

## STATE OF OHIO CIVIL WAR VETERAN MEDAL, 'JNO POPP, CO I, 70<sup>TH</sup> REGT INFT'

The state of Ohio authorized Tiffany & Company of New York to provide 20,000 medals to recognize those soldiers from Ohio who re-enlisted from the state under War Department General Orders, No. 191, which called for "Veteran Volunteers." These were soldiers who completed their tour of duty and then signed up for further duty as a Veteran Volunteer. The medals were distributed in the summer of 1866 and were officially engraved with the name and unit. The medals were very much based on the British Crimea War medal. Today, the conditions of the medals vary greatly but are more often than not found as discs only due to the very poor suspension design.

John Propp enlisted on 15th Oct 1861 as a Private in "I" Company 70th Ohio Infantry. He was Mustered Out on 2/3/1866 at Columbus, OH



Seventieth Infantry was organized at Camp Dennison from Nov., 1861, to Feb., 1862, to serve for three years. It was ordered to Paducah, Ky., and on its arrival was incorporated into Sherman's division, then organizing. It took part in both days of the action at Shiloh and established a lasting name for bravery and endurance. Gen. Sherman spoke of the conduct of the regiment to every one in the most flattering terms, and in the report of the battle said "*Col. Cockerill behaved with great gallantry and held together the largest regiment of any colonel in my division; and stood by me from first to last.*" The regiment engaged in no more fighting until after the fall of Vicksburg when Gen. Sherman moved upon Jackson, the capital of Mississippi, and during the siege the 70th behaved in a gallant manner. A few days after the battle of Chickamauga the 15th corps, to which the regiment belonged, moved up the river to Memphis, then marched through northern Mississippi, Alabama and southern Tennessee, and took part in the battle of Chattanooga in November. In Jan., 1864, the regiment re-enlisted as veterans, every company carrying on its rolls the proper number of men to retain its organization. During the memorable march to Atlanta the regiment participated in all the battles on the way and around the city, and maintained in each and all its high reputation. During the autumn and winter months it marched through Georgia to the sea and participated in the storming of Fort McAllister, where it suffered severely. It was the first regiment to enter the work through the abatis and ditch, sweeping over the plain and through the works without a halt. It was with Sherman in his march through the Carolinas and participated in

the battle of Bentonville. After the grand review it was sent to Little Rock, Ark , where it was finally mustered out on Aug. 14, 1865.



Condition, Medal disc only which is worn, may even have spent time in the ground, naming still easily seen