

Pvt. Alfred Cannon
95th O.V.I. Co-D
8-18-1862 to 1-21-1865
P.O.W.

Alfred Cannon was born in 1844, Canal Winchester, Ohio, to James, Sr. and Ann Cannon. James, Sr. was born circa 1801 and he died 20 May 1852, Canal Winchester, Ohio. Other children born to James and Ann were: Charles B born circa 1824; James H born circa 1837, and Caroline Cannon born ca 1850. James/Charles operated a livery at the back of 40 East Waterloo Street.

Pvt Alfred Cannon joined the 95th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company D, in 1862 to preserve the Union. After participating in several battles throughout Mississippi, he was taken prisoner on 10 June 1864, at Brices Crossroads, MS. and marched to Andersonville, GA., Confederate prison. After winning a prisoner exchange lottery that would have set him free, he gave up his place of exchange to a friend stating, "Go to your family". Pvt. Cannon died at Florence, SC., Confederate prison of typhoid fever.

Records from the National Archives show he is buried in grave number 470, Salisbury, North Carolina. The Grand Army of the Republic, Post #261, of Canal Winchester, Ohio was named the Alfred Cannon Post in his honor.

"Greater love than this has no man, that he lay down his life for a friend."

95th OVI History

Organized August 19, 1862, under Colonel William L. McMillen, the next day it proceeded to Kentucky and soon engaged in the disastrous battle at Richmond, where most of the Regiment was captured. The men were exchanged in November, and until May, 1863, were kept at work in drill and reorganization. It moved to Memphis, then down the river to Vicksburg, where it participated in the battles and siege that resulted in the downfall of that stronghold. It again moved to Memphis, and in June, 1864, formed part of an expedition marching into the interior of Mississippi under General Sturgis. It met with disaster, sustaining a loss of one half its number. The following month it pursued the same line of march with better success. Later the Regiment operated in Arkansas and Missouri, and in December, 1864, joined General Thomas at Nashville, participating in the battle at that place. It followed in the pursuit of Hood, and in March, 1865, joined Canby at Mobile. After the evacuation it moved north to Montgomery. The Regiment was finally mustered out August 19, 1865, after sustaining a loss of over 500 men during its term of service.

From Dyer's Compendium

95th Regiment Infantry. Organized at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, and mustered in August 19, 1862. Moved to Lexington, Ky., August 20. Attached to Cruft's Brigade, Army

of Kentucky, Dept. of the Ohio. Battle of Richmond, Ky., August 29-30. Regiment mostly captured. Exchanged November 20, 1862. Reorganizing at Camp Chase, Ohio, till, March, 1863. Left State for Memphis, Tenn., March 25. Moved from Memphis, Tenn., to Young's Point, La., and Ducksport Landing March 29-April 1. Attached to 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 15th Army Corps, Army of the Tennessee, to December, 1863. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 16th Army Corps, to December, 1864. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, Detachment Army of the Tennessee, Dept. of the Cumberland, to February, 1865. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 16th Army Corps (New), Military Division West Mississippi, to August, 1865.

SERVICE.---Operations against Vicksburg, Miss., April 2-July 4. Moved to join army in rear of Vicksburg, Miss., May 2-14. Mississippi Springs May 13. Baldwin's Ferry May 13. Jackson May 14. Siege of Vicksburg May 18-July 4. Assaults on Vicksburg May 19 and 22. Expedition to Mechanicsburg May 26-June 4. Advance on Jackson, Miss., July 4-10. Siege of Jackson July 10-17. Camp at Big Black till November. Expedition to Canton October 14-20. Bogue Chitto Creek October 17. Ordered to Memphis, Tenn., November 12. and guard Memphis & Charleston Railroad near that city till February, 1864. Lafayette, Tenn., December 27, 1863 (Detachment). Expedition to Wyatt's, Miss., February 6-18. Coldwater Ferry February 8. Near Senatobia February 8-9. Hickahala Creek February 10. Duty at Memphis till June. Sturgis' Expedition from Memphis to Ripley April 30-May 9. Sturgis' Expedition to Guntown, Miss., June 1-13. Brice's or Tishamingo Creek, near Guntown, June 10. Davis Mills June 12. Smith's Expedition to Tupelo, Miss., July 5-21. Camargo's Cross Roads, near Harrisburg, July 13. Harrisburg, near Tupelo, July 14-15. Old Town or Tishamingo Creek July 15. Smith's Expedition to Oxford, Miss., August 1-30. Abbeville August 23. Moved to Duvall's Bluff, Ark., September 1. March through Arkansas and Missouri in pursuit of Price September 17-November 16. Moved to Nashville, Tenn., November 21-December 1. Little Harpeth December 6. Battle of Nashville December 15-16. Pursuit of Hood to the Tennessee River December 17-28. At Eastport, Miss., till February, 1865. Moved to New Orleans, La., February 9-22, thence to Mobile Point, Ala. Campaign against Mobile, Ala., and its defences March 17-April 12. Siege of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely March 26-April 8. Assault and capture of Fort Blakely April 9. Occupation of Mobile April 12. March to Montgomery April 13-26. Duty there and in the Depts. of Alabama and Mississippi till August. Mustered out August 19, 1865. Regiment lost during service 1 Officer and 58 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 2 Officers and 215 Enlisted men by disease. Total 276.

Companies by County

Company A Franklin County
Company B Madison County
Company C Franklin County
Company D Franklin County
Company E Champaign & Logan Counties
Company F Licking County
Company G Champaign County
Company H Franklin County
Company I Franklin County
Company K Madison County Countt

