

THIRD REGIMENT POTOMAC HOME BRIGADE INFANTRY.



THE Third Regiment Infantry Potomac Home Brigade, with the exception of Companies I and K, was organized at Cumberland, Hagerstown and Baltimore, Maryland, from October 31, 1861, to May 20, 1862, to serve three years.

The two companies known as I and K were recruited at Ellicott's Mills and Monrovia, Md., in April and May, 1864, to serve three years, and assigned to this regiment.

The original members (except veterans) were mustered out as their terms of service expired, and the organization, composed of veterans and recruits, retained in the service until May 29, 1865, when it was mustered out of the military service of the United States in accordance with orders from the War Department.

Companies A, B, C, D and H were recruited in Allegany County, Md., Company E at Hagerstown, Company F at Baltimore, and Company G in Frederick County; Company I in Howard County and Company K in Frederick County.

Soon after the organization of 1st Battalion of this regiment at Cumberland, they were assigned to duty on the upper Potomac, in Maryland and Virginia, serving in Lander's Division until March 11, 1862.

Then they were assigned to the Mountain Department until June 26, 1862. Whilst serving in this department the 3d Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry were engaged with the enemy at Franklin and Wardensville, Va., in May, 1862, and at Moorefield, Va., in June, 1862.

The 3d Regiment of Potomac Home Brigade Infantry was transferred to the Middle Department in June, 1862, and on September 13, 1862, formed a part of the beleaguered garrison at Harper's Ferry, Va., and were actively engaged during all the fighting incident to the siege on the 13th, 14th and 15th days of September, 1862, both on Maryland Heights, Md., and Bolivar Heights, Va.

The 3d Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry was surrendered with the garrison and paroled when duly exchanged. They were assigned to duty guarding the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

On the invasion of Maryland by General Early's Confederate Army in July, 1864, the 3d Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry confronted their advance, and had a lively and gallant skirmish with the enemy to the west of Frederick City, Md., July 7th and 8th, 1864, and took a conspicuous part with General Lew Wallace's little army at the battle of Monocacy, July 9, 1864, where this small army was ordered to give battle to overwhelming force of the enemy, in order to enable reinforcements to reach and protect the Capitol at Washington.