

10TH ILLINOIS CAVALRY



The 10th Illinois Cavalry was mustered in at Camp Butler on 25 November 1861, Colonel James A Barrett, commanding.

Captain William S Moore of Mattoon, commanded Company M, which contained about 20 Mattoon men. Captain Moore was succeeded in command of the company by Captain Joseph A McClure, also from Mattoon.

The 10th Illinois Cavalry did not participate in any major battles, but saw continuous service scouting, screening, and patrolling, largely in Arkansas where it was stationed throughout most of the war.

Upon news of the assassination of President Lincoln, the 10th was ordered into New Orleans, where they served as a mounted police force, maintaining order in the city during that troubled period.

The Regiment mustered out on 22 November 1865.

Losses for the 10th Illinois Cavalry were: 1 officer and 24 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded and 3 officers and 262 enlisted men by disease.