

6th Regiment Indiana Infantry (3 months)

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The **6th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry (3 Months)** was an infantry regiment from the State of Indiana that served in the Union Army during the American Civil War. This regiment was the senior Indiana regiment of the Civil War, as it was numbered first in sequence after the five Indiana volunteer regiments which had served in the Mexican–American War.

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Indiana flag

Active	April 22, 1861 to August 2, 1861
Country	United States
Allegiance	Union
Branch	Army
Type	Infantry
Engagements	Battle of Philippi
	Commanders
Colonel of the Regiment	Thomas T. Crittenden

Service

The companies of the 6th Indiana Volunteer Infantry were raised in different parts of the state and organized at Indianapolis, Indiana between April 22 and April 27, 1861. The companies' counties of origin included Jefferson, Bartholomew, Daviess, Howard, Henry, Jennings, Jackson, and Hamilton. The Regiment was officially mustered into United States service for a period of three months on April 25, 1861.

On the May 30, 1861, the regiment left Indianapolis, by way of Cincinnati, Ohio, for Grafton, Virginia (now West Virginia). Sent on to the town of Webster, they arrived on June 2 and marched 14 miles (23 km) that same night to Philippi. On the morning of June 3, the 6th Indiana participated in the Battle of Philippi, the first land battle of the Civil War. They later participated in the Rich Mountain Campaign.

The regiment mustered out of service on August 2, 1861. Among its line officers was Captain Jeremiah C. Sullivan, who would later rise to the rank of brigadier general.

Total strength and casualties

The total strength of the 6th Indiana Infantry at the time of its organization was 782 men, including 37 commissioned officers.^[1]

The regiment suffered no casualties in battle, but 3 enlisted men died of disease and one member of the regiment was captured by the enemy and later exchanged.^[2]

Colonels

- Colonel Thomas T. Crittenden

See also

- List of Indiana Civil War regiments

Notes

1. ^ Briant (1891). p. 60.
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