

Cass County Michigan

1st Regiment Michigan Infantry (colored) 1863-1865

Later the 102nd. United States Colored Troops

From Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War, Washington D.C., dated July 24, 1863, in part, "You are hereby instructed to raise one Regiment of colored Infantry in the State of Michigan. To these troops no bounty will be paid. They will receive ten dollars per month, with one ration per day, three dollars of which monthly pay will be deducted for clothing, these troops will be commanded by white officers".

Under this order to Austin Blair, then Governor of Michigan, the Regiment known originally as the First Regiment of Colored Infantry, afterwards its designation changed to the 102nd. United States Colored Troops was commenced on the 12th. day of August, 1863, upon completion with 895 men on its roll, receiving their commission into the service of the United States.

The Regiment left its rendezvous at Detroit on the 28th. of March, 1864, under the command of Colonel Bennett, joining the 9th. Army Corp. at Annapolis, Maryland, remaining at that place until the 15th. of April, when they were detached from that Corp., embarking on steamers for Hilton Head, South Carolina., arriving there on the 19th. of that month.

Detachments of the Regiment were employed on picket duty on St. Helena and Jenkin's Islands, then at Sea Wall and Spanish Wells, on Hilton Head, for one month. They were then ordered to the fort at Port Royal, where they were assigned the task of building fortifications, they also assisted in the construction of a second line of defenses. On the 15th. of June they moved to Beaufort, on Port Royal Island, They were here employed as camp guard and provost duty until the end of August. Embarking at this time for Jacksonville, Florida, arriving there on the 3rd.

On the following day, they marched to Baldwin, a railroad junction, 21 miles from Jacksonville, where they were engaged on picket duty, also destroying tracks there. On the 11th. of that month they were suddenly attacked by a force of Confederate Cavalry, which they easily repulsed, which by their action in the fight, fully convinced their officers, they were indeed a most reliable and gallant fighting Regiment.

Leaving Baldwin on the 15th., the Regiment participated in an expedition through the Eastern part of Florida, making a circuit of nearly one hundred miles in 5 days, then reaching the St. Johns River, at Magnolia, thirty five miles above Jacksonville. They remained at Magnolia, building fortifications, while performing other garrison duties.

Re-embarking for Beaufort, the Regiment reached there on the 31st. On the 1st. of September, they were sent to the front to do picket duty, in which duty, they were engaged with the Confederates at different points on Coosa, Lady's and Port Royal Islands. The Confederates made an attempt, in early October, to land a surprise force, under the cover of darkness, to attack the Regiment on duty at Lady's Island, but were discovered, when after a brief fire fight were driven off.

On the 30th. of November a detachment of the Regiment, consisting of 12 officers and 300 men left Beaufort, joining General Foster's column at Boyd's Landing, being engaged with the Confederates at Honey Hill, S.C., then at Tillifinny on December the 7th., again at Devaux Neck on the 9th. At the points named, they performed most gallantly in the face of a vastly superior force sustaining in the three engagements 65 in killed and wounded.

On January 19, 1865, the several companies doing duty at the outposts returned to Beaufort, then on the 28th. set out for Pocotaligo, where they remained until the 7th. of February, then crossed the Salkehatchie River to Charleston, until on the 8th. they made a reconnaissance to Cuckwold Creek. where Confederate skirmishers were met, driving them from the area. On March the 9th., the Regiment boarded steamers for the trip to Savannah, Georgia, where they remained until the on the 9th., found them striking the Southern works at Nelson's Ferry.

On the 18th., near Manchester, the Regiment, along with the 54th. Mass., succeeded in flanking the Confederates there, driving them in great disorder in the direction of Statesburg. The Regiment remained in that general area until the

Confederates approached them under a flag of truce with a dispatch that Generals Lee and Johnston had surrendered, the war then over. The Regiment stayed at there post until April 25th. when they marched to Charleston, remaining there until September 30th., when they were mustered out and proceeded to Michigan, arriving at Detroit on the 17th. of October, to be paid of and disbanded.

