

# Ebenezer Page and the War Between the States

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## ***Pre-Civil War***

Ebenezer Page was born in England April 8, 1820, and immigrated to New York with parents William H. and Martha (Hudson) Page and siblings when nine years old. The family settled at Palmyra, Wayne County. Within the year his mother died, and two years later his father married the American-born widow Chloe (Thayer) Robinson. The family settled at Macedon, Wayne County, and soon two half brothers were born, William Henry Page, Jr. and Riley Preston Page.

Ebenezer became a blacksmith, a profession he pursued throughout his adult life. In 1850 he was living in Ontario, Wayne County, with wife Elizabeth and three children. Before the decade ended Ebenezer's father, stepmother, and half brothers settled in Branch County, Michigan, while Ebenezer remained in Wayne County, returning to Palmyra.

Ebenezer and Elizabeth had seven children, all but one being born before the Civil War.\* They were: William H. b: Abt. 1844 d: Bef. 1911; Franklin W. b: Abt. 1846 d: 3-6-1890 in Sweden Twp., Monroe Co., NY; Nellie Ellen b: 8-1850 d: Aft. 1911; Esther b: Abt. 1852 d 5-1922 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY; Charlie b: 10-1855 d: 9-9-1859 in Palmyra, Wayne Co., NY; Charles E. b: 7-1860 d: Aft. 1920; Martha A. b: 9-1868 d: 9-1935 in Rochester.

\* [Fort Mahan, Washington, D.C.] "In this same fort, later in April, a daughter of Ebenezer Page opened a school in the mess-house at fifty cents per pupil, weekly." This was recorded in Chapter X, "A General Shaking-Up," regarding a visit to the Ninth by General Grant, from the book, The Ninth New York Heavy Artillery--A History of its Organization, Services in the Defenses of Washington, Marches, Camps, Battles, and Muster-Out..., by Alfred Seelye Roe of Company A; Published by the Author, Worcester, Mass., 1899.

## ***Civil War***

### **From Company "B" Descriptive Book of the 9th Heavy Artillery New York Regarding Ebenezer Page**

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Age 42 years; height 5 feet 8 inches; Complexion dark; Eyes grey; hair brown;  
Where born England; Occupation Blacksmith.

#### **ENLISTMENT**

When: Aug 2, 1862; Where: Ontario; By whom: J. Gregory; term: 3 y'rs.

Remarks: Appointed Corporal Aug. 14, 1862—appointed Commissary Sergeant Jan. 19, 1864. Reduced to the ranks Jan. 1, 1865.

## From “Appears on Returns” Document Plus

The following includes a May 15, 1897, summary of Ebenezer Page’s military service, taken from a two-page document in his military records titled Appears on Returns, which can be found below placed in text boxes. Interspersed around these boxes is additional information from his other military records, all of which were retrieved from National Archives in Washington, D.C. Text in red preceded by a plus sign (“+”) is from a military timeline for Ebenezer’s regiment found at Lisa Saunder’s website: **New York 9th Heavy Artillery** at <http://www.authorlisasaunders.com/mycustompage0013.htm>.

Asterisked (\*) material provides further explanation by this author. Note date discrepancies and inconsistencies and other mistakes in some of the reports, probably due to rushed recording, faulty bureaucratic processes, and the rigors of war. Also note Ebenezer’s sudden and unexplained reduction in rank from Corporal to Private that occurred around the time of the April 10, 1863 Special Muster.

Sep 9, 1862 through Oct 31, 1862 (from Company “B” Muster-in Roll):

Ebenezer Page, Corporal, Co. B, 138 Reg’t N.Y. Infantry;\* Age 42 years; Joined for duty and enrolled: When Aug 2, 1862; Where Ontario, N.Y.; Period 3 years; Muster-in to date Aug 14, 1862; muster location Auburn, NY; Roll dated Sep. 9, 1862.

\* This organization subsequently became Co. B, 9 N.Y.H. Art’y.

Sep 9, 1862 through Dec 31, 1862 (from Company “B” Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, 3 Corp., Co. B, 138 Reg’t NY Infantry/9 Reg’t N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty; Detailed as mechanic.

+Sept 1862-Aug 1863, 138 Reg’t NY Infantry/9th Reg’t N.Y. Heavy Artillery stationed near Washington, D.C. (Forts Bunker Hill, Kearney, Mansfield, and Reno)  
<http://www.nps.gov/rocr/ftcircle/>

Oct 1862 (138 Regt NY Inf): Mechanic at work on fort.
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Oct 31, 1862, through Feb 28, 1863 (from Company “B” Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, Corp., Co. B, 9 Reg’t N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Claim from Aug. 2 to Aug. 14 from error in Oct. rolls; Present for duty; Detailed as mechanic.

