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Regiment: 23rd Infantry Regiment IA
 Date Mustered: 26 July 1865
 Regiment Type: Infantry
 Enlisted Died of Disease or Accident: 6
 Officers Died of Disease or Accident: 69
 Enlisted Killed or Mortally Wounded: 1
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Regimental History
 Twenty-third Infantry IOWA
 (3 years)

Twenty-third Infantry. Cols., William Dewey, William H. Kinsman, Samuel L. Glasgow; Lieut.-Cols., William H. Kinsman, Samuel L. Glasgow, Charles J. Clark; Maj., Samuel L. Glasgow, Charles J. Clark, Leonard B. Houston.

This regiment was organized at Des Moines and was mustered in Sept. 19, 1862. It moved to Missouri, where it was employed for several months on garrison, provost and guard duty, and in minor expeditions. Much sickness prevailed, Col. Dewey died in November, Lieut.-Col. Kinsman was appointed his successor, Maj. Glasgow became lieutenant-colonel and Capt. Clark became major. The regiment moved for West Plains early in the spring, thence to Eminence and Iron Mountain and finally to St. Genevieve, where it embarked for New Madrid.

It was next ordered to Memphis and a short time after to Milliken's Bend, where it was assigned to Carr's division of the 13th corps. It took part in the battle at Port Gibson, its brigade being the first in and the last out of the fight, the regiment losing 6 killed and 27 wounded. It was in reserve at Champion's hill, joined in the pursuit after the battle, and at the Black River bridge it formed a part of the force which made the fearless but terrible charge across the bottom and through the bayou, mentioned in the history of the 21st regiment. Col. Kinsman was killed and more than 100 were killed or wounded. Gen. Grant pronounced it a brilliant and daring movement, and Gen. McClelland said it reflected "The highest credit upon the officers and men who achieved the victory."

The 23rd was given the duty of guarding the prisoners, and it marched to the Yazoo with several thousand captured at Champion's Hill and Black River bridge. On the return it was engaged in the battle of Milliken's Bend. The only force at this point was the colored troops of the 9th La., the 11th and part of the 1st Miss., all without experience. The 23rd, numbering about 200 men, and a small force of cavalry, were the only white soldiers present. Gen. Dennis, commandant of the post, said of the regiment: "Gen. Glasgow and his brave men deserve the highest praise."

Returning to its brigade, the regiment engaged in the siege at

Vicksburg and at its close took part in the operations about Jackson. Its corps was transferred to the Department of the Gulf about the middle of August, and took part in the same general movements as the 22nd, making the trip to Texas, spending the winter at Indianola, the spring at Matagorda island, Maj. Houston of the 23rd commanding the 22nd for some time in the absence of its field officers.

Returning to New Orleans in the spring, it was part of the force to move up the Red River to the relief of Banks. From Fort De Russy it moved to the mouth of the Red River and went into camp. It reached Morganza on May 22.

The 13th army corps was discontinued and the regiment moved into Arkansas, in a brigade comprised of the 20th Ia., a regiment from Wisconsin and one from Illinois, in the 3rd division of the 19th corps. Early in 1865 it moved to New Orleans, thence to Mobile, Col. Glasgow being in command of the brigade and Lieut.-Col. Clark of the regiment. The regiment took its full share of the work in the siege of and assault on Spanish Fort, losing about 40 wounded, 1 mortally. At the storming of the fort the regiment met and whipped the 23rd Ala., the same regiment that it had met and whipped at the battle of Port Gibson.

On June 22 it proceeded to Galveston Tex., thence to Columbus where it went into camp. Col. Glasgow and Lieut.-Col. Clark being in New Orleans, and Maj. Houston in command of the post, the command of the regiment fell to Capt. J. J. Van Houten. It was mustered out July 26, 1865. Its original strength was 961, of which number 417 were disbanded at Davenport.

Source: The Union Army, vol. 4

Battles Fought

Fought on 01 May 1863 at Anderson Hills, MS.
Fought on 01 May 1863 at Port Gibson, MS.
Fought on 17 May 1863 at Black River Bridge, MS.
Fought on 07 June 1863 at Milliken's Bend, LA.
Fought on 14 June 1863 at Vicksburg, MS.
Fought on 22 February 1864 at Indianola, TX.
Fought on 27 September 1864 at Centralia, MO.
Fought on 06 October 1864 at Limesport, LA.
Fought on 27 March 1865 at Spanish Fort, AL.
Fought on 28 March 1865 at Spanish Fort, AL.
Fought on 30 March 1865 at Spanish Fort, AL.
Fought on 01 April 1865 at Spanish Fort, AL.
Fought on 04 April 1865 at Spanish Fort, AL.

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