

Mississippi Side Knife



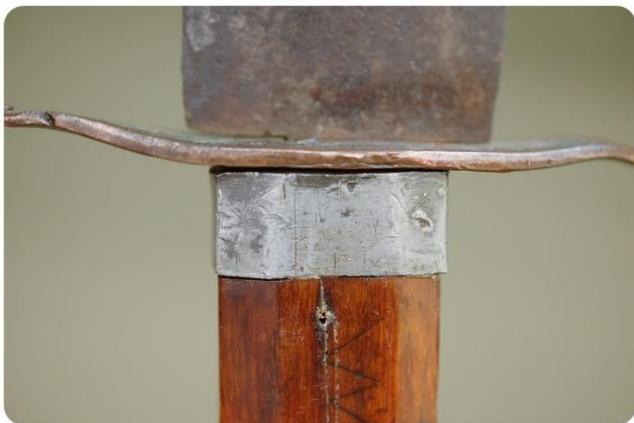
This Confederate Side knife was discovered and purchased in Mississippi by Rebel Relics - Brian Akins. When acquired, there was a verbal story that it belonged to a Mississippi soldier, but there was no additional history. On close examination, the name **"W H Harris"** was found carved on the top of the grip and initials **"W H"** on the right side. The initial search of the Civil War data base identified several Mississippi soldiers with this name, and more was needed for a positive identification. On the lead ferrule, the letter **"E"** was found carved on both sides, which most likely is a unit identification. With this added information, a search for a Mississippi soldier enlisted in a unit with a "Company E" commenced and two soldiers were found: **William Hansford Harris "E" Co. Mississippi 18th Infantry** and **William H. Harris "E" Co. 2nd Partisan Rangers Mississippi Infantry**. Since both have similar names, this knife could belong to either, and so historical information on both is provided.

William Hansford Harris: On 4/20/1861 he mustered into "E" Co. Mississippi 18th Infantry. He was discharged for disability from battle wounds on 11/15/1861. He was wounded in battle twice: first in the leg, and then in the arm, which was amputated. This led to his discharge. He survived.

William H. Harris: On 9/1/1862 he mustered into "E" Co. Mississippi 2nd Part Rangers Cavalry. His muster sheets show that he was wounded near Ripley Mississippi, but remained with the unit at least until October 1864.

The knife is 17 1/2 inches long with a 13-inch spear-point blade made from a file. You can still see file teeth marks all over the blade. The blade is period sharpened and has an even patina. The grip looks to be walnut with a lead ferrule, a brass cross-guard, and a brass plate with three pins. The original sheath is brown leather, bottom stitch, and reinforced with heavy wire at its end. As mention above, the name **"W H Harris"** is carved on the top of the grip and initials **"W H"** on the right side, and the letter **"E"** is carved on both sides of the ferrule. The knife is in superb condition and most likely carried by one of the two identified Mississippi Soldiers. There is a high probability the knife was made is Mississippi.





William Hansford Harris

Mississippi

Enlisted on 4/20/1861 as a Private.

On 4/20/1861 he mustered into "E" Co. Mississippi 18th Infantry
He was discharged for disability from battle wounds on 11/15/1861

Other Information:

born in 1845

died in 1900

Buried: Greenwood Cemetery, Jackson, MS



Flag of the 18th Mississippi Infantry

Willian H. Harris

"E" Co. Mississippi 18th Infantry

Harris William H

Co. E ; 18 Mississippi Inf.
(Confederate.)

Private | *Private*

CARD NUMBERS.

1	4764928	20	
2	7360	21	
3	9464	22	
4	7363	23	
5	1345	24	
6	47650799	25	
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19		38	

Number of medical cards herein *0*

Number of personal papers herein *0*

BOOK MARK :

See also

(Confederate.)

Ms. | 18 | Miss.

W. H. Harris

Priv., { Capt. J. W. Welborn's Company
(Mississippi College Rifles),
18 Reg't Mississippi Volunteers.*

Age 18 years.

Appears on

Company Muster-in Roll

of the organization named above, called into the
service of the Confederate States. Roll dated

Corinth Miss, June 7, 1861.

Muster-in to date May 29, 1861.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When May 29, 1861.

Where Corinth

By whom J. W. Welborn

Period 12 mos

Traveling to place of rendezvous 257 miles.

NOTE: "The 'Mississippi College Rifles' were
organized in Clinton, Hinds Co., Mississippi, on
the 18th day of April, 1861, and were mustered
into the service of the State of Mississippi on the
20th day of the same month."

Remarks:

*This company was successively designated as Captain
Welborn's Company, Mississippi Volunteers, and as Captain
Welborn's Company, and Company E, 18th Regiment Missis-
sippi Infantry.