Nov 1862 (Corpl). Mechanic at work on fortifications.
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Dec 1862 to Apl 1863 (9 Regt NY H Arty). Mechanic at work on fort.
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Mar & Apr, 1863 (from Company “B” Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, Corp., Co. B, 9 Reg’t N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty;  
Detailed as mechanic

Apr 10, 1863 (from Special Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, **Corp.**, Co. B, 9 Reg’t N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty;  
Detailed as mechanic

May to Oct 1863 (Pvt). Detailed as mechanic to work on fortifications.

May & Jun, 1863 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):  
Ebenezer Page, **Pvt.**, Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty

Jul & Aug, 1863 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):  
Ebenezer Page, Pvt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty

+Aug 1863-May 1864, Built Fort Foote <http://www.nps.gov/fowa/foote.htm>

**NOTE:** "During the Civil War 68 forts were built around Washington D.C. Only two were built to defend against a naval attack - Fort Foote and Battery Rodgers..."  
[http://www.geocities.com/baltforts/Fort\\_Foote/history.htm](http://www.geocities.com/baltforts/Fort_Foote/history.htm)

Sept & Oct, 1863 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):  
Ebenezer Page, Pvt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty

Nov 1863. Detailed mechanic in the engineer dept.

Nov & Dec, 1863 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):  
Ebenezer Page, **Pvt.**, Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty

Jan & Feb, 1864 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):  
Ebenezer Page, **Sgt.**, Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty;  
Appointed from Private Jan 19, 1864 by order Col. J. Welling

Mar & Apr, 1864 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):  
Ebenezer Page, Sgt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty

+May 18, 1864, [9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery] **Joined the Army of the Potomac.**

+May through June, Rapidan Campaign.

+May 26, 1864, North Anna River <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va055.htm>

+May 26-28, 1864, On line of the Pamunky River.

+May 28-31, 1864, Totopotomoy Creek <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va057.htm>

+June 1-12, 1864, Cold Harbor [http://www.nps.gov/rich/ri\\_cold.htm](http://www.nps.gov/rich/ri_cold.htm)

+June 1-3, 1864, Bethesda Church.

+June 18-19, 1864, Before Petersburg.

+June 18-July 6, 1864, Siege of Petersburg <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va063.htm>

+June 22-23, 1864, Jerusalem Plank Road, Weldon Railroad

<http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va065.htm>

May & Jun, 1864 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, Sgt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty

+July 6-8, 1864, Move to Baltimore.

+July 9-12, 1864, Battle of Monocacy, called the Battle that Saved Washington

<http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/md007.htm>

The following article appeared in the Oswego (Oswego Co., NY) *Daily Times* newspaper for Tuesday, January 28, 1896.

FOR THIRTY-TWO YEARS

A Man Carries a Piece of Wood in His Hand That Length of Time Under the Supposition That It Was a Bullet

Special Correspondence of the Oswego *Times*:

ONTARIO, Jan. 28—Ebenezer Page, a well-known resident of this town, had an operation performed on him last Thursday in Rochester for the removal of what he believed to be a bullet which had been buried in his right hand since the battle of Antietam.\* Mr. Page enlisted and went out as a corporal in Company B, Ninth New York heavy artillery, enlisting August 11th, 1862. He was promoted sergeant in 1864 and was discharged with the regiment July 6, 1865, and returned to Wayne county. In the battle of Antietam, Mr. Page was sighting his rifle and was all ready to shoot when a "Johnny" shot at him, the bullet striking the musket stock and slivering it. Mr. Page fell over and later found that his right hand was badly injured. He was taken to the camp hospital where the injury was dressed, but the surgeons were unable to locate the bullet. The wound healed up and then broke out again making a bad hand. From time to time he was troubled greatly with the hand and often threatened to have the bullet extracted. During the holidays, a young man, who is studying with a Rochester physician and whose parents live near Mr. Page's home, came home to spend a day or two. He visited Mr. Page's family and learning of the injury suggested that Mr. Page come to Rochester and have the ball removed. Last week Page mustered up enough courage to visit Rochester and the operation was performed. Instead of finding a ball, however, a piece of wood was removed from the hand which proved to be a sliver from the butt or stock of the musket. The hand is healing up all right and Mr. Page treasures the sliver as he would have prized the bullet had one been found. The sliver laid in such a position that it would have been impossible for the wound to have discharged it in "sloughing."

