

62ND ILLINOIS INFANTRY REGIMENT

The 62nd Illinois Infantry was formed at Camp Dubois, Anna, Illinois on 10 April 1862. Colonel James Milton True, from Mattoon, had been transferred from his command of a company in the 38th Illinois Infantry, to form the 62nd Illinois Infantry.

The regiment was involved in many skirmishes and engaged as a railroad guard on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad. Participated in the battles of Chickamauga and Bayou Forche.

On 18 April 1864, the Regiment was brigaded with the 15th Indiana, 27th Iowa and 1st West Tennessee with Colonel James M True commanding the Brigade. Colonel True was be made a Brevet Brigadier General on 6 March 1865.

130 men from Mattoon served in various companies of the regiment, mostly companies: C, E, G and K. The regiment also had 12 men from Mattoon serve as officers at the company and regimental level.

The Regiment was mustered out on 6 March 1866.

Losses to the regiment were: 3 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded and 9 officers and 251 enlisted men by disease.



James M True



2Lt Samuel C Snapp.
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