

Francis (Frank) Porterfield jr.
Private Company B
1st Regiment Tennessee Infantry

April 1861: Three companies of volunteers are formed in Nashville and are known as the "Rock City Guards".

May 1861: Mustered as companies A, B, and C of the 1st Regiment (Fields) Tennessee Infantry.

Report to Camp Harris, Allisonia Franklin County TN. Located near the Nashville & Chattanooga R.R. approx. 76 miles from Nashville. Drill and instruction

Report to Camp Cheatham, Robertson County TN approx 6 miles from Springfield. Located near Edgefield and Kentucky RR. Drill and instruction

7/10/61- ordered to Virginia

7/11/61- Depart to Johnson City TN. Stay there until ...

7/21/61- Depart to Lynchburg, Charlottesville, and Staunton VA. Camp there 1 week

Report to Robert E Lee at Warm Springs VA. Camp 1 week at Huntersville VA.

Brigaded with 7th & 14th Tennessee Regiments Infantry at Big Spring and Valley Mountain. Move to Mingo Flats VA

9/10-15/61- Cheat Mountain Campaign (W) VA. Move to Big Sewell Mountain near Lewisburg (W) VA.

12/61- Stationed Winchester VA.

1/62- Stonewall Jackson's Campaign Bath VA, Hancock MD, and Romney (W) VA
Then return to Winchester VA until...

2/17/62- Ordered to return to Tennessee

At Knoxville TN Companies A-E are sent to Cumberland Gap TN.KY.VA

4/7/62- Arrive Corinth Mississippi after the Battle of Shiloh TN

4/30/62- Re-enlists for two years or the war

5/62- The 1st is brigaded with the 6th, 9th, and 27th Tennessee Infantry Regiments in General George Maney's Brigade General Cheatham's Division.

6/or7/62- Private Poterfield jr. is detached by order of General Cheatham and is assigned to Major John Ingram Assistant Adjutant General on Cheatham's staff as a clerk. He will hold this position as a Private and Volunteer Aide for the rest of the war.

Records in his file indicate he was stationed at the following locations...

5/61- Nashville TN

10/62- Bardstown KY

11/11/62- Tullahoma TN

12/31/62- Murfreesboro TN

3/11/63- 6/63 Shelbyville TN

7/63- Cleveland TN

8/63- Athens TN

9/63- Chattanooga TN-Chickamauga GA

10/63- Chickamauga GA – Missionary Ridge TN

10/29/63- Athens TN

1/9/64-2/29/64 Dalton GA

No records are on file for the Atlanta Campaign except one entry...

7/-8/64- Jonesboro GA

Other sources would indicate he would have been in the vicinity of..

11/64 Franklin TN

12/64- Nashville TN

2/-4/65 Carolina's Campaign

Items of note

1. On July 17, 1863 while at Cleveland TN Francis Porterfield jr. solicited an appointment as a cadet in the Congressional District of the Honorable H. S. Foote. A second request was forwarded to President Jefferson Davis in August. However no action seems to have been taken.

2. The Official Records War of the Rebellion volume 38 part 3 page 711 indicates that

④ F. Porterfield jr. was serving as a Private and Volunteer Aide on General Cheatham's personal staff. He was with General Maney at Jonesboro GA 8/31/64

4/28/65- He surrendered at High Point North Carolina. Paroled at Greensboro NC 5/1/65

6/17/65- He took the oath of allegiance Nashville TN He was described as a resident of Nashville TN, Fair complexion, Dark hair, Hazel eyes, 5ft 8.

Researched by Stewart Cruickshank