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— SOURCE: "A COMPENDIUM ^{OF THE} WAR ^{OF THE} REBELLION" BY FREDERICK H. DYER —

NEW JERSEY

23RD VOLUNTEER INFANTRY REGIMENT

"JERSEY YAHOO'S"

Organized at Beverly, N.J., and mustered in September 13, 1862. Left State for Washington, D.C., September 26, thence moved to Frederick, Md. Attached to 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 6th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, to June, 1863.

SERVICE.--March to Bakersville, Md., October 8, 1862, and join 1st New Jersey Brigade. At Bakersville, Md., until October 30. At New Baltimore November 9-16. Battle of Fredericksburg, Va., December 12-15. Duty near Falmouth, Va., until April 27, 1863. "Mud March" January 20-24. Chancellorsville Campaign April 27-May 6. Operations at Franklin's Crossing April 29-May 2. Battle of Maryes Heights, Fredericksburg, May 3. Salem Heights May 3-4. Banks' Ford May 4. Regiment volunteered for service before muster out during the Gettysburg (Pa.) Campaign, and moved to Harrisburg, Pa. Mustered out June 27, 1863.



Regiment lost during service 4 Officers and 31 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 1 Officer and 54 Enlisted men by disease. Total 90.

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<http://www.civilwararchive.com/Unregfst/unnjinf3.htm#23rdinf>

Bradley M. Gottfried wrote a fascinating book on the subject of New Jersey Civil War soldiers and their experiences titled, *Kearny's own: the history of the First New Jersey Brigade in the Civil War*, copyright 2005, by Rivergate Books, Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

"Just about everything was different in the Twenty-third NJV (New Jersey Volunteers), which was born of President Lincoln's August 4, 1862, call for another three hundred

thousand men. Worrying that New Jersey would not be able to fill its quota, Oldern (Governor of New Jersey), reluctantly agreed to a draft for September 3rd, 1862, if the State's 10,478 commitment was not reached.

The state clearly announced that able-bodied men had until September 1 to enlist, and by September 3 it proudly stated that it had reached its quota without resorting to a draft. The Twenty-third NJV was a nine month regiment, and its men hailed mostly from Burlington County. Because many Quakers resided in the county, the regiment was initially called the Quaker Regiment. However, its nickname was changed to "The Yahoos" because the men were "a very noisy, boisterous set of fellows."

Riverton Soldiers: Private Job K. Bell and Private Albert Van Sciver, Company G 23rd New Jersey Volunteer Infantry