

# **79TH ILLINOIS INFANTRY REGIMENT**

The 79<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry was mustered in in Mattoon on 28 August 1862, Colonel Lyman Guinnip, commanding.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Illinois is considered a Mattoon Regiment, but it was made up of volunteers from Clark, Edgar, Douglas, Crawford, and Vermillion Counties. There were no Mattoon men in the regiment.

The regiment was engaged in many major campaigns, including: Perryville, Stones River, Tullahoma, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, the Atlanta Campaign, Franklin, Nashville and Spring Hill.

The regiment was mustered out at Camp Butler 23 June 1865.

Losses for the regiment were: 4 officers and 81 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded and 1 officer and 211 enlisted men by disease.