The 18th Regiment Mississippi Infantry was organized in
June, 1861, of companies which had previously been in the
State service and was mustered into the Confederate service
for twelve months. About April, 1862, the regiment was re-
organized for the war.

Book mark:

E. Tinkerton

(Confederate.)

26.

18

Miss.

W. H. Harris

Pvt., Co. E., 18 Reg't Mississippi Vols.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for May 29 to June 30, 1861.
Dated Aug. 19, 1861.

Enlisted :

When May 29, 1861.

Where Corinth, Miss.

By whom Capt. Walker

Period 1 year.

Last paid :

By whom

To what time , 1861.

Present or absent Absent.

Remarks: Absent sick.

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Book mark :

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E. J. Kenton

Copyist.

(Confederate.)

No

18

Miss.

W. H. Harris

Pvt., Co. *E*, 18 Reg't Mississippi Vols.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for *July & Aug*, 186*1*.

Dated Nov. 4th 1861

Enlisted:

When *May 29*, 186*1*.

Where *Osprey, Miss.*

By whom *Capt. Walker*

Period *1 yr.*

Last paid:

By whom *Capt. Ambler*

To what time *July 1*, 186*1*.

Present or absent *Present*

Remarks:

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Book mark:

E. Y. Keaton

(Confederate.)

No.

18

Miss.

Wm H. Kearnis

Priv., Co. E., 18 Reg't Mississippi Vols.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Sept. & Oct., 1861.

Dated Dec 31/1861

Enlisted :

When May 29, 1861

Where Corinth Miss.

By whom Capt. Walker

Period 1 yr.

Last paid :

By whom Capt. Dougherty

To what time Sept. 1, 1861

Present or absent Present

Remarks :

Wounded in action Oct 21/1861

From Record of Events

The 18th Regiment Mississippi Infantry was organized in June, 1861, of companies which had previously been in the State service and was mustered into the Confederate service for twelve months. About April, 1862, the regiment was re-organized for the war.

Book mark :

E. J. Kenton

(Confederate.)

H

18

Miss.

W. H. Harriss

Col, Co. *E*, 18 Reg't Mississippi Vols.

Appears on a

Report of Sick and Wounded

of the organization named above,

for *Dec*, 1861.

Station *Camp near Leesburg, Va*

Discharges on Surgeon's Certificate and Deaths:

Disease *Wound in leg*

Date of discharge } *Dec 1*, 1861.
from service, }

Date of death, 1861.

Remarks:

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Book mark:

W. H. Harriss

(Confederate.)

26.

18

Miss.

Wm H. Harris

Pop, { Co. E (Mississippi College Rifles),
18 Mississippi Regiment.

Appears on a

"Record "**

of the organization named above,

from April 20, 1861, to March 1, 1865.

Record dated: Near Richmond, Va., March 3,
1865.

Enlisted:

When June 7, 1861

Where Leonuth

Period 1 yr.

Born—(State) Miss

Occupation Student

Residence—(Nearest P.O.) Miss Springs

Age when enlisted 19

Married or single Single

Remarks: Severely wounded (left arm
amp.) Oct. 21st 1861. Discharged
on Wound Jan. 1st 1862.

The 18th Regiment Mississippi Infantry was organized in June, 1861, of companies which had previously been in the State service and was mustered into the Confederate service for twelve months. About April, 1862, the regiment was re-organized for the war.

* From copy (made in the M. S. Office, War Department, in March, 1905,) of an original record borrowed from the Director of Archives and History, Jackson, Miss.—M. S. 938010.

Book mark:

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(CONFEDERATE.)

No. 18 Miss

H. H. Harris
Pat. Co. Co. 18 Miss

Appears on a Register of

Receiving and Wayside Hospital,
or General Hospital No. 9,
Richmond, Virginia.

Admitted Nov. 11, 1864.

Disposition F. 11 Nov. 145 days

Date Nov. 12, 1864.

Remarks:

Confed. Arch., Chap. 6, File No. 108, page 227.

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26 | 18 | Miss

W. H. Harris
Co. C, R. 18 Regt. Miss.

C. S. A. General Hospital,
Charlottesville, Virginia.

Disease Measles & Itch
Admitted July 21, 1861
Returned to duty Aug 20, 1861
Discharged _____, 186____
Died _____, 186____

Remarks: -----

Confed. Arch., Chap. 6, File No. 216, page 90.

J. H. Wilkinson
(625) Copyist.

(CONFEDERATE)

H

18

Miss.

W. H. Harris

Pvt., Co. B, 18 Reg't., Miss. Vols.

Appears on a

LIST

of killed and wounded, of the 18th
Reg't. Miss. Vols., in the battle
of Leesburg, Va., Oct. 21, 1861.

List dated Carters Mills Va.

Oct. 28, 1861.