During their term of federal service, they were engaged at:

Baldwin,FI/ Honey Hill,SC/ Tillifinny,SC/ Devaux Neck,SC/ Cuckwold's Creek,SC/ Sumpterville,SC/ Spring Hill,SC/ Swift Creek,SC/ Boykin's,SC/ Singleton's Plantation,SC

Total Enrollment--1446..... Killed in Action--6..... Died of Wounds--5..... Died of Disease--129

102nd United States Colored Troops (USCT)

(Originally the 1st Michigan Colored Infantry)

Soldiers from Cass County Michigan

Company A

Hood, Philander, Pokagon, e. Aug. 17, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Company B

Alexander, Jacob, Howard, e. Oct. 1, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Brown, John, Calvin, e. Oct. 20, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Brown, Stuart, Calvin, e. Oct. 20, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Butcher, David, Calvin, e. Oct. 21, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Callaway, Giles, Porter, e. Oct. 21, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Coker, James, Calvin, e. Oct. 16, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Coker, Michael, Calvin, e. Oct. 18, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Curtis, George H., Calvin, e. Dec. 4, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Dungie, John, Calvin, e. Oct. 7, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Gibbins, William, Jefferson, e. Aug. 24, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Harris, Charles W., Howard, e. Oct. 1, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Hawley, William, Calvin, e. Oct. 22, 1863; dis. For disability May 26, 1864

Howard, William, Calvin, e. Oct. 5, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Limus, John, Pokagon, e. Oct. 10, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Mathews, Allison L., Calvin, e. Sep. 23, 1864; died of disease at Orangeburg, S.C., Aug. 6, 1865

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Newman, William H, Calvin, e. Oct. 7, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Seaton, Joseph, LaGrange, e. Oct. 18, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Stewart, George W., Calvin, e. Nov. 20, 1863; died of disease at Beaufort, S.C., Jul. 27, 1864

Stewart, James M., Calvin, e. Oct 18, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Stewart, Little; Calvin, e. Sep 23, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Stewart, John J., Calvin, e. Oct. 21, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Wade, Berry, Corp., Calvin, e. Oct. 7, 1863; died of disease at Beaufort, S.C., Aug.. 22, 1864

Williams, George W., Calvin, e. Oct. 21, 1863; died of disease at Columbia, S.C., Aug. 12, 1865

Wood, John W., Calvin, e. Oct. 19, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Company C

Ford, William, LaGrange, e. Feb. 17, 1865; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Hill, Dennis R., Howard, e. Oct 1, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Redman, Willis, Howard, e. Oct 1, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Wallace, James H., Ontwa, e. Sep. 5, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Wilson, Nathaniel, Calvin, e. Oct 18, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Company D

Artis, George, Calvin, e. Nov. 5, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Barrister, Gustavus, Howard, e. Oct. 1, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Calloway, Creed, Porter, e. Nov. 18, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Hunt, Jordan P., Calvin, e. Oct. 23, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Mattock, Henry, Pokagon, e. Feb. 16, 1865; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Simons, Williams H., Calvin, e. Nov. 17, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Vaughn, James, Calvin, e. Sep. 28, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Company F

Brown, John, Howard, e. Dec. 19, 1863; died of disease Jan. 17, 1864

Bowden, John, LaGrange, e. Nov. 28, 1863; died of disease at Beaufort, S.C., Nov. 14, 1864

Boyd, Anderson, Howard, e. Dec. 12, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

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Conner, William F., Sgt., Penn, e. Dec. 11, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Dungil, Wright, Penn, e. Aug. 22, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Ford, Edward, Milton, e. - - , died of disease at Beaufort, S.C., Jan. 14, 1865

Harrison, Milford, Howard, e. Dec. 12, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Hays, Arick, Penn, E. Aug. 24, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Hays, William H., Calvin, e. Oct. 4, 1864; absent sick at m.o.

