

Hugo H. Raven Texas Ranger And Civil War Service Texas Ranger And Civil War Service of Hugo H. Raven

Hugo Raven served in two different famous Texas Cavalry Regiments. The first regiment 1st Texas Cavalry Regiment (also known as McCulloch's 1st Texas Mounted Riflemen), Co. D, private/bugler. This was the first military unit organized for service in Texas shortly after succession. The Regiment was organized with about 1,000 men in May, 1861, and served in the Department of Texas on the frontier. Many of the troops were Texas Rangers who enlisted en masse, following their captains into military service. Its commanders were Colonel Henry E. McCulloch, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas C. Frost, and Majors James B. Barry and Edward Burleson. The commanders of this regiment were Texas Ranger Captains in the 1850's that the Raven brothers served under during their Texas Ranger service. This unit patrolled from the Red River to the southern Rio Grande, fighting hostile Indians, outlaws, and protecting citizens and settlers. In April, 1862, the units' enlistment expired and was mustered out at Fort Mason. Next day, a unit reduced to five companies, designated the 8th Texas Cavalry Battalion was organized there, which many of the men joined.

Hugo Raven enlisted, instead, in the new 21st Texas Cavalry Regiment (21st Texas Lancers), Co. B, private. The 21st Cavalry Regiment was organized during the spring of 1862, with about 800 men. The regiment was assigned to Hawes', Cooper's, Steele's, and Lane's Brigade in the Trans-Mississippi Department of the Confederate Army. The unit was active in Marmaduke's Missouri Raid, then skirmished in various conflicts in Louisiana where a detachment reported 5 killed and 4 wounded at Calcasieu Pass. Later it saw action in Arkansas. The 21st disbanded and went home to Texas rather than surrender in June, 1865. Colonel George W. Carter, Lieutenant Colonel DeWitt C. Giddings, and Major Benjamin D. Chenoweth were in command.

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