Remarks:

Wounded - left arm amputated.

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(CONFEDERATE.)

H

18

Miss

W. H. Harris

Pvt 18th Miss Col. E. R. Burt

Appears on an official copy of a
LIST

of killed, wounded and missing, in
the battle of Ball's Bluff, Va.,
Oct. 21, 1861.

List dated

Dec 6

, 1861

Remarks: Wounded, arm serious

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18th MS Infantry

From	To	Brigade	Division	Corps	Army	Comment
Jun '61	Jun '61				Dept of Alexandria	
Jun '61	Jul '61	D.R. Jones'			Army of Potomac	
Jul '61	Jul '61	D.R. Jones'		1st	Army of Potomac	
Jul '61	Oct '61	Evans'		1st	Army of Potomac	
Oct '61	Mar '62	Evans'/Griffith's	Forces at Leesburg, VA		Dept of Northern Virginia	Potomac District
Apr '62	May '62	Griffith's	McLaws'/Magruder's		Dept of Northern Virginia	
Jun '62	Jul '62	Griffith's/Barksdale's	Magruder's		Army of Northern Virginia	
Jul '62	Sep '63	Barksdale's/Humphreys'	McLaws'	1st	Army of Northern Virginia	
Sep '63	Nov '63	Humphreys'	McLaws'	Longstreet	Army of Tennessee	
Nov '63	Apr '64	Humphreys'	McLaws'/Kershaw's		Dept of East Tennessee	
Apr '64	Aug '64	Humphreys'	Kershaw's	1st	Army of Northern Virginia	
Aug '64	Oct '64	Humphreys'	Kershaw's	Valley District	Dept of Northern Virginia	
Nov '64	Apr '65	Humphreys'	Kershaw's	1st	Army of Northern Virginia	

MISSISSIPPI 18TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

The Mississippi 18th Infantry Regiment, organized in June, 1861, at Corinth, Mississippi, recruited its members in Yazoo, Coahoma, Madison, De Soto, and Hinds counties. Ordered to Virginia, the unit fought at First Manassas under D.R. Jones, then was engaged at Leesburg.

Eighteenth Mississippi Infantry

Report of Col. E. R. Burt, Eighteenth Mississippi Infantry.

McLEAN'S FORD, July 22, 1861.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to report that my command, Eighteenth Regiment Mississippi Volunteers, with Col. Jenkins' South Carolina regiment, Col. Featherston's Seventh Regiment Mississippi Volunteers, under command of Brig. Gen. D. R. Jones, proceeded at about 2.30 o'clock on the evening of the 21st to take the battery of the enemy posted near Grigsby's barn, on the north side of Bull Run.

When within about three hundred yards of the guns of the enemy I endeavored to form my command near the edge of a ravine on the left of the command of Col. Jenkins. Before, however, the regiment could be formed, which from the nature of the ground was difficult to do, the enemy delivered a murderous fire on it. At this period the command came from the right to charge the enemy. By whom it was given I know not. The charge was made, however, without any knowledge of the ground over which the regiment was to pass, and continued in the face of a terrific fire of canister, shell, and shot from the battery on the enemy and the fire of a portion of my own command through those in advance of them until an impassable ravine was reached (where the line was originally attempted to be formed, but not effected), when the confusion under the galling fire of the enemy's guns became very

great, so much so that to form the line was utterly impracticable, and it was not done until the field of Mr. Speak's was reached. The fire of the enemy was returned, and kept up by the regiment for some moments without seeing where the battery of the enemy was placed. The infantry of the enemy field after the first fire from our arms.

Although but a short time engaged, our loss was severe. Among the killed was Capt. Adam McWillie, of the Camden Rifles, a gallant soldier of the Mexican war, having fought bravely at Monterey and Buena Vista, he was killed by a canister shot while endeavoring to rally his command. First Lieut. Seary, of Capt. Brown's command, was killed on the field whilst making the charge. Second Lieut. York, of Capt. Wellborn's command, was badly wounded near the same time. Third Lieut. McLauren, of Campaign Fontaine's command, was seriously wounded by the explosion of a shell. Number of killed and wounded, thirty-eight.

Very respectfully,

E. R. BURT,
Col. Eighteenth Regiment Mississippi Volunteers.

Acting Assistant Adjutant-Gen. LATHAM.

Source: Official Records
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The following was taken from the Supplement to the Official Records:

Record of Events for Eighteenth Mississippi Infantry, April 1861-March 1865.

Field and Staff

Erasmus R. Burt, Col., died [illegible]

Thomas M. Griffin, Col., [illegible]

Walter [Guston] Kearney, Lt.Col., dropped April [illegible], 1862

John W. Balfour, Maj., r. September 2, 1862

William [Henry] Luse, Lt.Col.

