

## ARKANSAS UNION REGIMENTS

*Each entry includes regimental number, commanding officers, and major battles or campaigns in which the regiment participated.*

### *Infantry*

FIRST: James M. Johnson. Fayetteville, Prairie De Ann, Jenkins' Ferry.  
FIRST, AFRICAN DESCENT (later Forty-sixth U. S. Colored Troops):  
W. F. Wood, Eliphalet Whittlesey. Served in Louisiana and Mississippi.  
SECOND: Marshall L. Stephenson. Prairie De Ann, Jenkins' Ferry.  
SECOND, AFRICAN DESCENT (later Fifty-fourth U. S. Colored Troops): C. S. Shely, John E. Cone. Helena.  
THIRD: Organization not completed.  
THIRD, AFRICAN DESCENT (later Fifty-sixth U. S. Colored Troops):  
John Guylce, Charles Bentzoni. Served in Arkansas.  
FOURTH (mounted): Elisha Baxter. Organization not completed and regiment transferred to Second Infantry.  
FOURTH, AFRICAN DESCENT (later Fifty-seventh U. S. Colored Troops): Thomas D. Seawell, Andrew B. Morrison, Paul Harwood. Served in Arkansas.  
FIFTH, AFRICAN DESCENT (later 112th U. S. Colored Troops):  
James M. Bowler, John G. Gustafson. Served in Little Rock.  
SIXTH, AFRICAN DESCENT (later 113th U. S. Colored Troops):  
Lauriston W. Whipple. Served in Arkansas.  
ELEVENTH U. S. COLORED TROOPS: James M. Steele. Consolidated with 112th and 113th to form New 113th U. S. Colored Troops. Served in Arkansas.

### *Cavalry*

FIRST: M. LaRue Harrison. Prairie Grove; served in Arkansas, Missouri and Indian Territory.  
SECOND: John E. Phelps. Served in Arkansas and Missouri.  
THIRD: Abraham H. Ryan. Prairie De Ann, Marks' Mills, Jenkins' Ferry.  
FOURTH: Lafayette Gregg. Served in Arkansas.

### *Artillery*

FIRST BATTERY, LIGHT ARTILLERY: Denton D. Stark. Prairie De Ann, Poison Spring, Jenkins' Ferry.  
FIRST BATTERY, LIGHT ARTILLERY, AFRICAN DESCENT (later Battery H, Second U. S. Colored Light Artillery): John Driscoll. Served in Arkansas.

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# First Arkansas Union Infantry

From A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion

Regimental Histories

By Frederick H. Dyer

Organized at Fayetteville, Arkansas, and mustered in March 25, 1863. Attached to District Southwest Missouri, Dept. Missouri, to December, 1863. 2nd Brigade, District of the Frontier, Dept. Missouri, to January, 1864. 2nd Brigade, District of the Frontier, 7th Army Corps, Dept. of Arkansas, to March, 1864. 1st Brigade, District of the Frontier, 7th Army Corps, to February, 1865. 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 7th Army Corps, to August, 1865.

## Service

Duty at Fayetteville, Arkansas, till April, 1863. Cabell's attack on Fayetteville April 18. March to Springfield, Missouri, April 25-May 4, and duty there till July. Newton County June 14. Moved to Cassville July 6. Joined Army of the Frontier at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, August 17. Pursuit of Cabell to Perryville August 22-26. Perryville August 26. Devil's Back Bone, Back Bone Mountain, Fort Smith, September 1. Capture of Fort Smith September 1, and duty there till March, 1864. Moffatt's Station, Franklin County, September 27, 1863. Mt. Ida November 13. Scout from Waldron to Mount Ida, Caddo Gap and Dallas December 2-7. Steele's Expedition to Camden March 23-May 3. Prairie D'Ann April 9-13. Moscow April 13. Camden April 15-18. Jenkins' Ferry, Saline River, April 30. March to Fort Smith May 1-16. Garrison duty at Fort Smith and escort and duty on the Frontier till August, 1865. Skirmish, Bates Township, November 2 and Newton County, November 15, 1864. Mustered out August 10, 1865.

