

American Civil War Regiments

REGIMENT:	3rd Cavalry Regiment Illinois
Date of Organization:	21 Sep 1861
Muster Date:	10 Oct 1865
Regiment State:	Illinois
Regiment Type:	Cavalry
Regiment Number:	3rd
Enlisted Died of Disease or Accident:	2
Officers Died of Disease or Accident:	6
Enlisted Killed or Mortally Wounded:	36
Enlisted Died of Disease or Accident:	231
Regimental Soldiers and History:	<p>Regimental History ILLINOIS 3RD CAVALRY (Three Years)</p> <p>Third Cavalry.-Cols., Eugene A. Carr, Lafayette McCrillis; Lieut.-Cols., Lafayette McCrillis James M. Ruggles, Robert H. Carnahan; Majs., James M. Ruggles, John McConnell, Louis D. Hubbard, James H. O'Connor, John L. Campbell. This regiment was composed of twelve companies, coming together from various localities in the state. Co. A was raised in Sangamon, B in Tazewell, C in Cass, D in Bond, E in Saline and Gallatin, F in Adams, G in Brown, H in Fulton, I in McLean, K in Livingston, L in Macoupin, M in Christian and adjoining counties, making a grand total of company officers and enlisted men, under first organization, of 1,433. The regiment was organized at Camp Butler in Aug., 1861, was mustered in for three years, and remained there under instruction and drill until Sept. 25, at which date it moved to St. Louis, Mo. In Feb., 1862, the regiment went into camp about 8 miles from Springfield, when Maj. Ruggles asked and</p>

obtained leave to advance with his battalion 4 miles further on, where the enemy was met, the first engagement fought, and the first victory won in the Curtis campaign, by the 3rd battalion of the 3rd cavalry. At Sugar creek, a few days later, the 3rd battalion participated in a cavalry charge, routing the enemy. The entire regiment was engaged all of the first day at the battle of Pea ridge, doing good service, and in the three days, desperate struggle it performed its full share in the achievement of the victory, losing 10 killed and 40 wounded. A week later it made a flying visit to Fayetteville, Ark., driving out the enemy from that place. In July the regiment marched with the army to Helena, following down the course of the White river, and arrived at its destination on the 15th after ten days of marching, fighting, starving and famishing for water, the supplies and communications having been cut off and the country laid waste by the enemy. Arriving at Chickasaw bayou, during Sherman's movement on Vicksburg, the regiment was detailed for picket duty and escorts for commanding generals, and did good service in the disastrous attack on Haynes' bluff-Cos. A, K, L and M being the last troops to embark after the battle. Retiring from the bayou, the regiment moved up the river with the expedition in command of Gen. McClelland against Arkansas Post, where a lively battle was fought, nearly 5,000 prisoners captured, valuable service being rendered by the 3rd cavalry, which returned with the victorious army to Vicksburg. Cos. A, G, K and E took an honorable part in the battles of Port Gibson, Champion's hill, Black River bridge and the siege of Vicksburg. On Aug. 16, 1863, the same battalion was assigned to Brig.-Gen. Lee's cavalry division, taking part in the western Louisiana campaign, and fighting at Vermilionville, Opelousas and Carrion Crow bayou. After leaving Vicksburg the other two battalions of the regiment were engaged in active service along the line of the Memphis & Charleston railroad, participating in the battles of Tupelo, Okolona, Guntown, Salem, and other engagements. In the month of July, 1864, a large portion of the regiment reenlisted as veterans. The regiment took part in the repulse of Gen. Forrest in his daring raid on Memphis on the night of Aug. 21. On Aug 24, the non-veterans having been mustered out, the veterans were consolidated into six companies.

ILLINOIS 3RD (CONSOLIDATED) CAVALRY

Third (Consolidated) Cavalry.-Col., Robert H. Carnahan, Lieut.-Cols., Robert H. Carnahan, James H. O'Connor; Majs., Louis D. Hubbard, James H. O'Connor, Andrew B. Kirkbridge, Jesse W. Bice. On Sept. 27, 1864, the regiment, as reorganized, left Memphis and crossed the Tennessee river at Clifton, where it confronted Hood's army. Then it fell back and took part in the battles of Lawrenceburg, Spring Hill, Campbellsville and Franklin. On Dec. 15, at Nashville, it was on the extreme right of the 1st brigade, 5th division, when the Confederate left was turned, and was the first to enter

the enemy's works. In Jan., 1865, the enemy having been driven across the Tennessee, the cavalry encamped at Gravelly springs, Ala., and in February moved to Eastport, Miss. In May it returned to St. Louis, and from there went to St. Paul, Minn. On July 4, it started on an Indian expedition over the plains of Minnesota and Dakota, going north to the British possessions, and returning by way of Devil's Lake and Fort Berthold thence to Fort Snelling, arriving on Oct. 1, and reaching Springfield Ill., on Oct. 18, 1865, where it was mustered out-the last act in the drama of the 3rd cavalry.

Source: The Union Army, vol. 3

Battles Fought

Fought on 7 Mar 1862 at Keytesville, MO.

Fought on 19 Mar 1862 at Near Lebanon, MO.

Fought on 28 Jan 1863.

Fought on 25 Aug 1863.

Fought on 27 Aug 1863 at Near Mount Pleasant, MO.

Fought on 5 Nov 1863.

Fought on 22 Feb 1864 at Near Tupelo, MS.

Fought on 3 Mar 1864 at Port Hudson, LA.

Fought on 8 Apr 1864 at Port Hudson, LA.

Fought on 1 May 1864 at Byhalia, MS.

Fought on 9 May 1864 at Near Germantown, TN.

Fought on 15 Jun 1864 at Guntown, MS.

Fought on 20 Aug 1864 at Near Mayfield, KY.

Fought on 21 Aug 1864 at Near Memphis, TN.