James [Cummings] Campbell, Maj., died May 3, 1863

[George Bruce] Gerald, Maj.

[Eli] G. Henry, Maj., dropped April 26, 1862

Samuel Nicholson, Adj., r. November 10, 1862

William P. Dowers, Act. Adj.

O. E. Stuart, Act. Adj., r. May 3, 1863

J. C. Thigpen, Act. Adj.

[Benjamin] F. Cassell, Adj.

David S. Goodloe, Act. Adj., R.I.C. August 1, 1864

[Samuel] T. Birdsong, Act. Adj.

O. E. Kinley, Adj.

James M. Holloway, Surg., transferred

[Benjamin] B. Barnett, A.S., resigned

[Patrick] H. Griffin, Surg.

T. D. Merrill, A.S.

James L. Meek, A.Q.M., r. August 15, 1861

P. M. Doherty, A.Q.M., r. August 15, 1861

Fontaine Barksdale, A.Q.M., killed May 6, 1864
Henry Christmas, A.C.S., r. September 3, 1861
Thomas F. Leonard, A.C.S.
T. W. Caskie, Chap.
J. A. Hackett, Chap.
Foster Ely, Chap.
[Solomon] Dobson, Ens.

Officers of Company E (Mississippi College Rifles)

Johnson W. Welborn, Capt., r. April 2, 1862
William H. Lewis, Capt.
Joseph Buckles, 1st Lt.
John H. York, 2nd Lt., died July 24, 1861
Stephen C. Granberry, 2nd Lt., dropped December 13, 1864
J. J. Green, 2nd Lt., r. April 22, 1862
Phillip O. Roberts, 2nd Lt., died September 20, 1862
Cuddy Thomas, 1st Lt., r. November 22, 1861
J. T. Wright, Lt.

Field and Staff

Stationed at Corinth, Mississippi, June 7, 1861. June 7.— Muster-in roll of field and staff in the Eighteenth Regiment of Mississippi, commanded by Colonel E. R. Burt, called into the service of the Confederate States in the Provisional Army under the provisions of the Act of Congress passed February —, 1861 by President Jeff Davis from June 7, 1861 (date of this muster) for the term of twelve months, unless sooner discharged. . . .

W. S. WALKER,
Confederate States of Army, Mustering Officer. Captain

Stationed near Richmond, January-June 1862.
Stationed at Culpeper Court-House, Virginia, July-October 1862.
Stationed at Fredericksburg, Virginia, November 1862-February 1863.
Station not stated, July-August 1863.
Stationed near Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, September-October 1863.
Stationed at Petersburg, Virginia, January-June 1864.
Stationed at Brucetown, Virginia, July-August 1864.
Stationed at Darbytown Road near Richmond, Virginia, March 5, 1865.

June 7, 1861. This company was organized at Corinth, Mississippi, under the direction of Brigadier-General [James Lusk] Alcorn, Mississippi State Troops. Upon its organizing, E. R. Burt of Jackson was elected colonel; Thomas M. Griffin of Madison County, lieutenant-colonel; and John W. Balfour of Madison County, major. At that time, Company A was commanded by Joseph [McAfee] Jayne, who has since been promoted to colonel of the Forty-eighth Mississippi Regiment—Company B by W. H. Luse, the present lieutenant-colonel of this regiment. Company C by [Otho Robards] Singleton, now representative in Confederate States Congress from Fifth Congressional District, Mississippi. Company D by C. F. Hamer of Yazoo County. Company E by J. W. Wellborn. Company F by G. B. Gerald, the present major of the regiment. Company G by Adam McWillis, who was killed at the final battle of Manassas. Company H by [Albert Gallatin] Brown, at present Confederate States senator from Mississippi. Company I by W. G. Kearney, afterwards lieutenant-colonel and who resigned in April 1862 on account of bad health; and Company K by Edward Fontaine, who resigned at Leesburg and became, for a short time, Chief of Ordnance for the state of Mississippi

June 10. The regiment left Corinth for Virginia.

June 18. Arrived at Camp Walker near Manassas Junction. Here it was placed in a brigade with Seventeenth Mississippi Regiment, Colonel [Winfield Scott] Featherston and the Fifth South Carolina, Colonel [Micah] Jenkins, the whole commanded by Brigadier-General [David Rumph] Jones of South Carolina.

July 21.— This brigade participated in the battle of July 21, operating upon the extreme right of our Army. Soon after this the Thirteenth Mississippi Regiment was substituted for the Fifth South Carolina. We were placed under General [Nathan George] Evans of South Carolina and were marched to Leesburg in Loudoun County, where we held the extreme left of [Pierre Gustave Toutant] Beauregard's Army until March 1862, having in the meantime fought the battle of Leesburg or better known as Ball's Bluff.

