

## CIVIL WAR RECORD: MARTIN BUCK

(also appears in records as Martin Book)

- Sept. 9, 1861 - Enlisted as a private in the 45th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry ("5th German Rifles"), Company "A", Captain Hermann Weller. Age: 43; occupation: tailor; born: Germany; height 5'5", blue eyes, brown hair, fair complexion.
- Oct. 9, 1861 - Regiment left N.Y. for Washington D.C., to serve in the defenses of Washington.
- Dec. 2, 1861 - Taken prisoner in the Regiment's first engagement with the enemy at Annandale Church, Virginia, less than ten miles south of Washington. According to the records of Company "A", "Our Company was engaged the 2nd December on Outpost Picket in a Scout with the Rebel Cavalry at Annandale and had a loss of one killed and twelve prisoners." Confined at Richmond, Dec. 5; moved to Salisbury Prison Camp, North Carolina, Dec. 24.
- June 2, 1862 - Released in a prisoner exchange at the port of Washington, North Carolina.
- Nov.-Dec. 1861 - Detailed as a guard in Convalescent Camp, near Alexandria, Va.
- Feb. 19, 1863 - Rejoined the 45th Regiment at Potomac Creek Bridge, Va.
- Apr. 14, 1863 - Honorably discharged at Brooke's Station, Va., due to disability. Had not been fit for duty since rejoining the Regiment. According to his first sergeant and others who had been prisoners with him, he was "always suffering, on account of short breath" while a prisoner. Diagnosed by regimental surgeon as having tuberculosis ("consumption") in both lungs, contracted while in service.

