

## **Third Regiment Infantry 1861-1865**

May 1861 at Camp Walker in New Orleans with 1,037 men, the regiment first went to Fort Smith AR. They helped win the Battle of Wilson's Creek on August 10th. Then distinguished themselves in the Battle of Pea Ridge during March 6-8, 1862.

In April, the regiment joined the Army of the West to cross the Mississippi River to Corinth MS and participated in the Battle of Farmington on May 9th.

By September in Iuka, the regiment had lost over 100 men to heavy engagements. They were in the Battle of Corinth and at Snyder's Bluff.

In late March of 1863, the regiment was entrenched along the Deer Creek to oppose the enemy's Steele Bayou Expedition. They were involved in many skirmishes during April and early May.

They participated in the Siege of Vicksburg May 19 to July 4th. During this time, the regiment's redan was blown by federals killing 6 and wounding 21. Another exploding killed another man and wounded 21.

After the surrender at Vicksburg, the men returned home on parole. A small number went into a parole camp at Enterprise MS and eventually became Company H, Louisiana 22nd Consolidated Infantry. By September, these men were declared exchanged and ordered into camp at Alexandria. But not until July of 1864 did the camp reunite at Pineville.

They moved to Camp Boggs at Shreveport in August and remained there doing guard duty until the end of the War. Anticipating the surrender of the Trans-Mississippi Department, the regiment dispersed on the 19th and 20th of May, 1865.

Of the approximately 1,136 men enrolled in the regiment during the War, 123 were killed, 74 died of disease, 3 died in accidents, 2 were murdered, and 1 drowned.

[For details of this regiment, consult "LA Confederate Units" by Bergeron]

