Hi. This is my first time on this board. Looking for suggestions on researching the 5th NY Militia.

At first, I thought it was just an "in-state" unit, but a Google search indicates that they fought in some major battles.

We just discovered that one of my husband's ancestors was in that group during the Civil War. His name was ROBERT SMITH and he probably enlisted from NYC; he later lived and died in Yonkers, NY.

Nancy,

Judging from the wealth of information on the 5th N.Y. Militia, your husband is already famous (ha ha), although he may not realize it yet!

Robert C. Smith
Regiment Name: 5th N.Y. Infantry
Side: Union
Company K
Soldier's Rank In: Private
Soldier's Rank Out: Private
Film Number M551 roll 132

http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/soldiers.htm
Order his military service record (Film Number M551 roll 132) and through NARA or LDS. Pension file is available through NARA. Go to:

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The 5th New York Volunteer Infantry
Regimental Roster

THE FOLLOWING is an alphabetical list of men who served in the 5th New York Volunteer Infantry during the period of the unit’s service, 1861-1863. Our organization maintains a detailed database with dates of birth and death, wounds, hospitalization, and promotion, as well as biographical information on these soldiers. If a visitor to the site thinks they are related to one of these men, please contact headquarters, and we will check the database for further information. Any additions or corrections to the list are welcome.

Smith, Benjamin M.
Smith, Charles W.
Smith, Ebenezer
Smith, F.E.
Smith, George W.
Smith, Henry
Smith, Jesse
Smith, John C.
Smith, John H.
Smith, John M.
Smith, Joseph Andrew
Smith, Robert C.

http://www.zouave.org/roster.html

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5th Regiment, New York Infantry

Organized at New York City and mustered in for two years’ service May 9, 1861. Left State for Fortress Monroe, Va., May 23. Attached to Pierce's Brigade, Newport News, Va., Dept. of Virginia, to July, 1861. Dix’s Division, Baltimore, Md., to March, 1862. Sykes’ Infantry (Reserve), Army of the Potomac, to May, 1862. 3rd Brigade, Sykes’ 2nd Division, 5th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, to May, 1863.


Regiment lost during service 6 Officers and 171 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 34 Enlisted men by disease. Total 211.

http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/regiments.htm

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The 5th New York Volunteer Infantry

The 5th New York Volunteer Infantry, "Duryée's Zouaves," was one of the most renowned fighting regiments of the American Civil War. Their colorful Zouave uniform, precise maneuvers, effectiveness in combat and steady bearing under fire, won them universal respect and recognition. "I doubt whether it had an equal," General George Sykes said of the 5th New York, "and certainly no superior among all the regiments of the Army of the Potomac." Many observers considered the 5th New York to be the best-drilled volunteer unit in the Federal Army. In addition to a casualty list that totalled 211 dead out of 1,508 men borne on the rolls, nine of its soldiers attained the rank of general -- five the full rank, and four by brevet.
Above, a sketch by Thur de Thulstrup of the 5th New York Infantry drilling atop Federal Hill, Baltimore, in 1862.

Founded in 1971, Company A of the 5th New York is one of the oldest and most respected Civil War living history organizations. Uniformed in full Zouave regalia modeled on the garb of the famed French colonial troops, we have participated in countless living history programs, authentic encampments and battle re-enactments, as well as in television documentaries and films. Our Zouave company is always eager to enroll new recruits who share our pride in military skills, our commitment to authenticity and the heartfelt desire to carry on the heroic legacy of the "Old Fifth."

Above right, the re-enactors of Co. A, 5th New York Infantry, in the Nation's Capital.

In addition to providing detailed information on the 5th New York living history organization, this web site traces the origins of the French Zouaves, describes the "Zouave craze" that swept the United States on the eve of the Civil War, and recounts the valorous record of the 5th New York, the most famous of dozens of American Zouave units that served in our nation's bloodiest conflict.

Looking for someone or something in particular? Try our search engine or our Additional Resources page. There we have links to related Internet resources, as well as a selected bibliography for additional reading.

The Roll of Honor is a complete regimental roster, an alphabetical list of men who served in the 5th New York Volunteer Infantry during the period of the unit's service, 1861-1863. Our organization maintains a detailed database with dates of birth and death, wounds, hospitalization, and promotion, as well as biographical information on these soldiers. If you think you are related to one of these men, please contact headquarters, and we will check the database for further information.

Image above left, a corporal in the 5th New York Infantry at Federal Hill, Baltimore, 1862. Courtesy of Richard Tibbals

This site also offers more than 100 vivid illustrations of the men, life, times and history of the Zouaves in the pages of The Gallery. We have organized The Gallery into four sections that highlight key themes: Origins of the Zouaves, The Zouave Craze, Duryee's Zouaves, and The Fifth Today. You will find tips on how best to navigate among the images on The Gallery page itself.

