

**A WEST VIRGINIA CIVIL WAR MEDAL TO CAPTAIN, 10TH WEST VIRGINIA INFANTRY, HAVING RISEN FROM THE RANK OF PRIVATE TO COMPANY COMMANDER BY APRIL 1865. TAKING PART IN SHERIDAN'S SHENANDOAH VALLEY CAMPAIGN OF 1863, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN PRESENT AT THE BATTLES OF OPEQUAN, WINCHESTER, FISHER'S HILL, CEDAR CREEK, HATCHERS RUN, THE ASSAULT ON AND FALL OF PETERSBURG, THE PURSUIT AND SURRENDER OF LEE AND HIS ARMY AT APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE, 9 APRIL 1865**



**WEST VIRGINIA CIVIL WAR MEDAL 'GWINN MINTER CAPT 10<sup>TH</sup> REGT INF VOLS'. SUSPENSION CLASP REPLACED BY SILVER AND ENAMEL PINBACK CORPS BADGE, SUSPENDED BY A CHAIN**

Gwinn Minter, aged 23, enlisted into Company C, 10th West Virginia Infantry as a Private on 22 November 1861. Promoted Sergeant in March 1862, he reenlisted as a Veteran Volunteer on 29 February 1864 and was commissioned 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant of Company C on 1 November 1864. Having commanded Company C from April 1865, he was confirmed as Captain on 25 July 1865 and mustered out of service in August that year.

During Minter's service with the 10th West Virginia Infantry, they served in many small engagements in West Virginia 1862-3. They took part in Sheridan's Shenandoah Valley Campaign, August – November 1864, including the battles of Opequan, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek, where



they lost their Colonel. In 1865, the 10<sup>th</sup> served in the Appomattox Campaign, March 1865 before moving to the Petersburg front where they took part in the battle of Hatcher's Run, the assault on and fall of Petersburg 2 April, the pursuit of Lee April and the surrender of Lee and his army at Appomattox Court House, 9 April 1865.

### 10TH WEST VIRGINIA INFANTRY SERVICE

Organized at Camp Pickens, Canaan, Glenville, Clarksville, Sutton, Philippi and Piedmont March 12 to May 18, 1862. Attached to Cheat Mountain District, Mountain Department, to May, 1862. Railroad District, Mountain Department, to July, 1862. Railroad District, 8th Corps, Middle Department, to September, 1862. Railroad Division, West Virginia, to January, 1863. Milroy's Command, Winchester, Va., 8th Army Corps, to February, 1863. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, 8th Army Corps, to March, 1863. Averell's 4th Separate Brigade, 8th Army Corps, Middle Department, to June, 1863. Averell's 4th Separate Brigade, Dept. West Virginia, to December, 1863. 1st Brigade, 4th Division, West Virginia, to April, 1864. Kelly's Command, Reserve Division, West Virginia, to July, 1864. 3rd Brigade, 1st Division; West Virginia, July, 1864. 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, West Virginia, to December, 1864. 3rd Brigade, Independent Division, 24th Army Corps, Army of the James, to June, 1865. 2nd Brigade, Independent Division, 24th Army Corps, to August, 1865.

SERVICE.—At Monterey April, 1862. Assigned to railroad guard duty in Railroad District, District of West Virginia, till January, 1863; at Beverly, Bulltown, Martinsburg, etc. Expedition from Summersville to Addison April 17-21, 1862. Skirmish at Holly River, W. Va., April 17. Mung's Flats June 25. Buckhannon August 30. Sutton September 23. Big Birch October 6. Wardensville December 22. At Winchester, Va., January, 1863. At Beverly May, 1863. Scout to Beverly June 16. Action at Beverly July 2-3. At Martinsburg August, 1863. Averell's Raid through Hardy, Pendleton, Bath, Highland, Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties August 5-31. Rocky Gap near White Sulphur Springs August 26-27. Sutton August 26 (Cos. "G," "I"). Bell's Mills and on Elk River August 27 (Detachment). Bulltown, Braxton County, October 13. Averell's Raid against Lewisburg and the Virginia & Tennessee Railroad November 1-17. Mill Point November 5. Droop Mountain November 6. Hillsboro November 10. At Beverly till May, 1864; scouting Counties of Randolph, Tucker, Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Braxton, Highland, Pendleton and Webster. Cheat River December 6, 1863. Moorefield Junction January 3, 1864. Scout from Beverly through Pocahontas, Webster and Braxton Counties May 15-30. Leetown July 3. Maryland Heights, Md., July 6-7. Operations about Harper's Ferry July 10. Snicker's Ferry July 17-18. Kernstown, Winchester, July 23-24. Sheridan's Shenandoah Valley Campaign August 6 to November 28. Strasburg and Massanutton Mountain August 16. Winchester August 17. Battle of Opequan, Winchester, September 19. Fisher's Hill September 22. Cedar Creek October 13. Battle of Cedar Creek October 19. Duty in Shenandoah Valley till December. Moved to Washington, D.C., December 19-20, thence to Bermuda Hundred December 20-23. Duty in the trenches north of James River till March, 1865. Appomattox Campaign March 28-April 9. Moved to front of Petersburg March 28-29. Hatcher's Run March 30-31, and April 1. Assault on and fall of Petersburg April 2. Pursuit of Lee April 3-9. Rice's Station April 6. Appomattox Court House April 9. Surrender of Lee and his army. March to Lynchburg April 12-15. March to Farmville and Burkesville April 15-19, thence to Richmond April 22-25. Duty near Richmond till August. Mustered out August 9, 1865.



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