



**PAIRED 1/6TH PLATE
TINTYPES - BROTHERS**

It was not uncommon as soldiers mustered into the service and departed for the front, that they would visit the local photographer and have an image made to leave behind with family. It would appear that these two soldiers did the same, leaving a matched pair of 1/6th plate tintypes side by side in a single thermoplastic Union case. From the similarity in their facial features, it can be reasonably assumed that they were brothers. The young men both wear infantry 9-button frock coats with a small slouch hat. The hats are similar in size but not identical, indicating that they were a headgear item of choice and not a regimental uniform requirement. The soldier on the left has a brass 20th infantry device on his hat with a black ostrich plume. Their seated poses are identical.

Of unusual interest are their gauntlets which would not be typical for an enlistedman of infantry to wear. At first it would seem that the gauntlets were photographer's props, but close study reveals that they are not identical between the two images, indicating that the gauntlets could belong to the two young men. The photographer has delicately tinted the gauntlets a faint ivory color, at the same time adding a touch of gilt to their buttons. There is also gilt added to the hatband of one, and the infantry device of the other.

The two images are housed in a thermoplastic Union case known as The Eagle At Bay, Krainik #111, made by Littlefield, Parsons, and Company. The case is identified as Collection #162.

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