

INDEPENDENT COMPANY INFANTRY, "PATAPSCO GUARDS."



THE Patapsco Guards Infantry, Maryland Volunteers, an Independent Company of Infantry, was organized at Ellicott's Mills, Maryland, September 25, 1861, to serve three years. On the expiration of its term of service the original men, except veterans, were mustered out and the organization, composed of veterans and recruits, retained in service until August 17, 1865, when it was mustered out of the military service of the United States by reason of the close of the war and by orders of the War Department.

The Patapsco Guards performed guard and provost duty at Ellicott's Mills, Md., and at York, Harrisburg and Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. During the Gettysburg campaign it took part in a skirmish with the enemy at Wrightsville, Pennsylvania, June 28, 1863, and again, during the McCauseland raid, near Chambersburg, Pa., July 30, 1864.

The casualties from death in this independent company during its term of service was four enlisted men, who died of disease.