

10th Cavalry Regiment Civil War Porter Guard

History

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Left the State: December 24, 1861

Consolidated with the 24th regiment of cavalry and designated 1st provisional regiment of cavalry: July 10, 1865

Colonel John C. Lemmon received August 3, 1861, authority from the War Department to recruit this regiment. In September, 1861, it was turned over to the State authorities and recruiting continued by them. It was organized at Elmira, and a number of the men enlisted for the Morgan Cavalry, then disbanded, joined it. It received its numerical designation, December 12, 1861, and its companies were mustered in the service of the United States for three years, A at Syracuse, September 27, 1861, B, C, D, E, F, G and H at Elmira, December 28, 1861, I, K and L at Elmira, October 30 and 29, 1862, and M in November and December, 1862, and January, 1863. Companies I, K and L joined the regiment December 5, 1862, and Company M in February, 1863, completing the regimental organization. At the expiration of the term of service of the first eight companies, the men entitled thereto were discharged, and the regiment continued in the service.

The companies were recruited principally: **A** at Syracuse, McGrawville, Victory, **Jordan**, Cincinnatus, Freetown, Red Creek and Cortland; B, C, D, E and F, at Elmira and Buffalo; G and H at Elmira; I at Broadalbin, Johnstown, Mayfield, Perth and North Hampton; K at Oxford, McDonough, Coventry, Greene, Sherburne, Preston and Unadilla; L at Buffalo, Cortland, Cuyler, Lyons, Persia, Pitcher, Taylor and Virgil; M at Buffalo, Freetown, Otto, Oxford, German, Niagara Falls, Pitcher, Virgil, Cortland, Lapeer and West Sparta.

The regiment (eight companies) left the State December 24, 1861, and served at Gettysburg, Pa.; from March, 1862, in the Middle Department, 8th Corps, guarding railroads; from August, 1862, in the defenses of Washington, D. C.; in Gregg's Cavalry Brigade, Army of the Potomac, all mounted, from October, 1862; in the 1st Brigade, 3d Division, Cavalry Corps, Army of the Potomac, from February, 1863; in the 3d Brigade, 2d Division, Cavalry Corps, Army of the Potomac, from June 14, 1863; serving, however, with the 12th Corps from June 22 to 27, 1863; in the 2d Brigade, same division, from August, 1863; Company K served as escort with headquarters, 2d Corps, in September, 1863; and Company M from September to December, 1863; the regiment in the 1st Brigade, 2d Division, Cavalry Corps, Army of the Potomac, from May 17, 1864.

July 10, 1865, the regiment, commanded by Colonel Matthew H. Avery, was consolidated, company with corresponding company, with the 24th N. Y. Volunteer Cavalry at Cloud's Mills, Va., and the consolidated force received the designation, "1st Provisional Regiment N. Y. Volunteer Cavalry." The transfer was ordered June 17, 1865, but actually consummated July 10, 1865.

During its service the regiment lost by death, killed in action, 5 officers, 71 enlisted men; of wounds received in action, 4 officers, 26 enlisted men; of disease and other causes, 1 officer, 151 enlisted men; total, 10 officers, 248 enlisted men; aggregate, 258; of whom 1 officer and 31 enlisted men died in the hands of the enemy.