\* Most likely it was not the Battle of Antietam where Ebenezer received his injury but instead was the Battle of Monocacy. Reasoning: first, the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment N.Y. Heavy Artillery was not credited with engagement in the Battle of

Antietam. Second, Monocacy occurred shortly before Ebenezer was admitted to Carver U.S. General Hospital in Washington, D.C. Third, thirty-two years prior to 1896 would have been 1864, whereas the Battle of Antietam occurred in 1862. Perhaps Ebenezer or the newspaper stretched the truth slightly in favor of referencing the better-known battle.

July & Aug 1864. Absent without leave since July 14, 64.

July & Aug, 1864 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, Sgt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Absent from duty; Appointed from private Jan 19, 1864 on order Col. J. Welling. **Absent without leave**.\*

\* The Sep & Oct, 1864 Company "B" Muster Roll lists Ebenezer "Sick in Carver U.S. Genl Hosp. Washington D.C." The Nov & Dec, 1864 Company Muster Roll lists Ebenezer "Sick in Carver U.S. Genl Hosp. since July 15/64."

July & Aug, 1864 (from Hospital Muster Roll of Carver U.S.A. General Hospital at Washington, D.C.):

Ebenezer Page, Sgt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Absent on furlough 30 Days from Aug 7/64.

+August 7 - November 28, 1864, Shenandoah Valley Campaign.

+August 21-22, 1864, Near Charlestown.

+August 29, 1864, Charlestown.

+September 19, 1864, Battle of Winchester <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va119.htm>

+September 22, 1864, Fisher's Hill <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va120.htm>

Sep 30, 1864 (from Descriptive List of Deserters from Carver U.S.A. Gen. Hospl, Washington D.C.):

Ebenezer Page, Sgt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Absent without leave having over stayed furlough. Left Hospl Aug. 7, 64. Length of furlough 30 days. Time expired Sept 6, 64.

Sep & Oct, 1864 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):

Ebenezer Page, Sgt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Absent from duty; Sick in Carver U.S. Genl Hosp. Washington D.C.; Stops: for Transp--\$16.16.

+October 19, 1864, Battle of Cedar Creek <http://www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org/> Order of Battle

+Through December, 1864, Duty at Kernstown.

+December 3, 1864, Moved to Washington, D.C., then to Petersburg.

Nov & Dec, 1864 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):  
Ebenezer Page, **Sgt.**, Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Absent from duty; Sick in  
Carver U.S. Genl Hosp. since July 15/64.; Stops: for Transp--\$16.16.

+Dec 1864-April 1865, Siege of Petersburg <http://www.pamplinpark.org/>

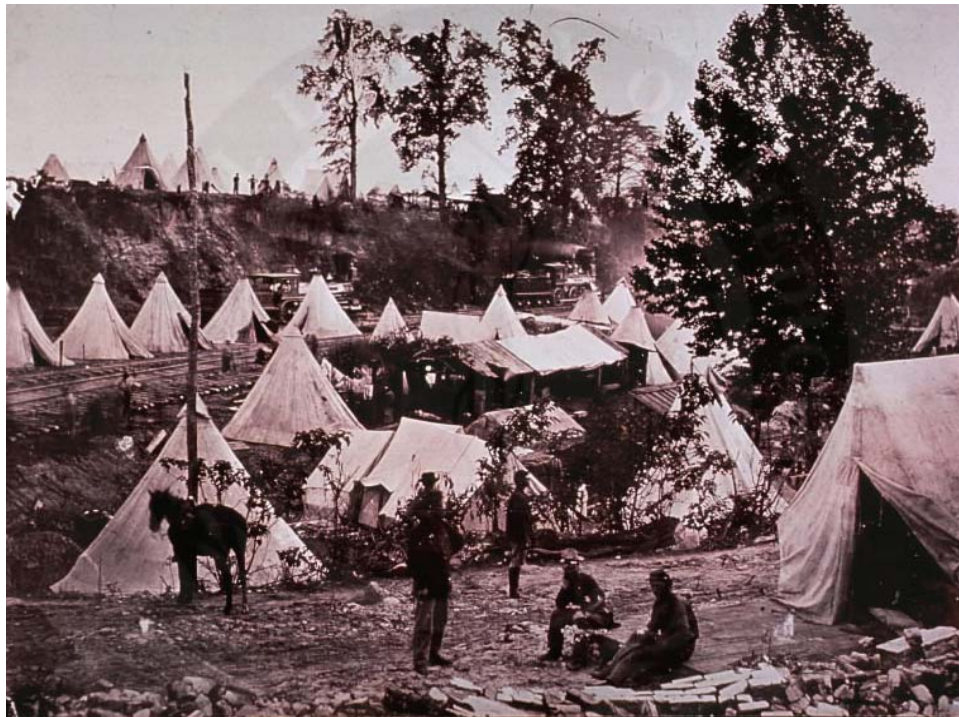
Jan 1, 1865 (from Company "B" Descriptive Book):  
Reduced to the ranks Jan. 1, 1865.

