

126TH ILLINOIS INFANTRY REGIMENT

The 126th Illinois Infantry was organized at Alton, Illinois on 4 September 1862, Colonel Jonathan Richmond, from Mattoon, commanding.

Richmond attained his appointment as Colonel due to his service as Adjutant of the 3rd Ohio Infantry in the Mexican War, following which he moved to Mattoon.



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Other than Colonel Richmond, Mattoon was represented by only 6 enlisted men, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Surgeon and 1 Chaplain, in the regiment.

On 25 March 1863, the Regiment was assigned to the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division of the XVI Corps.

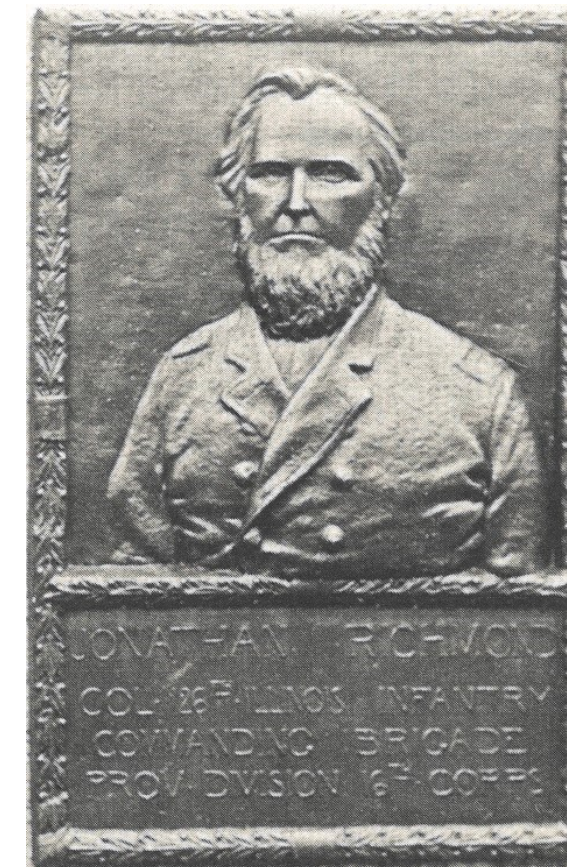
The regiment saw action at Clarendon, Little Rock and Vicksburg. There is a monument erected at the Vicksburg National Military Park, commemorating Colonel Richmond's service as commander of the 2nd Brigade during the Vicksburg Campaign.

The Regiment was mustered out on 12 July 1865.

Losses of the regiment were: 6 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded and 4 officers and 192 enlisted men by disease.



Jonathan Richmond



Colonel Richmond Memorial
Vicksburg National Military Park
32°22'45"N
90°15'42"W