

US OHIO VETERANS MEDAL (J.NO. COSAD CO. H 44TH REGT. OHIO VOLUNTEER INFANTRY) BY TIFFANY & CO. US GAR MEDAL



John Cosad. H Company 44th Regt. Ohio Volunteer Infantry & 8th Regiment, Ohio Cavalry. Age 21 joined Sept. 18, 1861 for 3 yrs. into Company H, 44th Regt. Ohio Volunteer Infantry. On Jan. 4, 1864; Regiment was renamed 8th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry – company designations being retained. Mustered out with company July 30, 1865 as paroled POW. Veteran.

The 44th Ohio Infantry was organized in Springfield, Ohio September 12 through October 14, 1861 and mustered in for three years' service under the command of Colonel Samuel A. Gilbert. The regiment was attached to Benham's Brigade, District of the Kanawha, West Virginia, October 1861. 1st Brigade, District of the Kanawha, West Virginia, to March 1862. 3rd Brigade, Kanawha Division, West Virginia, to September 1862. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, Army of Kentucky, Department of the Ohio, to January 1863. 1st Brigade, District of Central Kentucky, Department of the Ohio, to June 1863. 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, XXIII Corps, Department of the Ohio, to July 1863. 2nd Brigade, 4th Division, XXIII Corps, to August 1863. 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, XXIII Corps, to January 1864. The 44th Ohio Infantry ceased to exist on January 4, 1864 when its designation was changed to the 8th Ohio Cavalry.

Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. 8th Regiment Cavalry. Organized from 44th Ohio Infantry January 4, 1864. Regiment organizing at Camp Dennison, Ohio, January to May, 1864. Six Companies moved to Charleston, W. Va., April 26 and balance of Regiment to same place May 8, 1864. Attached to 1st Brigade, 2nd Cavalry Division, Army of West Virginia (a detachment at Beverly, W. Va., July to December, 1864), to December, 1864. Reserve Division, West Virginia, Beverly and Clarksburg, W. Va., to April, 1865. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, West Virginia, to July, 1865.

At Huttonsville, W. Va., Aug. 23, 1864, 80 men belonging to Cos. C, H and K were surprised and captured, their arms, equipment and horses only being taken. The camp of the 8th at Beverly, W. Va., was attacked on Oct. 29, 1864, just before daylight, but after a severe hand-to-hand fight, the Confederates, who had intended a surprise, were forced to retreat with a loss of 17 killed, 27 wounded and 92 prisoners, while the regiment lost only 8 killed, 25 wounded and 13 missing. On

the morning of Jan. 11, 1865, between 3 and 4 o'clock, the enemy under Gen. Rosser attacked and surprised the camp of the 8th Ohio cavalry and the 34th Ohio infantry, at Beverly, killed 5 men, wounded 20 and captured 583. The captured men were taken to Richmond, Va., where they were held as prisoners until Feb. 15, 1865, when they were sent to Annapolis, Md., and thence to Camp Chase (parole camp), Ohio, where they were mustered out by order of the war department.



Regiment lost during its service (both as 44th Ohio Infantry and 8th Ohio Cavalry) 3 Officers and 53 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 1 Officer and 113 Enlisted men by disease. Total 210. Total wounded unknown.

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