Company, 1863
Enlisted Man, 3rd Company, 1865
Officer, Howitzer Co., 1860

Richmond Howitzers, 1859-1865
Light Battery B, Palmetto Battalion of Light Artillery, South Carolina, 1861-1865

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Confederate States Marine Corps, 1861-1862

Enlisted Men, 1861

Captain, Winter

Sergeant, Winter Dress

Lieutenant, Summer

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Corporal, Winter Dress
1st Lieutenant, Summer Dress
Officer, Summer Undress
Officer of the Day, Winter Undress

Confederate States Marine Corps, 1861-1865

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Floyd Cavalry, Georgia Militia, Full Dress Uniform, 1859-1860

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Alabama Volunteer Militia, 1857-1861

Private, Montgomery
True Blues, 1860

Private, Mobile Cadets, 1861

Private, Mobile Cadets, 1859

Officer, Mobile Rifles, 1859

Officer, Tuskegee Light Infantry, 1860

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Brig. Gen. Sland Wake
(C.S.A.)

Cunner
(Cherokee)

Sporige and Rammer
(Cherokee)

Capt. George Washington,
Reserve Squadron
(Chief of the Caddoes)

2nd Cherokee Regiment of Mounted Rifles, C.S.A., 1861-1865

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Private, Company A

Private, Company C

Captain, Company B

Colonel Fagan

Private, Company G

1st Arkansas Volunteer Infantry, C.S.A., 1861

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2nd Regiment, Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry, 1861

Private, July 1861

Private, August 1861

Company Officer

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Colonel,
1865

Corporal,
1862

Private,
1863

Company Officer,
1864

2nd Regiment, Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry, 1862-1865

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4th Alabama Infantry Regiment, 1861-1865

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Corporal, 5th Michigan Cavalry
Trumpeter, 1st Michigan Cavalry

Private, 6th Michigan Cavalry
Sergeant Major, 7th Michigan Cavalry

Quartermaster Sergeant, 5th Michigan Cavalry
Brigade Forage Master

Enlisted Men, Custer's Michigan Cavalry Brigade
Army of the Potomac, 1863-1864

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Company I (Raccoon Roughs), 6th Alabama Volunteer Infantry, 1861

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Privates,
Metropolitan Guards
(Fatigue Dress)

Private,
Selma Independent Blues

Officer,
Auburn Guards

Alabama Volunteer Corps, 1860–1861 (1)

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Corporal,
Montgomery Mounted Rifles

Private,
Camden Rifles

Officer,
Alabama Zouaves

Alabama Volunteer Corps, 1860-1861 (2)
3rd Alabama Infantry Regiment, CSA, 1861–1865
63rd Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, C.S.A., 1864–1865
Stockton Blues, California Militia, 1857–1861

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1st Alabama Infantry Regiment, 1861

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Sergeant, Regular Army Uniform, 1861

Private, 1863
Private, Minnesota Supplied Uniform, 1861

Colonel William Colvill, 1863

Minnesota 1st Volunteer Infantry, 1861–1864
21st New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment
(1st Buffalo Regiment), 1861–1863

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110th New York Volunteer Infantry, 1862–1865
United States Colored Troops, Enlisted Men, Infantry, 1864–1865

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1st Texas Infantry Regiment, Army of Northern Virginia, C.S.A., 1861–1865

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5th Texas Infantry Regiment, Army of Northern Virginia, C.S.A., 1861–1865

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8th Regiment, New York Volunteer Cavalry (Rochester Regiment);
22nd Regiment, New York Volunteer Cavalry (Rochester Cavalry), 1861–1865

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Sacramento Hussars, California State Militia, 1859–1893
(Dress Uniform, 1877)

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Alabama Troops at Spanish Fort, 1865

Private and Officer,
36th Alabama Infantry

Drummer and Private,
62nd Alabama Infantry

Officer and Private,
Lronen's Battery

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Mississippi Rifles and Ben Bullard Rifles (Companies A and B),
10th Mississippi Volunteer Infantry, 1861
Ellsworth Zouaves of Chicago, 1865

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Georgia, Carolina and Arkansas Components, Hood's Texas Brigade,
Army of Northern Virginia, 1861–1865

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81st New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment (2nd Oswego Regiment), 1861–1865

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5th Massachusetts Volunteer Cavalry and 3rd Regiment and 4th Regiment of Cavalry, United States Colored Troops, 1863-1866

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First Sergeant

Officer

Zouave

Company B, Cincinnati Zouaves, 1868

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W. P. Lane Rangers, 1861–1865
Color Bearer, 6th Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers, 1862
Battery A (Chicago Light Artillery), 1st Illinois Light Artillery, 1859–1862

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11th Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1862–1863

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Officers, Undress

Private, Full Dress
with Forage Cap

Private, Undress

Maj. Asa M. Cook,
Full Dress

Boston Light Artillery (Cook's Battery), Massachusetts, 1861

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A Patriotic Battery Responds To The Crises.

