**Book Announcement**

*Echoes from the Boys of Company H* has just been published and focuses on a few Civil War soldiers from Company H, 100th Regiment, New York State Volunteers, who were prolific writers, all from Buffalo, New York. It is based upon a treasure trove of almost three hundred letters, journals, and diaries. These writings provide rare insight into life as a common soldier. Highlights include descriptions of and reactions to numerous military campaigns such as: the assault of Fort Wagner in the Siege of Charleston and Virginia campaigns including Bermuda Hundred, Petersburg, Appomattox, and Richmond. The “boys” also share their thoughts about topics ranging from everyday camp life and homesickness to broader concerns such as politics and religion. Hear a firsthand account of the horrors of prison life in Andersonville, Ga. and Florence, SC.

Follow these soldiers after the war as they re-enter “civil life”. As their experiences begin to fade to distant echoes from the past, the soldiers ultimately join together to develop an association to relive and glorify their wartime experiences.

*Echoes from the Boys of Company H* is a unique and touching collection of the written words of young men who proudly served their country during one of the most tumultuous times in the young nation’s history. Although their voices are now silenced, the documents they left behind are eloquent lessons in the understanding of and gratitude for the sacrifices of all who fought on both sides.

The author, Neal E. Wixson, is the great-grandson of Thomas Maharg, one of the “boys” of Company H. He has earned a B.A. from Oberlin College and a J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law and is the Assistant Dean of Admission for the William & Mary Law School, is a member of the Williamsburg Civil War Roundtable and a member of the Veterans Association of the 100th Civil War Regiment, New York State Volunteers. He and his wife live in Virginia.

**Reviews**

“Here is a rich collection of Civil War letters by several soldiers not only from the same regiment but the same company H of the 100th New York Volunteer Infantry. Taken together, they present a colorful, illuminating and detailed portrait of small-unit operations in a variety of campaigns from the spring of 1862 to war’s end, including Charleston, Bermuda Hundred, the sieges of Petersburg and Richmond and the pursuit of Lee’s Confederates to Appomattox. The letters not only reveal the emotions and actions of officers and men in battle but offer a graphic description of life in the hell-hole that was Andersonville Prison.” Edward Longacre, Author of *Army of Amateurs* as well as 20 other civil war books.

“An unusually textured view of the Civil War and its immediate aftermath in the words of its participants. Neal Wixson has gone to tremendous lengths to locate and transcribe a vast array of viewpoints on battles, camp life and wartime politics.” The College of William & Mary Professor Carol Sheriff and co-author of *A People at War*

“Stunning! A remarkable tour de force! *Echoes from the Boys of Company H* is an intimate, personal look, through the letters, diaries and journals of common soldiers, into everyday life in the 100th New York Infantry. These personal documents bring Company H to life and we endure the misery of diseases and trench warfare, the boredom of camp life, and the terror of battles with these common soldiers. We also share their personal fears and intimate moments with their loved ones back home. This marvelous collection of letters is augmented, in a parallel story, by a moving diary that Private Alfred Lyth maintained after he was captured near Petersburg, Virginia and sent by train to a prison in Andersonville, Georgia and then later to Florence, South Carolina.” Jeff Toalson, editor of *No Soap, No Pay, Diarrhea, Dysntery & Desertion*