

REPORT
OF THE
ADJUTANT GENERAL
OF THE
STATE OF KENTUCKY

CONFEDERATE KENTUCKY VOLUNTEERS

WAR 1861-65



SECOND REGIMENT CAVALRY,

The organization of the 2d Kentucky Cavalry, C. S. A., virtually began at Bowling Green, Ky., October, 1861, when three companies of cavalry were united under the command of Captain John H. Morgan, constituting what was known as "Morgan's Squadron." These three companies, commanded respectively by Captains John H. Morgan, Thos. B. Allen and James W. Bowles, became subsequently companies "A," "B," and "C," of the Regiment, Basil W. Duke, 1st Lieutenant of Co. "A," was detailed to perform the duties of Acting Adjutant.

Soon after the battle of Shiloh another company commanded by Captain Brown was added to the Squadron; and John H. Morgan having been commissioned as Colonel, April 4th, 1862, proceeded to organize the regiment at Chattanooga in June, 1862. Three additional companies were quickly enlisted and the seven were commanded respectively by Jacob T. Cassell, Captain of Co. "A"; John Allen, Captain of Co. "B"; James W. Bowles, Captain of Co. "C"; John B. Castleman, Captain of Co. "D" (Captain Brown having been killed); John B. Hutchinson, Captain of Co. "E"; Thos. B. Webber, Captain of Co. "F"; and Robert McFarland, Captain of Co. "G."

The Field and Staff were John H. Morgan, Colonel; Basil W. Duke, Lieutenant-Colonel; G. W. Morgan, Major; Gordon E. Niles, Adjutant; Thos. B. Allen (previously Captain of Co. "B") Surgeon; James B. Edelen, Assistant Surgeon; D. W. Llewellyn, Quartermaster; and Hiram Reese, Commissary.

The organization of the regiment was completed during the summer and ensuing autumn, finally numbering twelve companies. The five additional were commanded respectively by: Gabe S. Alexander, Co. "H"; Wm. C. P. Breckinridge (subsequently Colonel of the 9th Ky., C. S. A.), Co. "I"; William Jennings, Co. "K"; Joseph Desha (subsequently transferred to the 5th Ky. Infantry, C. S. A.), Co. "L"; and W. H. Jones, Co. "M."

Company "I," commanded by Captain Breckinridge, was transferred to the 9th Kentucky, upon the organization of that regiment, and was replaced by another, lettered similarly, recruited in September, 1862, and commanded by Captain Samuel D. Morgan.

Many changes of course occurred in the roster of the officers of the 2d Kentucky Cavalry during the period of its

service, by promotions, deaths and resignation. Its service really began when the Army under General Albert Sidney Johnston was stationed at and around Bowling Green. The squadron, which was its nucleus, was constantly engaged in scouting and picketing the front of the army while it remained in Kentucky, and after its retreat consequent upon the fall of Forts Henry and Donelson, and its march southward from Nashville. Colonel Morgan remained in the vicinity of Nashville for several weeks, in the immediate presence of the enemy, and constantly skirmishing with and harassing him; withdrawing, however, in time to take part in the battle of Shiloh, in which battle several men of the squadron were killed and wounded in a charge made upon the extreme Confederate left.

Shortly after the battle, Colonel Morgan undertook an expedition into Middle Tennessee, which was at first successful. He encountered and defeated the enemy in the vicinity of Columbia and Pulaski and other points, taking many more prisoners than his own command numbered; but on the 6th of May, 1862, was himself attacked and defeated with considerable loss by a brigade of Federal Cavalry at Lebanon, Tennessee. He, however, immediately entered Kentucky with his depleted command and successfully attacked a force of Federal Infantry at Cave City, making a number prisoners.

After the partial reorganization of the regiment at Chattanooga, in the following June, it proceeded upon the first Kentucky raid—as the expedition was termed—defeating the enemy at Lebanon, Tompkinsville, Cynthiana and other points, capturing nearly twelve hundred prisoners and destroying an immense amount of stores and supplies.

Upon its return from Kentucky, the regiment was actively employed for several weeks in the vicinity of Nashville, then the headquarters of the Federal Army commanded by General Buell. During this period, Morgan defeated many detachments of the enemy, taking more than a thousand prisoners; and finally almost totally destroyed a numerically superior and select body of cavalry sent under Brigadier General R. W. Johnson especially in search for him. He met this force at Gallatin, killed and wounded nearly two hundred and captured several hundred, including General Johnson himself and a number of other officers.

August 29th, the regiment marched into Kentucky, under

THIRD REGIMENT CAVALRY, KENTUCKY

ROSTER FIELD AND STAFF, THIRD REGIMENT CAVALRY,

	NAME	RANK	DATE OF COMMISSION	WHERE ENLISTED	MUSTERED OUT	
					When	Where
1	J. Russell Butler.....	Colonel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Jack Allen.....	Lieut. Colonel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Jacob W. Griffith.....	Lieut. Colonel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	J. T. Chenoweth.....	Major.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

NOTE.—For Roster and Rolls of Gano's 3d Regiment, see Roster and Rolls of the 7th Kentucky Regiment Cavalry, C. S. A. Gano's Regiment was a part of 1st Brigade (Duke's) Morgan's Division and was known as the 3d Regiment throughout the war—Richard Gano, Colonel; E. L. Hoffman, Lieut. Colonel—but it seems there was some one who was operating in South-

