

CW/VFM-99: Diary of Unknown Member of the 13th Illinois Infantry

The thirteenth Illinois was usually involved in the Western, but lesser known, engagements such as the battle at Chickasaw Bayou (12/26-28/ 1862) and the assault of Arkansas Post (1/10-11/ 1863); as well as other smaller skirmishes. They were, however, called into action for the siege of Vicksburg (5/18-7/4/1863). They were also stationed, and saw action, at Chattanooga (11/23-27/1863) before they were mustered out of service on June 18, 1864.

This diary mentions every engagement that the regiment is involved in after it was mustered in on April 21, 1861 until the date of September 30, 1863. The soldier's account of the battle at Chickasaw Bayou is quite detailed; even mentioning how far he charged during combat. He also describes the siege of Vicksburg in decent detail, and makes note of the Confederate Surrender on July 4th. This document also chronicles the movements of the 13th Illinois through the Western battlefield.

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