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Col. Henry E. McCulloch's regiment was mustered into the Texas State Troops as the 1st Texas Cavalry Regiment, or 1st Texas Mounted Rifles. This unit consisted of five under strength companies that were to patrol between the Colorado River and Red River. Their primary duty was to subdue and eliminate hostile marauding Comanches, Kiowa, and Apaches.

The 1st Texas Cavalry, Texas Mounted Rifles was the predecessor to Col. McCord's Frontier Regiment also known as the 46th Texas Cavalry, C.S.A. In March 1861, the 1st Texas Cavalry, also known as the 1st Texas Mounted Rifles, was recruited and organized under a 12 month enlistment from several central Texas counties. On March 25, 1861, Col. McCulloch turned over the command of the 1st Texas Mounted Rifles to Capt. Thomas C. Frost and McCulloch went to San Antonio and begin recruiting for the Frontier Regiment, also known as the 46th Texas Cavalry, C.S.A. The 1st Texas Mounted Rifles was disbanded at Fort Mason on April 15, 1862 which was the expiration date of enlistments.

A total of 1,000 soldiers in ten companies, Co.A through Co.K,(there was no Co.J),were mustered into Col. McCord's Frontier Regiment, C.S.A. Requirements for enlistment were: Age 18-45, good rider and marksman, good moral character, no professional gamblers, and no habitual drunkards.

The recruits were organized into companies as follows:

Co. A..Comanche County

Co. B..Bexar County

Co. C..Bosque County

Co. D..Gonzales County

Co. E..Bell County

Co. F..Bexar County

Co. G..Travis County

Co. H..Rusk County

Co. I..Burleson County

Co. K..Lamar County

When the 1st Texas Mounted Rifles was discharged at Fort Mason in April 1862, most of those men enlisted in the Frontier Regiment or the 8th Texas Cavalry Battalion. Hugo H. Raven and others enlisted in the new 21st Texas Cavalry Regiment, C.S.A., (also known as the 1st Texas Lancers), assigned to Parson's Cavalry Brigade and saw action in Arkansas, Missouri, and Louisiana until the war ended in 1865.