

1862

November 21st the 10th Regiment of Albany was mustered into Federal service as the 177th New York Volunteer Infantry.

December 15, the 177th NYV Regiment, in a drenching rain, marched to the railroad station in Albany where it entrained for New York City.

December 16, 177th NYV Regiment sailed for New Orleans, Louisiana on the steamer Merrimac.

1863

January 4th the 177th NYV Regiment reached New Orleans and reported to General N. F. Banks, in command of the Department of the Gulf, and was assigned to the 2d Brigade of the 2d Division, 19th Army Corps, with the 165th New York and the 50th Massachusetts.

January 11 the 177th NYV Regiment arrived at its permanent camp at Hermitage Plantation in St. Charles Parish, La., called Bonne Carre, Pickets and patrols to guard the western approaches to New Orleans.

January 28th Company H of the 177th NYV Regiment was sent to Lake Pontchartrain and Company A to a Cypress swamp 15 miles up the Mississippi River hunting out bands of guerillas.

February 8-11 Second Lieutenant McCulloch, of Company H, 177th NYV Regiment, with 15 men, Scouting mission by way of railroad to Pass Manchac (Amite River entry to Lake Pontchartrain)

March 21-30, 1863 – Expedition from New Orleans to Ponchatoula, LA., and skirmishes. 2 companies of 177th NYV Regiment with expedition.

March 24-30 Expedition to Amite River. 2 companies of 177th NYV Regiment with expedition.

April 9 Mrs. Edward Merrihew, wife of Captain Merrihew of Company B, presented the 177th NYV Regiment with a handsome silk flag which was graciously received by Colonel Ainsworth. This flag was to play an important part in the history of the 177th

May 9-18, 1863.--Operations on the Amite River and Jackson Railroad with skirmishes at Ponchatoula, Independence Station, and Tickfaw Bridge, La. Company A 177th Regiment and others.

Action at Civique's Ferry May 10.

Action at McGills Ferry May 17, 1863

May 20 177th NYV Regiment relocated to Baton Rouge

May 23 177th NYV Regiment entered siege lines at Port Hudson.

Siege of Port Hudson May 24-July 9.

Assaults on Port Hudson May 27-June 14

July 9 Surrender of Port Hudson.

177th NYV Regiment Duty at and near Port Hudson until August 20

August 20th that the 177th was put aboard the steamer "Desarc," and the journey back to Albany began up the Mississippi.

September 1, 1863 –177th NYV Regiment arrived at Albany

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