Major Asa Cook received his orders to have his battery ready to go to the nation's defense at 8:30 on the evening of April 20, 1861. At 10:00 he reported his company ready. The Minute Men of 1861 were answering their nation's call to arms.

Cook's Battery consisted of six brass six-pounders and over 120 men, each armed with a saber and a revolver, and supplied with a heavy overcoat by the state of Massachusetts. The horses for the battery were drawn mainly from the Metropolitan Railroad stables. Between 1 and 2 a.m. on the morning of the 21st, the artillery battery marched to the Worcester Depot with ten tons of artillery ammunition, leaving later that morning for New York where they embarked on the steamer De Soto for Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Thus began the brief and only Civil War service of the Boston Light Artillery. Originally organized in 1853, the company was one of many relatively independent organizations within the Massachusetts Militia system which had been reorganized to consist solely of volunteer militia in the 1840s. Unlike New York, which sought to maintain regimental organizations throughout its volunteer militia, Massachusetts had a myriad of companies and battalions unassociated with regiments in 1861. Each of these organizations frequently maintained their own distinctive uniforms in defiance of the state regulations issued in the 1850s. This was very much in accord with the volunteer militia tradition, but it flew in the face of the increasing organizational conformity which was being imposed upon the archaic militia system which now faced a national crises.

In May of 1859, the Boston Light Artillery adopted a new uniform curiously out of step with most Northern militia and completely contradictory to Massachusetts' own uniform regulations which were trying to enforce dark blue uniforms similar to the U.S. Army's of the 1850s. It consisted of a "Double breasted frock of cadet grey cloth, standing collar of red cloth..., seven buttons in each row on the breast...; cuffs of red cloth." The unit's headgear was a uniform cap or shako of the pattern adopted by the United States Corps of Cadets in 1853, but "with artillery ornaments and red pompon." A photograph of Major O.F. Nims, Cook's predecessor, illustrates the officer's version of the uniform.

This was the uniform worn into the field in 1861, and after arriving at Fort Monroe the battery was sent to Annapolis until May 4th, when they were encamped at the Relay House, Maryland, alternating guard duty between that station and Baltimore for the rest of its service. The Boston Light Artillery returned to its home city on August 3, 1861, never having seen combat. In keeping with their original resolve to defend the Union, however, most of the individual members of the battery enlisted in volunteer units and served throughout the war. As Minute Men of 1861, they had answered the first call and as volunteers they served to the end.
Left: Ormand F. Nims served Second Battery, Massachusetts Light Artillery and was ultimately brevetted a colonel, USV. He wears the 1859 uniform of Boston Light Artillery. (CDV, author's collection) Above Right: L. Sawin served as "Fourth Sergeant" of Cook's Battery, but later in the 1st Massachusetts Light Artillery until 1864. Posing in front of a tent with wood plank floor, Sawin wears a very impressive uniform. (Albumen print, collection of the author) Below Right: A group of officers and men of Cook's Battery, probably photographed at the Front House. (Anthony stereoview, collection of the author)
1st Light Infantry of Providence, Rhode Island, 1861
Musicians and Drummers, African-American Volunteers, 1863–1867

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Confederate Army Chaplains, 1861

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75th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment (2d Auburn Regiment), 1861–1865
United States Marines, Undress and Fatigue Uniforms, 1861–1865

Sergeant, Fatigue Sack, 1859–1864
Private, Summer Undress, 1859–1864
Second Lieutenant, Summer Undress
Private, Undress after 1 October 1864
First Lieutenant, Fatigue Jacket
Captain, Undress
Private, Fatigue Sack, 1864–1875

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Private, 10th Regiment
Bugler, 10th Regiment

Officers, 10th & 9th Regiments

Sergeant, 4th Regiment
Private, 4th Regiment

3d to 5th and 7th to 13th Regiments, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, 1861

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8th Missouri Volunteer Infantry ("American Zouaves"), 1861–1864

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Mormon Battalion, New Mexico, 1846

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New Orleans Greys at San Antonio de Bexar, 1835

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Campaign Uniforms, U. S. Armed Forces, Mexico City, September 1847

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The Canebrake Rifle Guards, 1861

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Uniform of Enlisted Confederate States Marines, 1863–1865

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