Feb 13, 1865 Ebenezer Page, **Private**, Company B, 9th New York Arty on duty at the  
6th Corps Hospital, City Point, VA in accordance with Special Order No. 25, dated  
Medical Division, 1st Battalion, 9th New York Arty, February 13th 1865.

Jan & Feb, 1865 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):  
Ebenezer Page, **Pvt.**, Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty.

Jan & Feb, 1865 ([Hospital Muster Roll (Soldiers on Duty) at U.S.A. Depot Field  
Hospital, 6 Army Corps, City Point, VA]:  
Ebenezer Page, Pvt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Attached to hospital:  
When Feb. 14, 1865; How employed Nurse; Present for duty.

Feb & Mch 1865. Absent detached service City Point, VA since Feb-13-65.
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**Civil War Field Hospital, City Point, VA, near Petersburg, VA**  
<http://www.ihm.nlm.nih.gov/ihm/images/A/21/091.jpg>

From "AMA (Virtual Mentor) Images of Healing and Learning"  
<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/10555.html>

Mar 6, 1865 (According to a memorandum of March 6 from Capt. R. F. Halsted, Head Quarters 6th Army Corps, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; for Lieut. Col. James W. Snyder) E. Page, Co. B, directed to appear for examination before a Board of Medical officers, which was to meet at Head Quarters 6th Army Corps at 1 o'clock P.M. the 7th inst.

+March 25, 1865, Fort Fisher.

+March 28-April 9, 1865, Appomattox Campaign.

Mar & Apr, 1865 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):  
Ebenezer Page, Pvt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Absent from duty;  
Detailed as nurse at 6th Corps Hosp., City Point, VA, since Jan. 25/65.

Mar & Apr, 1865 ([Hospital Muster Roll (Soldiers on Duty) at U.S.A. Depot Field Hospital, 6 Army Corps, City Point, VA]:  
Ebenezer Page, Pvt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Attached to hospital:  
When Feb. 14, 1865; How employed Nurse; Present for duty.

+April 2, 1865, Assault and fall of Petersburg <http://www.petersburgbreakthrough.org/>

+April 5, 1865, Amelia Springs <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va091.htm>

+April 6, 1865, Sailor's Creek <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va093.htm>

+April 9, 1865, Appomattox Court House and Surrender of Lee and his Army  
<http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/battles/va097.htm>

+April 17-27, 1865, Expedition to Danville.

+Till June, 1865, Duty at Danville and Richmond.

Apl & May 1865. Absent on detached service in 6 Corps Hosp since Feb-13-65.
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May & Jun, 1865 (from Company "B" Muster Roll):  
Ebenezer Page, Pvt., Co. B, 9 Reg't N.Y. Heavy Artillery; Present for duty; Detailed  
as nurse at 6th Corps Hosp., City Point, VA, since Jan. 25/65.

June 1865. Detailed as blacksmith in 2 M Dept.
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+June 8, Corps Review.

July 6, 1865 (Muster-out Roll, dated Washington, D.C., July 6, 1865):  
Muster-out to date July 6, 1865; Last paid to Feb. 29, 1864; Clothing account: Last settled Aug. 31, 1864; drawn since \$12.25; Due soldier \$37.35; Bounty paid \$25.00; due \$75.00; Remarks: Due U.S. clothing overdrawn \$1.63.

## ***Post-Civil War***

With peace again on the land, Ebenezer joined the 9<sup>th</sup> N.Y. Heavy Artillery Association and was listed on page 6 of *Roster of Survivors of 9<sup>th</sup> New York Heavy Artillery*, a booklet compiled by Frank Tallman, Association Secretary, and published in September 1902. His P.O. address at the time was Brockport, NY.

Ebenezer and his wife spent their latter years in Monroe County, where he died at Rochester July 5, 1911, of "senility & heat prostration," having reached and surpassed the venerable age of 91 years. Ebenezer and Elizabeth, who had died in July 1907, were interred at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester, New York.

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