

Source: *Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana, Volume 6*, by W.H.H. Terrell, Adjutant General, Indiana (1866) - section about the 71st Indiana Regiment / 6th Indiana Cavalry:

Seventy-First Indiana Infantry Regiment — Cols., James Biddle, Courtland C. Matson; Lieut. - Cols., Melville D. Topping, Courtland C. Matson; Majors William Conklin, William W. Carter, Daniel A. Conover, Orlando J. Smith, Jacob S. Stephens, Chauncey H. Thompson, Edward H. Thompson, Russell P. Finney. This regiment, the 71st of the line, was organized as infantry, mustered in Aug. 18, 1862, and sent immediately to Kentucky to assist in repelling Kirby Smith's invasion. It was engaged in the battle of Richmond, where it lost 215 in killed and wounded and 347 prisoners, Lieut. -Col. Topping and Maj. Conklin being among the killed, and only 225 escaped capture. The captured were paroled, returned to Terre Haute, and were exchanged late in the fall. The 71st Regiment was changed into the 6th Indiana Cavalry Regiment on Feb. 23, 1863.