On December 1861 General Evans was relieved of the command of the brigade by General [Richard] Griffith of Mississippi, the Twenty-first Mississippi having a short time before been added to it.



Flag of the 18th Regiment, Mississippi Infantry (Burt Rifles)

William Hansford Harris

Mr. William Harris, better known to a host of warm friends and admirers as "Uncle Billy" Harris, died at the family residence on South Congress street at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness with consumption. Mr. Harris was one of the most highly respected citizens of the capital city, and the news of his death will be received with surprise and regret by many friends. He was a gallant Confederate soldier, having lost an arm during the four years of strife and was recognized by all who knew him as a man of true moral and physical courage. For a number of years he was justice of the peace for this district of the county and had served in various clerical capacities at the courthouse. The interment took place in the city cemetery during the day.



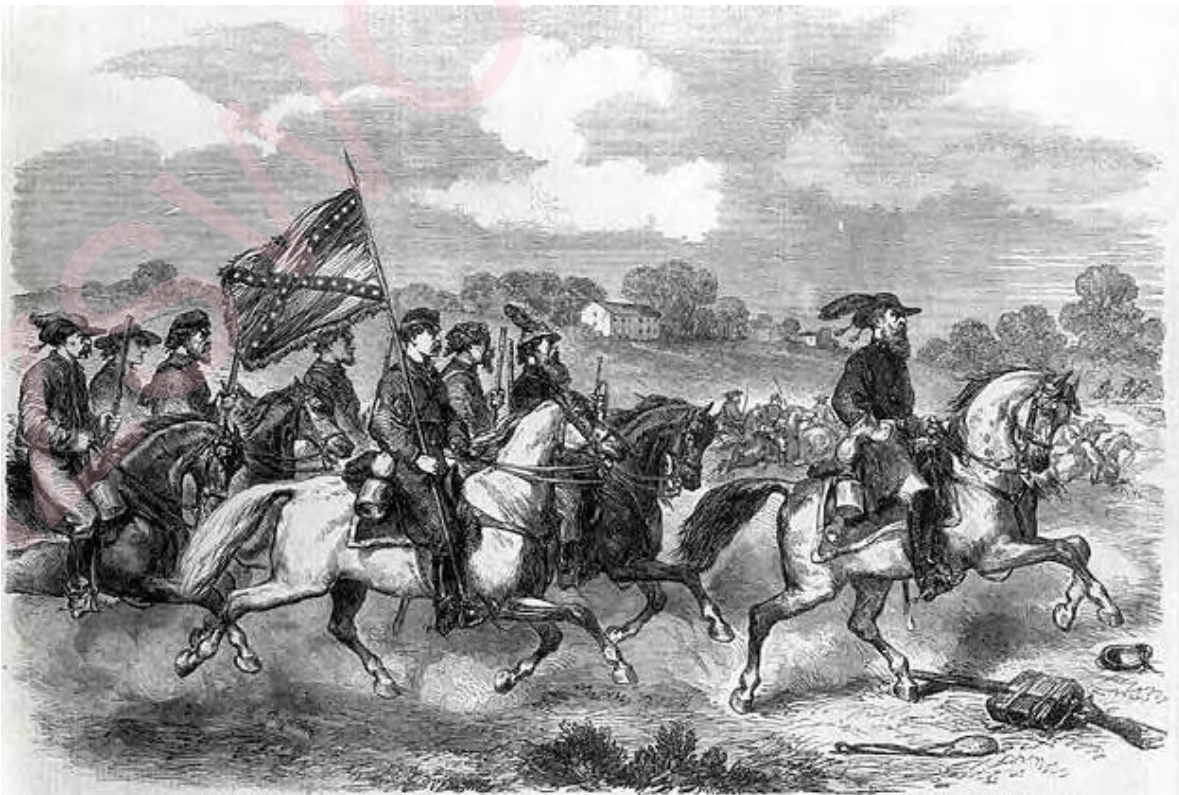
William H. Harris

"E" Co. 2nd Partisan Rangers Mississippi Infantry

Enlisted on 9/1/1862 as a Private.

