

17TH ILLINOIS CAVALRY REGIMENT

The 17th Illinois Cavalry was mustered into service on 28 January 1864. Major John L Beveridge, of the 8th Illinois Cavalry was promoted to Colonel and appointed commander of the 17th Illinois Cavalry. There were 11 men from Mattoon, all in Company E, commanded by 1st Lieutenant David Marcus, from Mattoon.

The 17th Illinois Cavalry was the last cavalry regiment organized in the state. Its services were confined chiefly to the Department of Missouri. The regiment did not participate in any major engagements but was frequently involved with skirmishes and pursuit of Confederate guerrilla parties. The Regiment mustered out on 23 November 1865.

Losses for the regiment were: 7 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded and 1 officer and 86 enlisted men by disease.