Dartmouth College and the U.S. Civil War

1834

1861

1863

1913

2015

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The Dartmouth Phalanx

- Organized in 1834 (military duty was briefly made compulsory for New Hampshire youths over 18)
- First & most famous of the student military companies
- Thrived for 11 years, establishing Dartmouth's proud military tradition
Letters of Daniel E. Boutelle ('62)

- Wrote letters to his brother from Hanover in the opening days of the Civil War
- Describes a campus rapt with excitement and eagerness

"The only objects in view at present are the preservation of our Union and the defense of our honor."
The Dartmouth Cavaliers

- Company of cavalrymen organized by Sanford S. Burr '63

- Included 35 students from Dartmouth, 23 from Norwich University, 4 from Bowdoin and a few from Amherst, Williams, Union

- Saw action on the battlefield during a 3-month stint in the war
Resignation of President Lord

- Served as President of Dartmouth for 35 years
- Held an ultraconservative Biblical interpretation of slavery
- Dartmouth had an "uneared national reputation for being pro-slavery"
- Resigned in 1863 in the wake of criticism from the Board of Trustees
Picturing the Civil War

- Sketches from the diary of Newton T. Hartshorn (from Rauner's collection)

"The War for the Union"
Civil War Memorial in Rauner

- Given in 1913 by the Class of 1863 as a 50th reunion present to the College
- Lists the names, ranks, and military units of the 56 classmates who served in the Civil War
- 53 served for the Union, and 3 for the Confederacy
"Dispatches from the Civil War"

- Featured in the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (2013)
- "No college had a larger proportion of her men enrolled in the armed forces" (652 student volunteers)
- Details the individual experiences of Dartmouth alumni during the Civil War