

The Twelfth Kentucky Cavalry.

This account of the 12th Ky. Cavalry is made up from the summary in the adjutant-general's report, the official records, and a very excellent statement furnished by Samuel D. Littlepage, M. D., who was surgeon of the regiment.

The 12th was recruited under Col. Q. C. Shanks, Lieut.-Col. A. W. Holeman and James T. Bramlette, who also became lieutenant-colonel. Dr. Littlepage, says:

“Our regiment dated from the 16th day of August, 1862, though we were not mustered in until the 17th day of November, 1862, when eleven companies, with the field and staff, were mustered into the United States service. The twelfth company was on a scout, so it was mustered later on, and joined us at Munfordville; our roll then showed one thousand two hundred and fifty men in all,

but during our service from first to last, we mustered over two thousand men, and quit the service with less than nine hundred." The muster of the eleven companies was at Owensboro, Ky.; it was in that part of the state generally that the companies were raised. In a communication from Gen. H. G. Wright to Gen. Boyle, November 17, 1862, he says, six companies of the 12th are at Caseyville, Union county, and six at Owensboro.

December 22, 1862, John Morgan left Alexandria, Tenn., for a raid into Kentucky. He passed through Glasgow, Munfordville, Elizabethtown, Bardstown, Springfield, Lebanon, and returned to Tennessee, by way of Burksville. During this raid, the 12th, with other troops under Col. John M. Harlan, acting under Gen. E. H. Hobson, were engaged in protecting the Louisville & Nashville Railroad; while there was much sharp skirmishing, no actual collision took place, but Col. Harlan, in his report shows that his force saved several bridges from destruction, including the one at Rolling Fork, and the one at Shepherdsville, and by great activity prevented much injury to the road. The 12th remained on duty in Kentucky through the winter.

February 14, 1863, Col. Shanks resigned, and March 14th, Capt. Eugene W. Crittenden of the 4th U. S. Reg. Cavalry and brother of Gen. Thos. L. Crittenden, was made colonel of the regiment. May 10th the 12th was engaged in a hard fight with Morgan at Horseshoe bend on Cumberland river. In June following, Morgan crossed the Cumberland at Burksville, and the 12th was again engaged with him at Marrowbone. At that time the regiment was in command of Col. Crittenden, in Hobson's brigade, Judah's division. When Morgan crossed the Cumberland he started on the celebrated raid through Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. The 12th, with other troops, started in pursuit. The pursuit was as remarkable as the raid, and in fact more so, for the Kentucky regiments which pursued, held on their course without repose for twenty-nine days and finally passed Morgan, turned on him and captured him.

Dr. Littlepage says the regiment was so separated by this chase, that it was the middle of August before it got together again. It then reassembled at Glasgow, and prepared for the expedition into East Tennessee under Gen. Burnside.

Arriving at Knoxville, September 5th, it moved up the valley as far as Jonesboro; after skirmishing there it was sent with Wolford's command south of Knoxville, in the neighborhood of Sweetwater and Philadelphia, where, on

the 20th of October, it encountered a large force of the enemy, was surrounded, losing heavily, but cut its way out and proceeded to Loudon. The next day, however, it returned, and again for two days fought the enemy and then crossed to the north side of the Tennessee river. It then moved up to Knoxville, and crossed the Holston and proceeded down the river about sixteen miles, where it again encountered the enemy and fell back before them to Knoxville. Recrossing the river it went out on the Loudon road and contested the approach of Longstreet's forces. It bore its full share of the fighting during the three weeks' siege of Knoxville, and after the siege, joined in the pursuit up the valley. It participated in the severe battle at Bean's station. It remained in East Tennessee during the winter and had numerous fights with the enemy. On the 16th of January it was attacked at Pandridge, but defended the position. After that by a circuitous march by way of Maryville, it reached Knoxville, February 3, 1864, and was ordered to return to Kentucky. At Mt. Sterling the regiment was refitted and prepared for the campaign of 1864.

There the regiment was consolidated into eight companies to make room for four companies transferred to it from the 16th Ky. Cavalry. Being mounted and equipped the regiment moved with Gen. Stoneman in May by way of Point Burnside, into Tennessee; May 6th it was at Kingston. It joined Sherman's army in Georgia at Varnell's station. Col. Crittenden commanding the brigade and Lieut.-Col. James T. Bramlette, the regiment. July 15th the regiment reported to Gen. J. D. Cox. Dr. Littlepage says, not a day passed in the Atlanta campaign that the 12th was not engaged with the enemy. It would require a volume to detail all its experiences in that memorable summer.

The regiment guarded the pontoon bridge over the Chattahoochee in July, and moved south to Atlanta to Jonesboro. After the capture of Atlanta it was ordered back to Kentucky, and went to Camp Nelson where it prepared to accompany Gen. Stoneman on his raid to Saltville, Va. The regiment was then commanded by Maj. Harrison. From Camp Nelson the regiment proceeded by way of Crab Orchard, Cumberland Gap and Bristol to Abingdon, Va. There the regiment was ordered to proceed to Glade Spring above the salt works, and cut the railroad. Striking the railroad eighteen miles above Abingdon it destroyed a train and burned bridges, and with difficulty escaped capture. Before it could effect its return it had passed into the state of North Carolina.

Returning, it again fought at Glade Spring, and passed down by way of Bristol and Blountsville. Gen. Burbridge recognizing the services of Maj. Harrison and his command in one of the severest raids of the war, recommended him to the War Department for promotion. After resting a few days in Tennessee the 12th was ordered to Kentucky, and was employed in the winter of 1865, to protect the Louisville & Nashville Railroad.

The following is quoted from Dr. Littlepage's account:

"About the 20th of March, 1865, we were ordered to Knoxville, Tenn., to participate in a raid under Gen. Stoneman, into Virginia and North Carolina. We moved into Virginia by way of Bristol, followed up near the railroad above Wytheville, where we filed right and moved into North Carolina, meeting very little resistance until we arrived at Boone, when we met a small force of rebels; after a hotly contested skirmish they gave way with some loss on both sides. From there we moved down the Yadkin river, crossed Dee river, and went to Salisbury, which we took by storm and recaptured about one thousand of our own men. From there we moved west and south to the town of Hendersonville. Then to Asheville, and from there back in to South Carolina to the town of Anderson. From Anderson by a circuitous route we moved to Athens, Ga.

We remained at Athens a few days, when we returned to East Tennessee by way of South and North Carolina, down the French Broad river through Smoky mountain to Greenville, and down to New Market. Remained there a few days and moved to Knoxville; from thence to Lenoir Station; and from thence to Sweetwater, where we remained until ordered back to Louisville, Ky., to be mustered out of service, which took place on the 23d day of August, 1865.

The adjutant-general's report truthfully says the 12th Ky. Cavalry "received the very highest praise from all the officers with whom it had served for valor, a daring, prompt and efficient discharge of duties and high, soldierly bearing."

Field and Staff.

COLONELS—Quintus C. Shanks, Eugene W. Crittenden. LIEUT. COLONELS—Alexander W. Holeman, James T. Bramlette. MAJORS—Nathaniel L. Lightfoot, Wm. R. Kinney, Ira Hart Stout, Julius N. Delfosse, James B. Harrison, George F. Barnes. ADJTS.—Garland J. Blewitt, Zeno B. Freeman, William Noland, Thomas E. Tyler. Q. MASTERS—James A. Thomas, Jno. T. Feaman, Daniel J. King. COMMISSARY—Charles S. Clary. SURGEONS—Erasmus O. Brown, Thomas

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