

Record of Company C, 42nd Regiment of Illinois Veteran Volunteer Infantry.

Officers of the Regiment

Lt. Col. Edward Swain, Commanding

Major Henry R. Wolcott, Zenas P. Wolcott, Surgeon, J. H. Goddard, Asst. Surgeon, A. C. Cleveland, Adjutant.

Captain Orville Powell,

1st Leut [sic] John Stark,

Sergeant John Wallace, Henry F. Leonard, Owen R. Jones, Henry Bendell,

Corporal Charles Lindquest, James Barton, Jacob Piatt.

Regiment History

Company C was organized in Knox County, Illinois, August 10, 1861, mustered into service at Chicago, Ill., by Capt. Webb, Aug. 10, 1861, and was reorganized as a veteran organization Jan. 1, 1864, at Stone's Mill, Tennessee. The regiment was organized at Camp Douglas near Chicago by Capt. Webb, Sept. 17, 1861. Left Camp Douglas Sept. 20, 1861, for Benton Barracks, Missouri, arriving Sept. 21, 1861; left October 8 per steamer John Munn and arrived at Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 11; thence to Camp Webb, arriving Oct. 15; thence to Camp Stewart Oct. 16; thence to Camp Roberts, arriving Oct. 17; thence to Camp Hunter, arriving Oct. 18; thence into camp near Versailles, arriving Oct. 21; thence to Coal Camp, arriving Oct. 22; thence to Camp Bonner, arriving Oct 23; thence to Camp Baker, arriving Oct. 26; thence to Springfield, Mo., arriving Nov. 4, -- 90 miles; thence Nov. 9 to Camp Baker, arriving Nov. 13, -- 90 miles; thence Nov. 14 to Camp Hunter, arriving Nov. 19 -- 50 miles; thence to camp near Syracuse, arriving Nov. 28; thence to camp near Tipton, arriving Nov. 30; thence to Camp Lamine River, arriving Dec. 6, and Dec. 8 rejoined regiment; thence to Smithton, Mo., arriving Dec. 13 where we went into winter quarters.

Left Smithton and by land and steamer arrived at Fort Holt, Ky., Feb. 21, 1862; thence to Camp Ryne, Ky., arriving March 2; thence to Camp Paine and by steamer to Columbus, Ky., arriving Mar. 5; thence by steamer to join fleet off Island No. 10, arriving Mar. 16; thence to Hickman, Ky., arriving Apr. 7, returning the next day; Island No. 10 evacuated during the night of Apr. 8 and on the 9th we took possession; 11th, proceeded to New Madrid; on the 12th went to join the fleet at Fort Pillow, arriving Apr. 13th; thence to Cairo, arriving Apr. 18th; thence to Pittsburg Landing, arriv [sic]-21st and took position in line of battle on Corinth Road; May 1 marched toward Corinth two miles

and returned 2nd; May 3rd marched toward Farmington, skirmishing; 4th advanced driving rebels and established a camp in front of the enemy on Corinth Road; on the 8th, advanced, reconnoitering, heavy skirmishing, returning the same evening; in battle of Farmington on the 9th, loss of one wounded; on 15th out reconnoitering enemies [sic] lines; 17th, entrenched at Farmington; 28th, moved toward Corinth – entrenched; May 29, supported a battery while engaging the enemy; 30th, found Corinth evacuated and followed the enemy south to near Danville, Miss.; June 1, marched to Rienza; 2nd, marched to Boonville; 3rd, skirmished with enemy south of Boonville; 12th, marched to camp near Corinth; 13th, moved to camp Big Springs; 21st, marched to Boonville; 22nd, encamped at Iuka Springs; 23rd, marched to Little Bear Creek; 24th, to Tusculum Creek, Ala.; 25th and 26th, marched; Aug. 8, company guarded bridge builders at Decatur, Ala.; 27th, scouted to mountains and returned to Courtland, Ala. on 28th; Sept. 5th, marched to Big Springs, Ala.; 6th, to Battle Creek; 11th, marched to Nashville, Tenn.; Nov. 24th, marched 22 miles on a scout, returning on 28th; Dec. 26th, marched to Nolensville – 18 miles; 29th, to Murfreesboro Pike, heavy skirmishing, drive enemy, hold our position with loss of 2 killed, 4 wounded; 31st, in battle, Stone [sic] River, Tenn., 1 killed, several wounded – Col. Roberts killed same day; March 8, 1863, bivouacked near Franklin; May and June, in camp at Stone [sic] River; July 1, marched to Tullahoma, the first infantry regiment in town, thence across Elk River to Cowan's Station; Sept. 2nd, regiment crossed Lookout Mountain and camped at Alpine, Georgia – 63 miles; Sept. 13th, recrossed the mountain and arrived at Stevens Gap Sept. 15; Sept. 16th, joined Army of the Cumberland; Sept. 19 and 20, engaged in battle of Chickamauga [sic], Ga., loss in regiment, both days, 152 killed, wounded and missing; 21st, fell back on Chattanooga; 22nd, marched to the front and drove rebel picket line back to the ridge; (Nov. ?) 25th, in battle of Mission (ary) Ridge, 2 killed, 5 wounded; followed enemy to Chickamauga Creek – 11 miles; 26th, returned to Chattanooga; 28th, marked 7 miles to Chickamauga River; December 6. At Knoxville, Tennessee.

