

12th Independent Battery Light Artillery (Veteran) Civil War

History

The following is taken from New York in the War of the Rebellion, 12th ed. Frederick Phisterer. Albany: J. B. Lyon Company, 1912.

Left state: January 14, 1862.

Mustered out: June 14, 1865

This battery was organized at Albany, January 3, 1862, by the consolidation of the companies recruited by Captains William H. Ellis and Walter Shaw, and mustered in the service of the United States for three years January 14, 1862.

It was recruited principally at Albany, Troy, Newfane, **Jordan**, Kendall, Wilson, Lockport, Somerset, Amsterdam', Hart-land and Poestenkill. It received its numerical designation January 15, 1862, and at the expiration of its term of service the men entitled thereto were discharged and the battery retained in service.

February 18, 1865, a number of men, originally recruited for the 20th Battery, at Jamaica, Elmira, Poughkeepsie, Tarrytown and Kingston were assigned to it. The battery, commanded by Captain Ellis, left the State on the 17th of January, 1862, and served at and near Washington, D. C., and in the Artillery Camp of Instruction from January, 1862; in the 22d Corps from February, 1863; in the Artillery Brigade, 3d Corps, Army of the Potomac, from July 7, 1863; in the 2d Brigade, Artillery Reserve, Army of the Potomac, from March, 1864; in the Artillery Brigade, 2d Corps, from May 18, 1864; and in the Artillery Reserve, Army of the Potomac, from September, 1864.

Commanded by Captain Charles A. Clark, it was honorably discharged and mustered out at Albany, June 14, 1865, having lost by death, killed in action, 1 officer, 4 enlisted men; of disease and other causes, 14 enlisted men; total, 1 officer, 18 enlisted men; aggregate, 19; of whom 3 enlisted men died in the hands of the enemy.

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Lewis, George Etherngton, Pvt.

12th NY Independent Battery

23 years old upon enlistment.
Enlisted on 11/28/1861 at Amsterdam, NY as a Private.
On 12/3/1861 he mustered into NY 12th Light Artillery
He Re-enlisted on 12/26/1863
He was Mustered Out on 6/14/1865 at Albany, NY

**12th Independent Battery
NY Volunteers
Guidon
27" hoist x 26 1/2" fly
Civil War**



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