On 9/1/1862 he mustered into "E" Co. MS 2nd Part Rangers Cavalry

From	To	Brigade	Division	Corps	Army	Comment
Dec '62	Jan '63			Jackson's Cavalry	Dept of Mississippi and East Louisiana	Army of North MS
Jan '63	Feb '63	2nd	Jackson's	Van Dorn's Cavalry	Dept of Mississippi and East Louisiana	
Feb '63	Feb '63	Cosby's	Martin's	Van Dorn's Cavalry	Dept of Mississippi and East Louisiana	
Feb '63	May '63	Cosby's	Martin's	Van Dorn's Cavalry	Army of Tennessee	
Jun '63	Jul '63	Cosby's		Jackson's Cavalry	Dept of the West	
Jul '63	Aug '63	Cosby's		Jackson's Cavalry	Dept of Mississippi and East Louisiana	
Aug '63	Jan '64	Cosby's	Jackson's Cavalry		Dept of Mississippi and East Louisiana	
Aug '63	Jan '64	Cosby's	Jackson's	Lee's Cavalry	Dept of Mississippi and East Louisiana	
Jan '64	May '64	Cosby's	Jackson's	Lee's Cavalry	Dept of Alabama, Mississippi and East Louisiana	
May '64	Jul '64	Cosby's/Armstrong's	Jackson's Cavalry		Army of Mississippi	
Jul '64	Feb '65	Armstrong's	Jackson's Cavalry		Army of Tennessee	
Feb '65	May '65	Armstrong's	Chalmers'	Forrest's Cavalry	Dept of Alabama, Mississippi and East Louisiana	



Mississippi 2nd Cavalry Regiment (Partisan Rangers) (aka Ballantine's Cavalry Regiment)

Organized in late 1862

Surrendered by Lt. Gen. Richard Taylor, commanding the Department of Alabama, Mississippi, and East Louisiana, at Meridian, Mississippi on May 4, 1865.

Colonel -- John G. Ballentine, July, 1862-65

Lieutenant-Colonel -- William L. Maxwell, March 1863-65

Major -- William H. Ford, March 1863-65

Adjutant -- V. V. Moore

Quartermaster -- W. D. Heflin

Assistant Surgeon -- A. Brogden, 1864-65

Non-commissioned staff:

C.F. Bullock--Sergeant-Major

James Hunt--Quartermaster Sergeant

F. L. Burton--Commissary Sergeant

J. J. Wilson--Ordnance Sergeant

Allen F. Laird--Bugler

This regiment was formed in time to participate in the operations attending the battles of Iuka, Corinth and Coffeeville, from September-December 1862, but is not mentioned in the official reports available. The regiment never received a number and was known throughout the war as Ballentine's Battalion or Regiment. Ballentine had been Captain of Company A in the Tennessee Regiment which Col. W. H. Jackson commanded in Mississippi in 1862. He was distinguished for personal valor in the cavalry fight at Lockridge Mills, Tenn. on May 5, 1862, where he commanded five companies of Jackson's Regiment.

In January 1863, "Ballentine's Battalion," 259 men strong, was listed among the troops to accompany Van Dorn's expedition into Tennessee. It was assigned to the 2nd Brigade of W. H. Jackson's Division, and in February to Cosby's (1st) Brigade, which was transferred from Jackson's to Gen. Will T. Martin's Division.

In parting with the regiment at Okolona, on February 6, 1863, Gen. W. H. Jackson, in special orders, expressed his *"heartfelt thanks to the officers and men for their cheerfulness and attention to every duty, the hearty cooperation at all times displayed by them, and his admiration of their cool, determined courage in every engagement while under his command, also his regrets at losing them from his division."*

Ballentine's Regiment, with Pinson's and Starke's and Woodward's Kentuckians, formed the brigade of General Cosby, in Martin's Division of Van Dorn's Cavalry Corps in the campaign in Middle

Tennessee, March-April 1863. The brilliant achievement of the campaign was the capture at Spring Hill, or Thompson's Station, on March 5, of Gen. John Coburn's Brigade.

The main fight was made by the brigades of Jackson, Armstrong, Whitfield and Forrest. General Van Dorn reported that General Martin, with Cosby's Brigade, arrived on the field and took position on Coburn's right flank, preparing for a charge and cutting off the only way of escape, when Coburn surrendered. The brigade also participated in the attack at Franklin, April 10, 1863.

Soon afterward, the brigade made a rapid march of 400 miles to the Big Black River, Grant having, in the absence of Van Dorn's Corps, succeeded in establishing his army in a secure position between that river and Vicksburg, with his base of supplies on the Yazoo. The brigade covered the retreat of General Johnston from the Big Black to Jackson after the surrender of Vicksburg, and afterward was stationed between the Big Black and Pearl Rivers, guarding the country from raids.

The Crosby Brigade, in September 1863, included the Fourth Cavalry, Maj. J. L. Harris; Twenty-eighth Cavalry, Capt. S. B. Cleveland; Col. J. G. Ballentine's Regiment; Wirt Adams' Regiment, Capt. Robert Muldrow; and Lieut. N. M. Martin's escort company. The brigade, under command of Wirt Adams, participated in the operations against McPherson's expedition from Vicksburg towards Canton, October, 1863, skirmishing near Bolton and Clinton, under the command of Gen. W. H. Jackson.

