

ELBRIDGE

ELBRIDGE* (4,509) · Phisterer: "Eldridge"

Artillery: 16LM

Cavalry: 2GH

Infantry: 122G, 149G

16th Artillery Regiment Civil War

History

The following is taken from New York in the War of the Rebellion, 3rd ed. Frederick Phisterer. Albany: J. B. Lyon Company, 1912.

Mustered in by companies: September 1863 to February 2, 1864.

Mustered out: August 21, 1865.

Colonel Joseph J. Morrison received authority, June 19, 1863, to recruit this regiment. It was organized at New York City. The men enlisted for the Forster's Artillery formed part of it, and those enlisted for the 35th Battery were transferred to it as Company A, September 25, 1863. The surplus men recruited were ordered transferred to the 6th N. Y. Volunteer Artillery in April, 1864, and in May, 1864, a large number of men were transferred to the 81st and 148th N. Y. Volunteer Infantry and 270 to the 1st Mounted Rifles. The companies were mustered in the service of the United States for three years; at Albany, A and B September 28; C and D October 21 and December 7, 1863, respectively; at Biker's Island, E and G December 16, 1863, and January 9, 1864, respectively; at Elmira, F, H, I and K January 19, February 8, January 28 and February 2, 1864, respectively; at Auburn **L and M** January 26, 1864. In July, 1864, a number of unassigned men were formed into a company designated N, but were gradually absorbed by Companies A, B, C, F, G and K, the battalion serving in the field with the 10th Corps under Majors Thomas J. Strong and Frederick W. Prince.

They were recruited principally: A at Utica, New York city, Albany, Watertown, Ogdensburg, Albion and Rouse's Point; B at Albany, Little Falls, Poughkeepsie and New York City; C at Utica, Albany, Auburn, Rome, Watertown, Little Falls, Syracuse and Schenectady; D at Auburn, Utica, Canandaigua, Little Falls, Oswego, Schenectady, New York City, Elmira, Herkimer, Bath, Rome,

Oswego and Buffalo; E at New York City, Brooklyn, Albany, Malone, Stuyvesant and Rome; F at Watertown, Canajoharie, Little Falls, Schenectady, Herkimer, Richfield, Norway, St. Johnsville, Troy, Albany and Buffalo; G at New York City; H at Fort Edward, Syracuse, Canandaigua, Oppenheim, Schenectady, Canajoharie, Troy, St. Johnsville, Minden, Scott, Troy, Argyle and Kingsbury; I at Kingsbury, Granville, White Creek, Fort Ann, Fort Edward, Greenwich, Johnsburg, Hampton, Hebron, Easton and Utica; K at Poughkeepsie, Salem, Petersburg, White Creek, Cambridge, Hoosick, Easton, Stuyvesant, Greenwich, Troy, Pittstown, Chester and Weston; **L** at Fayette, Ira, Cato, Marcellus, Victory, Mentz, **Elbridge**, Skaneateles, Montezuma, Sterling, Covert, Auburn, Junius, Brutus, Romulus, Aurelius and Varick; and **M** at Auburn, Brutus, Victory, Sterling, Conquest, Fayette, Niles, Lodi, Cato, Sennett, Skaneateles, Montezuma and **Elbridge**.

The regiment left the State by detachments: Companies A and B, October 14; Company C, October 22; Companies D and E, December 8 and 16, 1863, respectively; Company G, January 13, and the remaining companies later in January, 1864; it served as heavy artillery and infantry at Fort Monroe, Yorktown and Gloucester Point, Va.; Companies E and H in 1st Brigade, 3d Division, 10th Corps in July, 1864; Companies A, B, C, F, G, K and N in 2d Brigade, 1st Division, 10th Corps, from July 27, 1864; **Company L, also from October, 1864;** Companies A, B, C, F, G and K, in 2d Brigade, 1st Division, 24th Corps, and a detachment in the Artillery Brigade, 24th Corps, from December, 1864; Companies E and H in the Separate Brigade, Army of the James, at Fort Pocahontas, Va., from December, 1864; Companies A, B, C, F, G and K again in 2d Brigade, 1st Division, 10th Corps, from April 2, 1865. When General Butler called for volunteers to commence the Dutch Gap canal, Companies A, B, C, F, G and K volunteered, and 600 men were selected from them for the work, and commenced it on the 9th of August, 1864; they were withdrawn August 19, 1864, but Major Strong continued in charge of the work, and Major Prince in command of the battalion.

In July, 1865, the regiment was united; and, commanded by Colonel Morrison, it was honorably discharged and mustered out August 21, 1865, at Washington, D. C.; having lost by death, killed in action, 19 enlisted men; of wounds received in action, 24 enlisted men; of disease and other causes, 2 officers, 284 enlisted men; total, 2 officers, 327 enlisted men; aggregate, 329; of whom 4 enlisted men died in the hands of the enemy.

