

Oswego and The Civil War: Company A 24th Infantry

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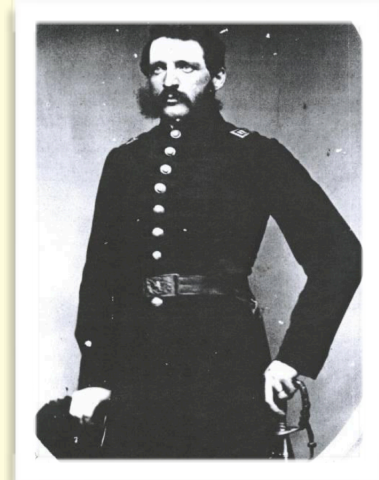
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John D. O'Brian, Captain, Company A, 24th Infantry. Image from: <http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/infantry/24thInf/24thInfPersonOBrian.htm>
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Cullahan, Patrick.	22	Canada
Carpenter, Horrace.	21	U. S.
Cook, Lewis.	29	Germany
Campbell, Jonathan D.	24	U. S.
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Everts, George.	28	U. S.
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Flynn, Michael.	21	On Sea
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Flynn, Thomas F.	31	Ireland
Galligan, Charles.	22	Ireland
Garity, Thomas.	22	Ireland
Hason, James.	22	Canada
Henry, John.	20	Ireland
Himes, William H.	24	U. S.
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Huxter, Patrick H.	29	Ireland
Irwin, John T.	21	U. S.
Johnson, Caleb.	26	Canada
Kniffin, William L.	26	U. S.
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Norton, John G.	23	U. S.
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Everts, George.	28	U. S.
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Robinson, Warren.	23	U. S.
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Roulston, Josiah.	20	U. S.
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Questions for further research and discussion:

1. How many men enlisted with Captain O'Brian?
2. What was the average age of the men who enlisted?
3. Who was the oldest to enlist? What was his age?
4. Who was the youngest to enlist? What was his age?
5. Why were musicians enlisted? What role did they play?
6. The men who enlisted came from various countries. What were the number of men from each country? Why would men who came from another country enlist in the U.S. Civil War?
7. Research a few of the names on the list. What more can you learn about them? (Use census data, obituaries, historic newspaper articles, state and/or national archives etc. to learn more.)
8. Use a map to pinpoint the locations listed in the article. Research those locations and the engagements of war that occurred during this time.
9. What impact, if any, did the enlistment of so many men have on the economy in Oswego County? What personal tolls did it make on their families?
10. We know that Captain O'Brian lost a leg in a battle during the Civil War. What types of services were available to the returning soldiers who sustained significant wounds (visible and non-visible) during the mid 1800's?