Henry, Martin V., Penn, e. Dec 2, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Hill, Anthony, Penn., e. Sep. 1, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Howard, Ezekiel, Porter, e. Oct. 3, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Lett, Zach., Corp., Penn, e. Dec. 14, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Mathews, Henry A., LaGrange, e. Sep 5, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Plowden, William P., Howard, e.. Dec. 19, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Ramsay, Joseph, Penn, e. Dec. 11, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Roberts, John, Penn, e. Aug. 18, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Van Dyke, Lewis, Sgt., Penn, e. Dec. 11, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Company G

Ash, Joseph C., Calvin, e. Sep. 23, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Brice, George, Howard, e. Dec. 19, 1863; dis. For disability May 26, 1864

Boyd, Lawson, Calvin, e. Dec. 29, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Byrd, James M., Calvin, e. Sep. 23, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Byrd, Turner, Calvin, e. Sep. 23, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Bartlett, Porter, e. Dec 29, 1863; died of disease in Michigan Apr. 5, 1864

Heathcock, Berry, Porter, e. Dec. 29, 1863; dis for disability May 28, 1865

Hill, Jackson, Penn, e. Sep. 1, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Houston, John, Silver Creek, e. Dec. 26, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Jefferson, Thomas, Pokagon, e. Dec. 30, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Lawrence, Alfred, Howard, e. Dec. 12, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

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Russell, Henderson, Pokagon, e. Dec. 30, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Russell, Jacob, Pokagon, e. Dec. 30, 1863; dis. For disability Jun. 8, 1865

Russell, John, Pokagon, e. Dec. 30, 1863; dis. For wounds Jun. 8, 1865

Stewart, John E., Calvin, e. Feb. 28, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Stewart, Sylvester, Ontwa, e. Dec. 28, 1863; dis. For disability May 30, 1865

Thornton, Henry, Calvin, e. Sep. 29, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Windburn, George, Howard, e. Sep. 28, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Wines, Ebenezer, Howard, e. Sep. 23, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Company H

Cousins, Elzy, Porter, e. Dec. 26, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Cousins, David, Penn, e. Dec. 4, 1863; absent sick

Dorsey, James W., Howard, e. Dec 24, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Gibson, Marquis, Penn, e. Aug. 19, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Griffin, Solomon, Penn, e. Dec. 21, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Hill, Allen, Penn, e. Sep. 1, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Sanders, Peter, Porter, e. Dec. 9, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Washington, George, Dowagiac, e. Dec. 18, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

White, Henry, Calvin, e. Dec. 13, 1863; died of disease at Beaufort, S.C., Aug. 7, 1864

White, Wright, LaGrange, e. Feb. 17, 1865; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Company I

Anderson, Amon, Porter, e. Sep. 17, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Anderson, Jefferson B., Porter, e. Jan. 11, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Gilliam, Andrew, LaGrange, e. Dec. 31, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Morton, Henry, Calvin, e. Sep. 23, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Sharpe, Joseph, Silver Creek, e. Mar. 15, 1865; dis by order Oct. 28, 1865

Wilson, Joel, Howard, e. Dec. 24, 1863; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Company K

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Byrd, Abner R. Sgt., Calvin, e. Jan. 16, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Harris, William, Calvin, e. Sep. 23, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Murphy, Percival, Calvin, e. Jan. 15, 1864; dis. By order Nov. 13, 1865

Stafford, James K., Porter, e. Aug. 24, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Talbot, William H., Porter, e. Oct. 5, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Wilson, Giles B., Calvin, e. Sep. 23, 1864; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865

Unassigned

Stewart, Richard M., Calvin, e. Oct. 25, 1864; died of disease at Nashville, TN, Jan. 7, 1865

Sources: In part taken from Michigan History Magazine - 1991 and other sources compiled.
Waterman's "History of Cass County, 1882"

Following Corrections were made by family members:

- a. Little, Stewart, Calvin, e. Sep. 23, 1884; m.o. Sep. 30, 1865 (His name is Stewart, Littleberry)
- b. Unassigned Stewart, Richard M., Calvin, e. Oct. 25, 1864; died of disease at Nashville, TN, Jan. 7, 1865 - He is left out of most lists on the net but, I have documentation from the U.S. War Department as to when he enlisted, where, when he died & where he died. - Esther P. Stewart

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