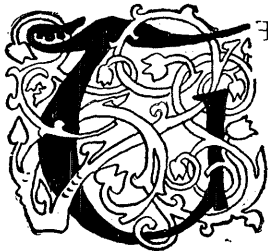


SMITH'S INDEPENDENT COMPANY CAVALRY.



THIS company was organized at Snow Hill, Worcester County, Md., October 15, 1862, to serve three years. It was mustered out of service June 30, 1865, in accordance with orders from the War Department.

This company was recruited, in accordance with authority granted Captain G. W. P. Smith, by the Secretary of War, "to raise a company for special duty on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, unless the exigencies of the service should require it to be attached to some regiment for general service."

The company was used to prevent the disloyal element in the section of the country in which it scouted from organizing bands of recruits for the Confederate army; to protect the loyal element, resident therein; to keep a lookout for and capture blockade runners; in fact, to perform such duties over a wide section that would otherwise have necessitated the maintenance of large infantry detachments.

During its term of service the company was stationed at Snow Hill, Newton, Point Lookout, Eastville, Drummondtown, Salisbury, Relay House, Barnesville.

It was not the fortune of this command to engage in any skirmish or battle, nevertheless it performed its duty honorably, under the orders of superior authority.

No casualties have been reported by this command.