

1ST ILLINOIS CAVALRY REGIMENT

The 1st Illinois Cavalry Regiment was formed in Alton, Illinois, on 3 July 1861. Colonel Thomas A Marshall, commanding.

Company C was made up of 106 men from Mattoon, only 12 men in the company were not Mattoon men.

Greenville McNeel Mitchell, from Mattoon, was appointed Captain of Company D by Governor Yates on 8 July 1861.

On 20 September 1861, six companies of the regiment were engaged in the battle of Lexington, Missouri, and along with Colonel James A Mulligan's Irish Brigade were captured.

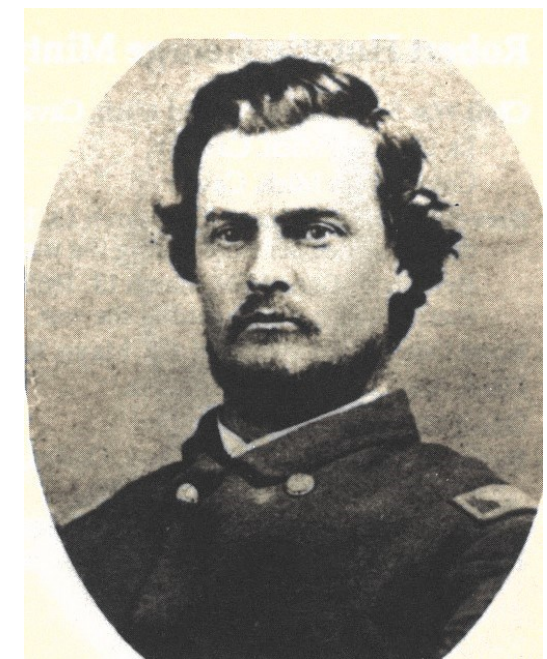
The officers, including Captain Mitchell, were paroled in December and an effort was made to reorganize the 1st Cavalry, but due to conditions of parole and release, veterans did not return, and the 1st Illinois Cavalry was disbanded 14 July 1862.

Other than the battle of Lexington, all of the other actions of the 1st Illinois Cavalry were in skirmishes and escort duty.

Captain Mitchell was appointed Lt Colonel of the 54th Illinois Infantry on 16 February 1862.

The Regiment was mustered out on 27 December 1862.

Losses of the regiment were: 17 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded and 26 enlisted men by disease.



Greenville M Mitchell