

Third Regiment Maine Volunteers
Regimental Roster
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Regiment Mustered Into Service: June 4, 1861
Regiment Mustered Out of Service: June 28, 1864

The attached roster was compiled from a variety of sources including the Maine Adjutant General's reports, regimental returns of both the 3rd and 17th Maine Regiments, Archives at Andersonville National Military Cemetery and others. Of course, every man listed has his own story, and the roster does not pretend to tell all of the individual tales. However, taken as a whole, I believe that this information is valuable in telling the story of the 3rd Regiment Maine Volunteers, as a whole, during its service in the Civil War. This roster is very much a work in progress, which explains the "latest compilation date" listed above. There is always new information surfacing. Compiling these rosters is much more of an art, than a science, as details of service for any one particular soldier can be incomplete or inconsistent (when different source materials are cross referenced). However, when one considers the difficult circumstances under which the original regimental rolls were kept, it is truly amazing how well the roster information "hangs together". The following comments are intended to help the reader understand the layout of the roster and the way in which it was compiled.

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Explanation of Column Headings:

- Last Name – Self explanatory. There are variations of name spellings in the various records. I chose the most reasonable, or common, spelling when there were a question or disparity.
- First Name – Same comments as under Last Name
- Middle Initial – Same comments as under First and Last Names
- Company – I listed the primary company. Some men, especially officers, were transferred during their term of service and this was noted under the "comments" column. Those officers who were originally mustered into the staff are included under that heading, those who transferred into the staff at a later date (Moses Lakeman from Co. I, for example) are listed under their original muster companies. I have tried to keep this treatment consistent and understandable, with comments inserted where appropriate.
- Town – Residence as listed when mustered into service. This data is not very accurate as men often were mustered in under a town or city which needed to fill it's quota, instead of the town where they actually resided. I estimate that 40% of the town name entries are not accurate in terms of establishing the true residence of any particular soldier.

- State – ME = Maine. Generally accurate, although some men were from foreign countries or other states, but were mustered into service under the town or city in which they happened to be when the papers were signed (and thus credited to Maine's quota for any given call-up).
- Age – Age at enlistment/conscription. Many men in the band, for some reason, had no ages listed.
- Muster In Date – Year (two digits 61 = 1861), month (one or two digits 11 = November), day (one or two digits).
- In Method – Either Enlisted, Drafted or a Substitute.
- Muster Out Date – Same date format as “In Date”. There are missing dates in this area and more research is needed. Out dates refer to service in the Third Maine, not the out date from military service (thus, all men transferred to the 17th Maine have an out date of June 4, 1864).
- Out Reason – Generally standardized options: muster out, transfer, discharge, disability discharge, death, capture, desertion, dropped from rolls, resigned or discharged for promotion. Transfers are split between those to the 17th Maine and other transfers, with the place of transfer listed under “comments”. This only includes permanent transfers out of the regiment, not periodic detached duty assignments to head-quarters, hospitals, etc.
- Transfer Status – The heading only relates to men transferred or reenlisted into the 17th Maine. Some 447 3rd Maine men were listed as transfers to the 17th Maine, however, the 17th only reported 129 arriving in camp on June 5, 1864. My research lead me to the conclusion that the lower figure only pertained to those men fit, equipped and available for duty. The balance of the transfers were still on the 3rd Maine rolls, but were not present for duty for a variety of reasons. Some were killed or missing in the Wilderness, for example, but were still carried on the rolls at the time since their fate was not yet known. The Transfer Status column key explains the likely disposition of each man as follows: 1 = equipped and available for duty; 2 = absent, sick, wounded, unknown; 3 = missing in action; 4 = killed in action; 5 = prisoner of war; 6 = detached duty; 7 = deserted.
- Highest Rank – Refers to the highest rank attained while in the Third Maine. It does not necessarily mean the rank as of the date out of service, as many men were reduced in rank during their term of service. Promotions after leaving the Third Maine are not included, but may be mentioned under “comments”.
- Comments – Supplemental data including transfers, place of death and other details of service records. Notations related to wounds or sickness were not included as I considered that data to immense for this work.