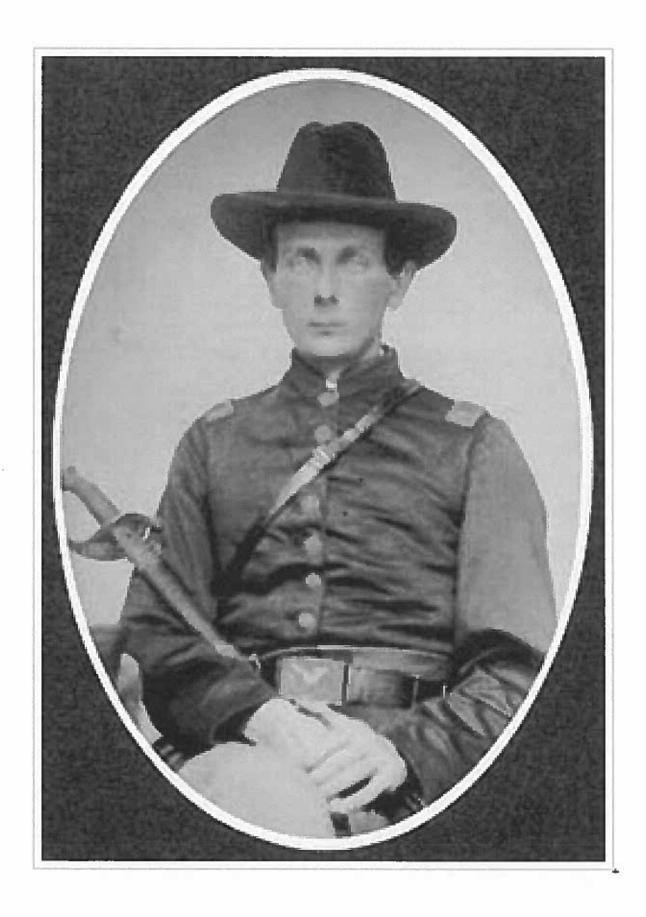


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The 176th Regiment Pennsylvania Drafted Militia

The 178th Regiment, Pennsylvania Drafted Mititia, was raised by the State Mititia Draft of 1862. This draft had resulted from the fauture to \$11 President Lincoln's call for 300,000 mititia volunteers during the summer of 1862. Atthough a strong effort was made by local and county officials to form an all-Lehigh hine month volunteer regiment under the command of General George Fry, the County could not raise enough money to pay the \$100 bonuses needed to entice new recruds. The men initially stated for the Lehigh County volunteer regiment were eventually drafted into the 176th on October 16, 1862, amid a growing local anti-war sentment and strong opposition to the draft Lehigh's assessment for the 1862 draft was "1,452 able-bodied men between the ages of 21 and 45 years", however, only seven companies (A, B, D, E, G, I, & K) of this nine-month mitital.



regiment, numbering approximately 460 men, were raised in Lehigh County, with the majority of Company A comprised of men from the Borough of Millerstown (Macungle) and the sumbunding Lower Macungle Township. The three remaining companies (C, F, & H) were raised in Monroe County, Several of the Millerstown men had previously served with the 54th PVI Regimental Band as part of the Millerstown Brass Band contingent that had enlisted during the fall of 1861 and had been discharged during August of 1862.