

99th Infantry Regiment

Nickname: Union Coast Guard; Bartlett's Naval Brigade; Lincoln Divers; New York And Virginia Coast Guard

Organized as a naval brigade: May 28, 1861

Reorganized as an infantry regiment: August 21, 1861

Mustered out: July 15, 1865

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This organization, the Naval Brigade, was recruited by Col. William A. Bartlett in New York city, under authority from the War Department, dated May 22, 1861, recruiting having been commenced as early as April, 1861. The band and Companies G, H, I and K were formed principally of men from Massachusetts; Companies A, B, C (Red Banks, N. J.) D and E also contained men from Massachusetts. The brigade was to be provided with gunboats and to cruise along the Atlantic coast. May 14, 1861, six companies were mustered in the State service, and the regiment left the State May 28, 1861. On reporting to Major-General Butler, at Fort Monroe, Va., for duty and muster in the United States service, it was not accepted by that officer. Colonel Bartlett meeting with a serious accident, the command lost strength, and finally was organized as a regiment of infantry with David W. Wardrop as Colonel, in accordance with War Department orders, dated August 21, 1861. Eight companies were mustered in the service of the United States, for three years, June 14, August 2 and 31, October 30 and 31, 1861. Company I was organized September 30, 1861, and K March 7, 1862. The regiment was turned over to the State in September, 1861, and received its numerical designation in January, 1862. June 14, 1864, the men entitled to be discharged by reason of the expiration of their term of enlistment were mustered out, and the regiment retained in service, but consolidated into four companies, A, B, C and D. These were consolidated into three companies, A, B and C, September 15, 1864, and these into two companies, A and B, in February, 1865. June 15, 1865, the men of the 132d Infantry, not mustered out with their regiment, were assigned to these two companies.

The regiment served at and near Fort Monroe, Va., from May, 1861; Company B with General Burnside's forces on the steamers Southfield and Hunchback, from August, 1861; Company D on the U. S. frigate Congress, in March, 1862; the regiment in Robinson's Brigade, Department Virginia, from May, 1862; at Fort Monroe, Norfolk, Fort Wool, Sewell's Point, Va., in detachments, from August, 1862; at Norfolk, Va., except Company I, from October, 1862; Company I, in detachments, on the army gunboats West End and Smith Briggs, from August, 1862; the regiment at Suffolk, Va., in Terry's Brigade, Peck's Division, 7th Corps, from March, 1863; in the Reserve Brigade, same division and corps, from April, 1863; in Wistar's Brigade, Department of Virginia, at the White House, Va., in June, 1863; at Yorktown, Va., in July, 1863; at Gloucester, Va., in August, 1863; at and near New Berne, N. C., 18th Corps, from October, 1863; in Palmer's Brigade, Peck's Division, 18th Corps, from January, 1864; in the District of North Carolina, from April, 1864; in Carter's Division, Provisional Corps, from March, 1865; in the 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 23d Corps, from April 2, 1865; and it was honorably discharged and mustered out, under Capt. Ervin A. Jones, July 15, 1865, at Salisbury, N. C.

During its service the regiment lost by death, killed in action, 2 officers, 27 enlisted men; of wounds received in action, 11 enlisted men; of disease and other causes, 3 officers, 161 enlisted men; total, 5 officers, 199 enlisted men; aggregate, 204; of whom 71 enlisted men died in the hands of the enemy.