In the organization of cavalry under Maj.-Gen. S. D. Lee, in February 1864, Ballentine's Regiment, with Pinson's and Starke's, formed the brigade of Colonel Starke, in W. H. Jackson's Division. When Sherman crossed the Big Black on his campaign to destroy Meridian and the railroads and immense army stores, Starke met Hurlbut's column near the Joe Davis plantation, and from that place to Jackson, Ballentine's Regiment, under Lieutenant-Colonel Maxwell, was engaged in skirmishing through February 4-5.

A flank movement by the Federal cavalry under Colonel Winslow caused the hurried abandonment of Jackson. Afterward the brigade annoyed the advance to Meridian and skirmished briskly with Winslow as Sherman was about to enter the city on February 14. Thence, they moved to Starkville, to assist Forrest against the Sooy Smith raid, but found the battle over there. They next operated against Sherman's troops at Canton, skirmishing February 27-29, and picking up several foraging parties. The last skirmish was near Brownsville, on March 2, Sherman recrossing the Big Black next day.

Capt. Edward E. Porter was commanding the regiment in April 1864, Lieutenant-Colonel Maxwell in June and later. Maxwell, with a detachment from his regiment and Starke's, operated against deserters and Tories in Walker and Winston Counties, Ala., in April. Gen. Frank C. Armstrong took command of the brigade, which was ordered to Georgia, arrived at Rome on May 14, and was engaged at Adairsville, on May 17, after which it was constantly on duty and in frequent skirmishes until after the evacuation of Atlanta, September 1.

On May 28, near Dallas, the brigade dismounted, made a reconnaissance against the Federal intrenched position, suffering heavy loss.

The regiment, in Armstrong's Brigade, Jackson's Division, crossed the Tennessee River near Florence, between November 16-17, and began the march into Tennessee on November 21, under the command of Major-General Nathan B. Forrest. Armstrong's Brigade was in battle during the

remainder of November, principally at Lawrenceburg, Campbellsville, Columbia, Spring Hill and Franklin, in the two latter engagements, between November 29-30, fighting both as cavalry and infantry.

In December, they followed the Federal army to Nashville and moved thence to besiege Murfreesboro, where they were particularly distinguished in battle on December 7. After the disaster at Nashville, they served as rear guard on the retreat, and fought at Columbia, Warfield's, Richland Creek, Pulaski, King's Hill and Sugar Creek, between December 22-26.

The casualties of the regiment were 4 killed, 15 wounded.

On February 22, 1865, General Chalmers ordered Ballentine's Regiment consolidated with the Seventh, in Armstrong's Brigade. Armstrong's Brigade held the line of works at Selma, Ala., on April 2, 1865, which was carried at a heavy cost in killed and wounded by Long's Division of Wilson's Cavalry expedition.

All the troops of the department were paroled under the capitulation of Lieut.-Gen. Richard Taylor May 4, 1865. General Forrest's command surrendered at Gainesville, Ala., May 22, 1865.

Second Regiment, Mississippi Partisan Rangers (Ballentine's Cavalry Regiment)

The following was taken from the Supplement to the Official Records:

Record of Events for Second Regiment,
Mississippi Partisan Rangers (Ballentine's Cavalry Regiment),
March 1862-October 1864.

Company E

William W. McDowell, Capt., to Company K, Nineteenth and Twentieth Tennessee Cavalry, Consolidated

Jeff J. Davis, 1st Lt.

W. H. George, 2nd Lt.

N. W. Roach, 2nd Lt., dropped

Andrew B. Knox, 2nd Lt.

Captain W. W. McDowell and some of the company who enlisted from Tennessee are found to have been paroled in May, 1865 at Gainesville, Alabama as of Company K, Nineteenth and Twentieth Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry.

Field and Staff

Station not stated, May-June 1863.

Station not stated, September-October 1863.

Stationed near Brownsville, Mississippi, November-December 1863.

Stationed near Sharon, Mississippi, [January] February 1864.

Stationed near Marietta, Georgia, May-June 1864.

Stationed near Jonesborough, Georgia, July-August 1864.

Stationed in the field, September-October 1864.
Stationed at Brownsville, Mississippi, October 22, 1864.

Regiment
Company E

Stationed at Byhalia, Mississippi, September-October 1862.
Stationed at Columbia, Tennessee, [November] 1862-February 1863.
Stationed at Mechanicsburg, [March]-June 1863.
Stationed at Raymond, July-August 1863.
Stationed near Brownsville, September-December 1863.
Station not stated, [January]-February 1864.
Stationed near Powder Springs, May-June 1864.
Stationed at Jonesborough, Georgia, July-August 1864.
Stationed near Courtland, September-October 1864.



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Harris, William B.

Co. E, 2 Partisan Rangers,
Mississippi Infantry.

(Confederate.)