We would like to alert you when we add new information to the site or in the event of news we think you will find of interest. Please leave your name and e-mail address at our Comments Page. We would particularly appreciate any thoughts you have about our site and our history. Thanks for visiting with us.

Navigation Tip: No matter where you are on the site -- with the exception of the Photo Gallery pages -- you can always return to the Home Page by clicking on our logo, found in the upper left-hand corner of each page.

BOOKS:


[Note: There are more books listed on the website below.]

http://www.zouave.org/
National Zouaves; Advance Guard Zouaves; Duryee Zouaves

History

Mustered in: May 9, 1861
Mustered out: May 14, 1863

This regiment, Col. Abram Duryee, was accepted by the State April 23, 1861; organized at Fort Schuyler, New York harbor, and there mustered in the service of the United States for two years May 9, 1861.


The regiment left the State May 23, 1861; served at Fort Monroe, Va., from May 25, 1861; in Pierce's Brigade, at Newport News, Va., from May 27, 1861; at Baltimore, Md., from July 27, 1861; with the Army of the Potomac from April 11, 1862; in Sykes' Brigade, Reserve Infantry, Army of the Potomac, from May, 1862; and in the 3d Brigade, 2d Division, 5th Corps, Army of the Potomac, from May 17, 1862. May 14, 1863, its three years' men. were transferred to the 146th Infantry, and the regiment, having previously been ordered to New York city, was there, commanded by Col. Cleveland Winslow, honorably discharged and mustered out May 14, 1863.

During its service the regiment lost by death, killed in action, 4 officers, 126 enlisted men; of wounds received in action, 2 officers, 47 enlisted men; of disease and other causes, 37 enlisted men; total, 6 officers, 210 enlisted men; aggregate, 216.

Further reading:


Dedication ceremonies held on the battlefield of Manassas or Second Bull run, Virginia, October 20th, 1906, and May 30th (Memorial day), 1907, under the auspices of the Veteran association of the Fifth regiment of New York volunteer infantry "Duryee zouaves." [Brooklyn: Eagle press, 1907] 96 p. 2 plates (illus.).


http://www.dmna.state.ny.us/historic/eghist/civil/infantry/...

Yonkers is part of Westchester County.

NYGenWeb Westchester County, N.Y., Genealogical Web Site:

http://www.rootsweb.com/~nywestch/
Order his military service record (Film Number M551 roll 132) and through NARA or LDS. Pension file is available through NARA.

Go to: http://www.archives.gov/research_room/obtain_copies/veterans...

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5th. N.Y. Zouave
A hand painted Sculpture by Mark Saunders


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Shenandoah Miniatures #Z10 - 5th NY Zouave Firing
Union Zouave Infantry


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Shenandoah Miniatures #Z13 - 5th NY Zouave Ramming Cartridge
Union Zouave Infantry


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Toy Soldiers - 5th New York State Volunteer Infantry Regiment "Duryea's Zouaves"

http://www.acwtoysoldiers.com/Union%20Soldier%20Pics/5th_ny....

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Le 5th New York Volunteer Infantry ou DuryÅ©e's Zouaves

http://perso.wanadoo.fr/20thmainecok/pages%20des%20adherents...

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Toy Soldiers - HÅT Zouaves

The French army was held in high regard by Americans of the 1850s and 1860s, and many Civil War units adopted the distinctive uniform style of the French Zouaves. One of HÅT's first sets provided Civil War buffs with the zouaves they needed to complete their armies. An update to that set allows for even more variety, providing two heads with straw hats for Confederate zouaves, two heads with fezzes for those units that wore them, four French army backpacks from the first world war, and a new marching figure on each sprue.

The colors of the zouave uniforms varied a great deal. There are any number of sources both in print and on the 'net that will detail uniforms from the Civil War. I used Military Miniatures Magazine, an online modeling resource, for the colors of Civil War units. I have taken information on French zouaves in World War I from Men at Arms Series 286: The French Army 1914-18. Although the brightly colored zouave uniform tended to draw fire more than the usual dark blue, the Union army continued to form new zouave units right up until the end of the Civil War. The uniform did not fare so well in the trenches of World War I. As early as November of 1914 zouave units were issued khaki uniforms to replace the bright red that, although nice to look at, provided a nice target for German sharpshooters.