# First Arkansas Light Artillery Historical Memoranda

From Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Arkansas  
by Albert W. Bishop, Adjutant General of Arkansas, 1867

In January, 1863, Denton D. Stark, then adjutant 1st Arkansas cavalry volunteers, received authority to raise the first battery of Arkansas light artillery. April 1st the battery was full, but was not mustered into the service until August 31, 1863. Meantime and until the 25th of April, of this year, it was stationed at Fayetteville, Arkansas (though officers and men were absent in Missouri procuring horses when the battle of the 18th of April took place,) when, by orders from headquarters of the Department of the Missouri, northwestern Arkansas was evacuated. From May 4 to September 21, 1863, the battery was stationed at Springfield, Missouri, receiving while there guns and equipments. In September, Lieutenant Robert V. Thompson, with one section of the battery, participated in an expedition under the command of Colonel M. LaRue Harrison, through southwestern Missouri and northwestern Arkansas, in pursuit of Colonel Coffee's command, then raiding in that section of country, and proceeded thence to Fayetteville, Arkansas. The remaining two sections of the battery, under command of Captain Stark, left Springfield, Missouri, September 21, 1863, for Fayetteville, marching at first, however, as far north as Greenfield, Missouri, under Colonel Harrison, who was then in pursuit of General Shelby. Moving then to Fayetteville, one section of the battery took part, about October 20, in a skirmish with the enemy, under Colonel Brooks at Cross Timbers, Missouri. The battery remained at Fayetteville until March 19, 1864, when, by order of Brigadier General Thayer, it marched to Fort Smith. On the 23rd of March it joined the expedition to Camden, forming a part of Colonel Adams' brigade. It was present in the skirmish at Moscow, on or about the 13th day of April, with four guns in action, and relieved the 2d Indiana battery, under a severe fire from the enemy's artillery. Leaving Camden with the retreating force under General Steele, April 28, it reached Little Rock May 3, 1864, and moved thence with the frontier division of the Army of Arkansas to Fort Smith. In October, 1864, one section of the battery, under Lieutenant Mayes, was sent with other troops in pursuit of Colonel Gano, who had captured a supply train between Fort Scott and Fort Smith, making a forced march to Cabin Creek, north of Fort Gibson, where they came up with the enemy retreating, but he escaped.

The battery occupied Fort No. 2, at Fort Smith, until the 30th day of August, 1865, when it was mustered out of the service. The men were principally residents of Benton, Washington, Madison, Crawford, Sebastian, Franklin, Johnson and Sevier counties; were faithful, brave, and efficient, and reflected great credit upon the battery and the State.



First Battalion  
Six Months Arkansas  
Union Infantry

Historical Memoranda

From Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Arkansas  
by Albert W. Bishop, Adjutant General of Arkansas, 1867

On the march of General Curtis from northwestern Arkansas to Helena in 1862 several hundred of the loyal citizens of the State joined the army at Batesville. The following extract of a letter from Hon. C. C. Bliss, late lieutenant governor of the State, and who was himself connected with them, gives an account of their organization:

"A few days after the arrival of the federal army in Batesville, in the spring of 1862, H. V. Gray, a loyalist from Black River township, in Independence County, with about forty of his neighbors, who, with others to the number of one hundred or upwards, had previously banded themselves together to resist, by force, if need be, attempts to urge them into the rebel service, made their appearance at the headquarters of General Curtis, and tendered their services to the government. Captain Gray requested permission to recruit for a regiment of six-months men. A few months previous to this he came near losing his life at the hands of a mob, but a short distance from where headquarters then were, for saying that if he did any fighting during the contest it would be under the stars and stripes. This circumstance, with others showing the determined bravery and persistent loyalty of himself and associates so challenged the respect and admiration of the commanding general that he complied with the request, notwithstanding he then had no authority from the War Department to recruit six-months men. Afterwards authority was given to Pleasant Turney, of Independence, and L. D. Toney, of Izard County to recruit. In June Thomas S. Williams and George Galloway came into the lines from Conway County, each with about thirty men. They had organized some time previously, in like manner with the people of Black River township, for self defense, and were compelled to flee to the army, be killed, or go into the rebel service. Men recruited under the authority referred to, residing within the lines, remained at home until the last of June, no authority having been given for their muster in.