Private Private

CARD NUMBERS.

1	47439259	20
2	4417	21
3	4461	22
4	4509	23
5	4543	24
6	4583	25
7	4615	26
8		27
9		28
10		29
11		30
12		31
13		32
14		33
15		34
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17		36
18		37
19		38

Number of medical cards herein 0

Number of personal papers herein 1

BOOK MARK:

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(Confederate.)

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2 Partisan Rangers.

Miss.

W. H. Harris

1st, Co. E, Ballentine's Reg't of Cavalry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for Oct. 3, 1862. to Feb. 28, 1863.

Enlisted:

When Aug. 11, 1862

Where Ripley, Miss.

By whom

Period War.

Last paid:

By whom

To what time, 186

Pay for horse, 40 cts. per day, \$ 100

Present or absent

Absent

Remarks:

Wounded near Ripley
and sent home unfit for
duty.

In July, 1862, Capt. J. G. Ballentine was ordered by Brig. Gen. Villepique, who was then commanding in North Mississippi, to collect and form into a regiment all independent and unattached companies then on duty in that department. The regiment was formed of six Mississippi companies and one Mississippi and Tennessee company; two Mississippi companies and one Louisiana company were added in October, 1862, and one Tennessee company was added in December, 1862. In August, 1863, the regiment was reduced to ten companies by the consolidation of Companies D and F.

The organization was known as Ballentine's Regiment of Cavalry in the field, but it was designated the 2d Regiment Mississippi Partisan Rangers on records of the Confederate War Department.

Book mark:

Rev. Fish

(Confederate.)

H

2 Partisan Rangers.

Miss.

William H. Harris

Pos., Co. *E*, Ballentine's Reg't of Cavalry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for *Sept. & Oct.*, 186*3*.

Enlisted:

When *Aug. 11.*, 186*2*.

Where *Ripley Miss.*

By whom *Capt. M. C. Doxall*

Period *War.*

Last paid:

By whom *Not paid since enlistment*

To what time, 186*3*.

Present or absent *Present.*

Remarks: *Wounded from
October 1862 until 15 Aug
1863.*

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Book mark:

R. W. Fick

(Confederate.)

H | **2 Partisan Rangers.** | **Miss.**

Wm. H. Harris

Por, Co. *E*, Ballentine's Reg't of Cavalry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for *Nov. 1 Dec*, 186*3*.

Enlisted:

When *Aug. 11*, 186*3*

Where *Ripley, Miss*

By whom *Capt. W. H. M. Dowell*

Period *3 yrs or the war*

Last paid:

By whom *Capt. W. D. Heflin*

To what time *Aug. 31*, 186*3*.

Present or absent

Present

Remarks:

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Book mark:

R. W. Fish

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Copyist.

(Confederate.)

H

2 Partisan Rangers.

Miss.

H. H. Harris

1st, Co. E, Ballentine's Reg't of Cavalry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for May & June, 1864.

Enlisted:

When Aug. 11, 1863.

Where Ripley, Miss.

By whom Capt. H. H. McDowell

Period 3 yrs or war.

Last paid:

By whom Capt. H. D. Heflin

To what time Oct 31, 1863.

Present or absent

Present

Remarks:

McDowell.

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Book mark:

Revised

(Confederate.)

H

2 Partisan Rangers.

Miss.

W. H. Harris

10th, Co. *E*, Ballentine's Reg't of Cavalry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for *July & Aug*, 186*4*.

Enlisted:

When *Aug. 11*, 186*2*.

Where *Ripley, Miss*

By whom *Capt. W. H. M. Doxall*

Period *3 years*.

Last paid:

By whom *Capt. W. D. Heflin*

To what time *Oct 31*, 186*3*.

Present or absent

Present

Remarks:

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Book mark:

W. H. Harris

(Confederate.)

H | **2 Partisan Rangers.** | **Miss.**

W H Harris
1st, Co. *E*, Ballentine's Reg't of Cavalry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for *Sept & Oct*, 186*4*.

Enlisted:

When *Aug. 11*, 186*2*.

Where *Ripley, Miss*

By whom *Capt M C Powell*.

Period *war*

Last paid:

By whom *Capt Heflin*

To what time *Oct. 31*, 186*3*.

Present or absent *Present* *B*

Remarks:

In July, 1862, Capt. J. G. Ballentine was ordered by Brig. Gen. Villepigue, who was then commanding in North Mississippi, to collect and form into a regiment all independent and unattached companies then on duty in that department. The regiment was formed of six Mississippi companies and one Mississippi and Tennessee company; two Mississippi companies and one Louisiana company were added in October, 1862, and one Tennessee company was added in December, 1862. In August, 1863, the regiment was reduced to ten companies by the consolidation of Companies D and F.

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