

FIRST REGIMENT

POTOMAC HOME BRIGADE INFANTRY.



THE First Regiment Infantry, Potomac Home Brigade, Maryland Volunteers, was organized at Frederick City, Maryland, from August 15 to December 13, 1861, to serve three years. Companies A, B, D and I were recruited in Frederick County; Company C in Baltimore City; Companies E, F and H in Washington County; Company G in Baltimore, Carroll and Frederick Counties; Company K in Baltimore City and Frederick County.

The 1st Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry was assigned to General Banks' Division, which was encamped in the vicinity of Frederick City, Maryland, during the fall and winter of 1861-62.

In the spring of 1862 the 1st Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry marched, with General Banks' Division, up the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia as far as Winchester, Virginia, but were subsequently assigned to the protection of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Maryland and Virginia. When General Banks' Division was driven out of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia in May, 1862, the 1st Regiment Infantry, Potomac Home Brigade, was concentrated at Harper's Ferry, Va., to help protect that point from capture.

On the 27th day of May, 1862, a detachment of the regiment had a skirmish with the enemy whilst on a reconnoissance on Loudon Heights, Virginia.

After the Federal troops again advanced up the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, the 1st Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry again resumed the duty assigned them of protecting the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

After the defeat of General Pope's Army in Northern Virginia and the advance of General Lee's Army to the Potomac, the 1st Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry gallantly opposed the passage of the Potomac river at the fords on the Potomac, near the mouth of the Monocacy.

The regiment was concentrated at Sandy Hook and marched thence to Harper's Ferry, Va., where it took part in the defense of that point and was surrendered, with the garrison, September 15, 1862.

The regiment having been paroled, marched to Annapolis, Maryland, and, when exchanged, was subsequently assigned to duty on the Potomac in Southern Maryland.

During the Gettysburg campaign, the 1st Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry was assigned to General Lockwood's Brigade and the 12th Army Corps.

During the second day's fight at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, it not only took part in the battle on the right of the line at Culp's Hill, but was speedily transferred to that part of the line where General Sickles' 3d Army Corps of the Army of the Potomac had met