# Fourth Arkansas Union Cavalry

From A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion

Regimental Histories

By Frederick H. Dyer

Organized at Little Rock December, 1863. Attached to Post of Little Rock, Arkansas, 7th Army Corps, Dept. of Arkansas, to May, 1864. 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, 7th Army Corps, Dept. of Arkansas to September, 1864. 2nd Brigade, Cavalry Division, 7th Army Corps, to February, 1865. Unassigned, 7th Army Corps, to March, 1865. Cavalry Brigade, Little Rock, Arkansas, 7th Corps, to June 1865.

## Service

Duty at Little Rock, Arkansas, till June, 1865. Skirmish at Saline River, Arkansas, February 15, 1864. Cedar Glade March 1. Scout to Benton March 27-31. Mt. Elba March 30. Jenkins' Ferry, Camden, April 15. Dardanelle May 15-17. Operations in Arkansas against guerrillas July 1-31. Near Benton July 6. Montgomery County July 11. Caddo Gap July 12. Fair's Mills and Bayou des Arc July 14. Saline River July 16. Scout to Benton September 6-7. Reconnaissance toward Monticello and Mt. Elba October 4-11. Reconnaissance to Princeton October 19-23. Skirmish, Hurricane Creek, October 23. Scout from Devall's Bluff to Searcy and Clinton November 9-15. Expedition from Little Rock to Fort Smith September 25-October 13. Skirmishes at Clarksville September 28 and October 9. White Oak Creek September 29. Scout from Little Rock to the Saline River April 26-29. Scout from Little Rock to Bayou Metoe and Little Bayou May 6-11. Mustered out June 30, 1865.

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Organized at Little Rock, Arkansas, February 1864. Attached to Post of Little Rock, Arkansas, 7th Army Corps, Department Arkansas, to May 1864. 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, 7th Army Corps to September, 1864. 4th Brigade, Cavalry Division, 7th Army Corps to February, 1865. Post of Lewisburg, Arkansas, 7th Army Corps to August, 1865.

## Service

Operations in Northwest Arkansas January 16-February 15, 1864. Expedition from Batesville to near Searcy Landing January 30-February 3 (Detachment). Dardanelle March 15-17. Steele's Camden Expedition March 23-May 3. Skirmishes on Benton Road March 23-24. Rockport and Dover March 25. Quitman March 26. Arkadelphia March 29. Near Camden March 30. Spoonville and Terre Noir Creek April 2. Okolona April 2-3. Elkin's Ferry, Little Missouri River, April 3-4. Prairie D'Ann April 9-12. Camden April 15-18. Mark's Mills April 25. Jenkins' Ferry, Saline River, April 30. Operations against Shelby North of Arkansas River May 13-31. Cypress Creek May 13. Princeton May 27. At Lewisburg till September. Lewisburg June 10. Scout from Lewisburg June 20-23. Operations against guerrillas in Arkansas July 1-31. Searcy County, July 4. Petit Jean, Arkansas River, July 10. Near Pine Bluff July 22 (Detachment). Scout in Yell County July 25-August 11 (Detachment). Operations in central Arkansas and skirmishes August 9-15. Near Dardanelle August 30. near Beattie's Mill September 1. Near Quitman September 2. Operations about Lewisburg September 6-8. Norristown September 6. Point Remove September 7-8. Glass Village September 8. Scout to Norristown and Russellville September 9-12 (Co. D). Ordered to Little Rock September 10, and duty there till February 1865. Expedition from Little Rock to Fort Smith September 25-October 13 (Detachment). Skirmishes at Clarksville September 28. White Oak Creek September 29. Clarksville October 9. Reconnaissance from Little Rock toward Monticello and Mt. Elba October 4-11. Expedition to Fort Smith November 5-23. Near Cypress Creek, Perry County, December 1 (Co. C). Perry County December 3. Operations in Arkansas January 1-27, 1865. Dardanelle January 14. Ivey's Ford January 17. Boggs' Mills January 24. Duty at Lewisburg and operations against guerrillas in that vicinity till August. Near Lewisburg February 12. Scout from Lewisburg into Yell and Searcy Counties March 12-23. Mustered out August 20, 1865.

