



# **Guide to the 28th Maine Infantry Regiment record books, 1862-1863**

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

28th Maine Infantry Regiment record books, 1862-1863

**Creator:**

United States. Army. Maine Infantry Regiment, 28th (1862-1863)

**Abstract:**

The 28th Maine Infantry Regiment was mustered in October 1862 in Augusta, Maine, and served until August 1863 in the Union Army during the American Civil War. This collection contains four volumes of regimental descriptive and order books documenting the company's activities and enlisted men.

**Extent:**

2 Linear Feet (4 volumes)

**Language:**

Materials in English.

**Collection ID:**

RL.11905

**Permalink:**

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**Preferred Citation**

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## Background

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**Scope and Content**

Collection consists of four regimental descriptive and orders books with names and descriptions of the 28th Maine's enlisted men and officers, as well as an order book with copies of orders issued and received by the commanders of the unit from 1862 to 1863. It records the regiment's travels from Maine through New York, Washington, and the Gulf coast region, including New Orleans and Pensacola. Inventory lists notes which soldiers died of disease or were killed

in action at Donaldsonville, Louisiana. The orders book includes court-martial records, details of troop transfers, and rules and regulations.

## **Biographical/Historical**

The 28th Maine Infantry mustered into Union Army service on October 18, 1862, and mustered out on August 31, 1863. It was organized in Augusta, Maine, under Col. Ephriam W. Woodman. The regiment served at Fort Schuyler, New York, and then Fortress Monroe, Virginia, before traveling to New Orleans in January 1863. The 28th Maine then joined the Department of the Gulf and served in Louisiana and Pensacola. During this time troops fought in two engagements: several companies were ordered to Port Hudson, Louisiana (May 26-July 9, 1863); and other companies participated in the seige and battle of Donaldsonville, Louisiana (June 28, 1863).

Records indicated the regiment lost a total of 154 men during service, largely due to disease.

Sources: Maine's Regimental Historical Records Page, authored by the Maine State Archives; Wikipedia "28th Maine Infantry Regiment." Accessed June 2021.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Access Restrictions**

Collection is open for research.

## Use Restrictions

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## Acquisition Information

The 28th Maine Infantry Regiment record books were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a purchase in 1939.

## Processing Information

Processed by RL Staff, June 1939. Rehoused and described by Meghan Lyon, June 2021.

Originally numbered as Volumes F-4167, F-4168, F-4169, and F-4170.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Courts-martial and courts of inquiry -- United States
- Soldiers -- Maine
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Military orders
- Military registers
- United States. Army -- Military life
- United States. Army--History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Registers

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## Collection Inventory

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Company G descriptive book, 1862-1863 (online item available)

Box 1

**Digital Object:** [Company G descriptive book, 1862-1863](#)

### Scope and Contents

"Company Descriptive Book" with pages recording: List of commissioned and non-commissioned officers for Co. G. of 28th Maine Inft.; Register of men transferred; Register of men discharged; and Descriptive roll of Company G. The descriptive roll contains names, physical descriptions, county of birth and

enlistment, and remarks about 86 men in Company G. The majority of the book is blank.

**Processing Information:**

Previously cataloged as F-4167.

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Company descriptive book, 1862-1863 (online item available)

Box 1

**Digital Object:** [Company descriptive book, 1862-1863](#)

**Scope and Contents**

"Company Descriptive Book" with pages recording: List of commissioned and non-commissioned officers; Register of men transferred; Register of deaths; Register of men discharged; and Descriptive roll of unidentified company. The descriptive roll contains names, physical descriptions, county of birth and enlistment, and remarks about 84 men in an unidentified company. The majority of the book is blank. The spine's binding is loose.

**Processing Information:**

Formerly cataloged as F-4168.

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Regimental descriptive book, 1862-1863 (online item available)

Box 1

**Digital Object:** [Regimental descriptive book, 1862-1863](#)

**Scope and Contents**

"Regimental Descriptive Book" with pages recording: List of commissioned and non-commissioned officers for 28th Maine Inf.; Register of men transferred; Register of men discharged; and Descriptive roll of the regiment's soldiers. The descriptive roll contains names, physical descriptions, county of birth and enlistment, and remarks. The lists appear to be grouped by company but are not labeled in that way. The majority of the book is blank.

**Processing Information:**

Formerly cataloged as F-4169.

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Regimental order book, 1862-1863 (online item available)

Volume 1

**Digital Object:** [Regimental order book, 1862-1863](#)

**Scope and Contents**

Volume consists of general and special orders issued to and by commanders of the 28th Maine Volunteers. Includes rules and regulations for camp; travel orders for the Regiment (directing them from Augusta, Maine, to New York

Harbor and later to Pensacola, Florida, and Louisiana); countersigns; courts-martial for various soldiers; and other topics. Orders are recorded in both manuscript and are pasted in as printed pages. Officers issuing orders include: Major General Banks, Col. E. W. Woodman, George L. Andrews, George M. Atwood, Brig. Gen. Harvey Brown, William Hadlock, and others. The latter half of the volume is blank.