

2ND REGIMENT OF FLORIDA CAVALRY

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Regimental Returns

- Oct. 1864 - Entire regiment stationed at Cedar Keys except companies A & B. Co. A moved to Fort Myers by order of Col. B. R. Townsend Oct. 2. Co B moved to Fort Myers by order of Col. B. R. Townsend, Oct. 25.
- Feb. 1865 - Engaged 150 men in the action with the enemy at Station 4 Florida R.R., 5 miles from Cedar Keys, on the mainland, Monday morning, Feb. 13. Although he out numbered us we drove him 2 miles. None of our men were killed. The wounded in this action were Corpl. George R. Sessions, Co. C (died Feb. 19), Pvts. Joshua H. Ellison & James Jones, Co. D and Corpl. Benjamin D. Braswell, George D. Mercer, William Stevens, Pvts. John C. Haynes, Washington Williams, Co. E. The 7 companies of the 2nd Regt. Fla. Cav. Volunteers were consolidated into five Feb. 2.
- Mar. 1865 - Met the enemy and fought with 200 men at Newport Bridge, Fla. on the 6 day of March 1865 during the St. Marks Expedition. Three men on our side were killed. None of our men were wounded.

Company Returns - Company A

- April 15, 1864 - This company was engaged in a skirmish on the 20 Feb. near Peas Creek destroying stores & capturing 20 horses from the enemy. Killed a notorious Rebel chief named Underhill and captured 2 Rebel spies without loss. On the 13 & 14th this company was engaged in skirmishing with guerillas near the above place and succeeded in driving them and destroying all their stores. Killed one and wounded 4 others captured 22 horses having one man slightly wounded.
- Sept. & Oct. 1864 - This company during the months of July & August was on detached service in East, Middle & West Florida. Had several skirmishes with the enemy in Hernando County 7 & 8 July & again in Aug 21 had two skirmishes with enemy this day & the men of this company fought with a good will killing 4 of the enemy & wounding 8. Private A. Jackson transferred from Co. B. Besides capturing 148 bales of cotton.
- Jan. & Feb. 1865 - The enemy appeared opposite the garrison at Fort Myers Feb. 20, 1865, demanded a surrender of the post & being refused a sharp artillery fire commenced which lasted about 4 hours. In meantime 20 men from A & B companies marched within 400 yards of the enemy lines when a sharp skirmishing ensued & the battle closed by the rebels retiring leaving 2 of their small arms in the field leaving bags & wallets & belts strewed along the road. Isaac T. Williams a member of Co. A being badly shocked by the explosion of a shell thrown by the enemy. The 20 skirmishers of the 2nd Fla. Cav. behaved bravely before the enemy and marched square up to the works of the rebels.
- May & June 1865 - This company left Cedar Keys May 24 & embarked on board the U. S. Schooner, Matchless, and proceeded to Tampa, Fla. arriving May 27 where it has since been stationed performing detached service.
- July & Aug. 1865 - This company left Tampa July 3 & proceeded on board the U. S. Steamer Gauer & McCullum to St. Marks, Fla. where it disembarked & proceeded by RR to Station #2 P&G RR where it has since been stationed.