

FIRST REGIMENT, EASTERN SHORE INFANTRY.



THE First Eastern Shore Regiment of Infantry, Maryland Volunteers, was organized at Cambridge, Maryland, in September, 1861, to serve three years.

Company A was mustered out of service August 16, 1862, in accordance with orders from the War Department.

On the expiration of the term of service of the regiment the original members (except veterans) were mustered out, and the organization, composed of veterans and recruits, retained in service until February 23, 1865, when it was consolidated with the 11th Regiment of Infantry.

Companies A, B and C were recruited in Dorchester County, Companies D, E, F and G in Caroline County, Company H in Talbot County, Company I at Baltimore City, and Company K in Somerset County.

The 1st Eastern Shore Regiment of Infantry, immediately after its organization, was assigned to special duty on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

In November, 1861, it formed a part of General Lockwood's Brigade in its expedition into and pacification of the Counties of Accomac and Northampton, the eastern shore counties of Virginia.

Upon the invasion of Maryland and Pennsylvania by General Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army in June, 1863, the 1st Eastern Shore Regiment of Infantry asked to be sent to the Army of the Potomac at the front, and, with General Lockwood's Brigade, the regiment was transported to Baltimore, and thence marched to the battlefield of Gettysburg, which it reached on the morning of July 3, 1863, and immediately went into action with the 12th Army Corps on Culp's Hill, where it did good service.

After the battle of Gettysburg the 1st Regiment, Eastern Shore Infantry, continued with the Army of the Potomac until Lee's Confederate Army was driven out of Maryland; when, after a brief duty on the upper Potomac, the regiment again returned to the Eastern Shores of Maryland and Virginia, where it continued in the performance of special duty until its consolidation with 11th Regiment of Infantry, Maryland Volunteers.

During its term of service the 1st Regiment, Eastern Shore Infantry, marched seven hundred and sixty (760) miles, was transported by rail two hundred and eighty-three (283) miles, and by water one thousand three hundred and twenty-three (1323) miles.

The death list of the 1st Regiment, Eastern Shore Infantry, during its term of service was as follows: Killed in battle, nine (9) enlisted men; died of disease, wounds, etc., fifty-two (52) enlisted men; or an aggregate loss by death of sixty-one (61).