# Second Arkansas Union Cavalry

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By Frederick H. Dyer

Organized at Helena, Arkansas, and Pilot Knob, Missouri, July 1862. Attached to Helena, Arkansas, District Southwest Missouri, Department Missouri, to December, 1862. 2nd Brigade, 3rd Cavalry Division, District Eastern Arkansas, to January 1863. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Cavalry Division, 13th Army Corps, Department Tennessee, to April 1863. 2nd Brigade, Cavalry Division, District of Eastern Arkansas, Department Tennessee, to May 1863. District of Southwest Missouri, Department Missouri, to October 1864. 3rd Brigade, Cavalry Division, Department Missouri to January 1865. Unattached Cavalry, District West Tennessee, to February 1865. 1st Brigade, Cavalry Division, District West Tennessee to August 1865.

## Service 1863

Duty at Helena, Arkansas till April, 1863. At Fayetteville, Arkansas till July 1863, and at Cassville, Missouri, till September 1864. (Company B at Benton Barracks, Missouri, June, 1863. At Cape Girardeau, Missouri, July 1863. Scout from Cape Girardeau to the Ash Hills and Poplar Bluff, Missouri, August 9-18. Skirmish, Ash Hills, August 13. Expedition from Cape Girardeau to Pocahontas, Arkansas, August 18-26. Skirmishes, Pocahontas August 22-23.) Elm Springs July 30. Near Fayette August 23 (Detachment). Jenny Lind September 1. Crawford County November 25. Barronsville, Searcy County, December 26. Waldron December 29.

## 1864

King's River January 10, 1864. Operations against guerillas in northwest Arkansas, in Newton, Searcy, Izard and Carroll Counties January 16-February 15. Lewisburg January 17. Clear Creek and Tomahawk January 22. Bailey's

# First Arkansas Cavalry Historical Memoranda From Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Arkansas by Albert W. Bishop, Adjutant General of Arkansas, 1867

On the 29th day of March, 1862, while the "Army of the Southwest" was lying at Cross Timbers, Missouri, M. La Rue Harrison of the 36th Illinois Infantry Volunteers applied for and received authority from General Curtis to recruit a company for the 6th Missouri Cavalry Volunteers, and proposed to enlist citizens of the State of Arkansas, many of whom had escaped conscription and were then entering various regiments in the national army.

On the 12th of May, 1862, eleven men from Washington County, Arkansas, made their appearance at the post of Cassville, Missouri, and were sworn into the service of the United States; on the 18th of the same month about twenty more were added and on the 1st of June the organization, numbering forty-five men, moved from Cassville to join a battalion of the 6th Missouri Cavalry Volunteers, then stationed at Forsyth, Missouri. On the march, Captain Harrison learned that many more than men enough to complete one squadron were on their way from Arkansas to join him, and he telegraphed to Hon. John S. Phelps, tendering through him, to the President, a regiment of loyal Arkansians for the United States volunteer army. On the following day a reply was received that the President would accept the regiment, provided it was completed within twenty days. Subsequent telegrams prolonged the time for an additional twenty days; and on the 3rd day of July, 1862, the following letter was received:

Adjutant General's Office  
Washington, June 16, 1862

M. La Rue Harrison, Esq., Springfield, Missouri

SIR: The Secretary of War hereby authorizes you to raise a regiment of cavalry from the loyal men of Arkansas, to be completed by the 20th of July, and to be mustered into service, subsisted, clothed, mounted, and armed at Springfield, Missouri, by the United States government.

The regiment will be mustered into the service for three years or the war, and will be organized as prescribed by act of Congress, approved July 29, 1861, entitled, "An act to increase the present military establishment of the United States," as follows:

[The form of organization, being substantially like that of other cavalry commands, is omitted.]

Lieutenant Colonel Mills, of the 24th Missouri volunteers, commanding at Springfield, Missouri, or other officer who may be placed in command at that place, will act as mustering officer, and will make

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