Toy Soldiers - American Civil War - 54mm (1/32 Scale)

Set of 6 Marching, 5th New York Zouave Regiment (5NY2)
http://www.armoury.co.uk/civ1/cibig5ny2.html

5th New York Zouave Regiment, Officer, Drummer & Bugler (5NY5)
http://www.armoury.co.uk/civ1/cibig5ny5.html

Set of 6, 3 Firing, 3 Loading, 5th New York Zouave Regiment (5NY1)
http://www.armoury.co.uk/civ1/cibig5ny1out.html

5th New York Zouave Regiment, 1 Dead, 1 Dying (5NY4)
http://www.armoury.co.uk/civ1/cibig5ny4out.html

Set of 6 Advancing, 5th New York Zouave Regiment (5NY3)
http://www.armoury.co.uk/civ1/cibig5ny3.html

SHENANDOAH MINIATURES
http://www.historexagents.com/web/shenandoahindex.html

1999 REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE
Photos taken along West Middle St. on 11/20/99

http://www.gb1863.com/153.JPG
http://www.gb1863.com/154.JPG
http://www.gb1863.com/155.JPG
http://www.gb1863.com/156.JPG
http://www.gb1863.com/miscgallery.html

For more toys, just 'Google' using the keyword "5th N.Y." and "Duryee's Zouaves"

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Member since Dec-22-03
2 posts Feb-04-05, 03:57 PM (EST)

"Co. A 5th NY Vol. Inf. Duryee's Zouaves"

The 5th NY Co. A is currently looking for new recruits.
Founded in 1971, our company is one if the oldest and largest, and we like to think one of the finest Civil War living history organizations in the country. To continue as such, it is necessary to constantly be on the lookout for àœœsound men of good characterâ€​, as the recruiting posters used to say.

Our annual agenda includes battle reenactments, living-history encampments and programs, interpretive work for the National Park Service, school presentations, parades, etc., and occasionally film and television movies and documentaries. We participate in more than a dozen events each year, with our active season between March and December.

Company A strives to be as historically accurate as possible, relying on solid documentation. We have compiled an extensive database on the 5th New York including individual biographies on each man who served in the regiment.

Please visit our website at: www.zouave.org

You may also contact the recruiting officer:
Charlie Spickler
cspickler@nyc.rr.com
Thank you for your three emails. I need to look through them carefully tomorrow.

1st Question for you: how would the average researcher know that the phrase "5th NY Militia" is related to the "Zouave" group?

2nd Question for you: does your organization have any more info on that Robert C. Smith? And what exactly is the organization?

Robert Smith appears as a 25 year old in the 1860 census in NYC with his parents and family. He then goes off the radar screen until the 1880 census when he appears again in NYC with a 16 year old son and a second wife and younger children. In the mid-1880s he moved to Yonkers about the time his son moved there and married. Robert died there in the mid-1890s.

I really appreciate the time you took to send these emails.

Nancy
1st Question for you: how would the average researcher know that the phrase "5th NY Militia" is related to the "Zouave" group?

- Any historical description of the 5th N.Y. Militia will reference the term 'Duryee's Zouaves'. All Civil War regiments had nicknames.

2nd Question for you: does your organization have any more info on that Robert C. Smith? And what exactly is the organization?

- I do not belong to this organization. Contact them to find out what they have on Private Smith. I reckon this organization is a combination historical research & re-enactor outfit.

Since the 5th N.Y.S.V. Infantry is such a famous regiment, you may also be able to find a number of paintings of them by 19th Century and contemporary Civil War artists.

I think I will post links to these paintings, once located, on my next post.
Paintings featuring Duryee’s Zouaves:

1.) Briarwood Pipe

This painting by Winslow Homer, called the Briarwood Pipe, accurately captures the details of the uniform of Duryee’s Zouaves (5th New York Infantry). A white turban was sometimes worn around the fez. These men are not pictured wearing the distinctive sash around their waist. Notice the leather greaves worn over the shins and the gaiters worn over the shoes. This unit was one of the early Zouave regiments and compiled an outstanding record of service. Each Zouave regiment had its individual distinct dress and that of the 5th was considered to be a good copy of an authentic French uniform.

http://community.webshots.com/photo/38393941/38394423PcZVCS

2.) CHARGE OF DURYEE’S ZOUAVES (FIFTH REGIMENT NEW YORK VOLUNTEERS) AT THE BATTLE OF GREAT BETHEL

http://www.sonofthesouth.net/leefoundation/civil-war/1861/ju...

3.) UNIFORMS OF THE FIFTH REGIMENT NEW YORK VOLUNTEERS, COLONEL DURYEE, NOW AT FORTRESS MONROE

http://www.sonofthesouth.net/leefoundation/civil-war/zouaves...

4.) “VORTEX OF HELL"

The 5th New York Duryee’s Zouaves at the Battle of 2nd Manassas, (2nd Bull Run)
August 30th 1862.

The 5th New York Zouaves are overwhelmed by Longstreet’s Assault.

http://www.maritato.com/VortexofHell_Print_Page.htm

Another historical & re-enactor website:

http://www.5nyzouave.org/
This family creator allows you to create customized faces and link them together by activating lines, adding and dragging other lines and possibly adding more yourself in post editing. The faces are all in a rather cartoony style, but hopefully it'll help you with stories and other works that require different styles. You can click on the characters in the family tree to select them (border will turn white) and this'll show you the text you may have entered earlier in the main editing section.