Company reenlisted January 1, 1864; in camp at Stone's Mills; 16th, on skirmish line, Danridge; 18th, marched to Strawberry Plains, Tenn.; 25th, to Loudon, Tenn.; 27th, crossed Tennessee River; Feb. 9, marched to Harrison, Tenn.; thence, to Chattanooga, Tenn.; 21st, left Chattanooga for home on veteran's furlough; Apr. 5th, after visiting home and friends, left Chattanooga for Nashville, arriving Apr. 11; 13th, left for the front and after 15 days of marching arrived at Rockyfaced Ridge, Georgia; May 9th, deployed as skirmishers, driving the enemy to the top of Rockyfaced, Ridge inside their works; 10th, assaulted [sic] their works and were repulsed; 11th and 12th, encamped on Ridge; 13th, rebels evacuate Dalton and Ridge; regiment marches in the advance camping near Resaca, Ga.; 14th, in battle of Resaca – 2 killed, 5 wounded; 15th, again in battle of Resaca; 16th, marched 8 miles, loss on skirmish line 1 killed and 1 wounded, 17th, 18th, and 19th, marched, reaching Kingston, Ga.; 20th, heavy skirmishing; 24th, camp at Allatona Mts; 25th, camp near New Hope Church; May 26 to June 5, inclusive, in line of battle at New Hope Church; enemy evacuated during the night of the 5th; 6th, marched 6 miles, camped near Marietta, Ga.; 11th, marched 6 miles – in battle of Pine Knob; 15th skirmished enemy, camped; 17th, moved, driving enemy skirmishers; 18th, forward – Kenesaw [sic] Mt – 1 wounded severely; 19th, forward – camp in line of battle Kenesaw [sic] Mtn.; 21st, moved to left in line of battle and camped; 27th, charged enemy's works – repulsed; July 3rd, pm, enemy left; marched 8 miles, Atlanta Road,

found enemy in force; 79th and 42nd Illinois skirmished all day; regiment took 12 prisoners, one man wounded; July 5th, enemy left us during the night; marched and took position on left of our corps near Chattahoochie [sic] River on the 7th; 9th, marched up the river to Boswell, forded and built works; 10th, relieved and recrossed river; 13th, marched to Buckhead, Atlanta Road, and skirmished enemy all day; 19th, on picket at Peach Tree creek; 20th, crossed creek and was attacked by enemy whom we punished and repulsed; 22nd, heavy skirmishing – 42nd Illinois threw up works; Aug. 10th; marched 10 miles, camped in rear of right wing; 27th, marched and threw up works near Montgomery railroad; 28th – 30th, marched and entrenched each night; 31st, on picket near Rough-and-Ready Station; Sept. 1, in battle of Jonesboro, Ga., - one wounded; 2nd, marched to near Lovejoy Station – heavy skirmishing – entrenched; 5th, pm, returned to Jonesboro and bivouacked; 8th, moved to Atlanta; thence, Bridgeport, Chattanooga, and Alpine; Oct. 28th, returned to Chattanooga; Nov. 1, went to Athens, Alabama; thence to camp near Tennessee River; crossed Elk River on 5th, went to Pulaski; 20th, marched to Louisville Tenn.; 24th, to Columbia, Tenn., entrenching; crossed Duck River at night on 29th marched to Spring Hill, Tenn., and fought the battle of Spring Hill, one killed, five wounded, and three missing; 30th, fell back, fought the battle of Franklin, 8 wounded; Dec. 1, marched to Nashville; 2nd, moved 3 miles and threw up works; 15th, in battle of Nashville and carried 3 lines of enemy's works; 16th, renewed the battle of Nashville and carried their last line of works, driving them before us over the mountains and capturing nearly all their guns and many prisoners; 17th to 31st, followed up Hood's routed army across Tennessee River, through mud and rain; Jan. 1, 1865, marched to Decatur, Alabama, building winter quarters; remained there until Apr. 1; thence, proceeded by rail to Bull's Gap, East Tennessee; 5th, to Blue Springs; 19th, took cars to Nashville, arriving on 25th, and camped on Harding Pike until June 18th when we left for New Orleans by rail and steamboat, arriving on 27th; July 18th, proceeded on steamer Daniel Webster to Port Lavaca, Texas, arriving on the 23rd; 24th, marched 12 miles and camped on Placido Creek from July 25 to Aug. 17; on 17th, returned to Port Lavaca. Dec. 16th, left Port Lavaca for Springfield, Illinois, via ocean steamship, river steamboat and railroad, arriving at Springfield January 5, 1866, where final pay and discharge received Jan. 10, 1866.