

Unit Information for Likens' 35th Texas Cavalry

In October and November 1863, Likens' Battalion, Burns Battalion, and 3 surplus companies from Terrell's Regiment were organized into a new regiment of ten companies commanded by Colonel James B. Likens. It would become the 35th Texas Cavalry consisting of 748 men and officers. Colonel Ashbel Smith Inspected the regiment on November 23, 1863. His report stated that most men were without arms, but most were well mounted. It also indicated the company officers were above average. This was probably due to 13 company officers of captain or 1st Lieutenant had seen previous service in Arkansas, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

Nov 27, 1863	Camp Lubbock on Buffalo Bayou near Houston	Organization complete
Dec 2, 1863	Camp Lubbock	Clothes, boots, and muskets were issued. The Rgt left for Brazoria County
Dec 29, 1863	Matagorda, Texas	One battalion sent to patrol & prevent navy landings to steal livestock & raid local farms
Jan 1, 1864	Camp on Cedar Lake	One battalion sent to support Colonel Buchel's 1 st Tx Cav at the mouth of Caney Creek
Feb 23, 1864	Camp on Lavaca River	The Rgt is reunited & assigned to Colonel Duff's Brig
Mar 18, 1864	Camp on Lavaca River	Maj Wortham, commanding rgt, is ordered to proceed 360 miles to La.
Apr 8-9, 1864	Mansfield & Pleasant Hill Battlefields, La	The 35 th was not present as a unit.
Apr 15, 1864	Near Grand Ecore, La	Col A P Bagby promoted to general & takes command of brigade consisting of 1 st , 34 th , & 35 th Cav Rgts.
Apr 23, 1864	Monett's Ferry on the Cane River	Bee with 2000 troopers & an artillery battery was ordered to prevent Gen Banks army of 25,000 from crossing. After several hours of fighting, Bee's left was out flanked & he retreated. Bagby commanded the right flank.

Apr 26, 1864	Near Montgomery, La on the Red River	Colonels Likens & Harrison attacked 4 gun-boats & 2 transports. The gunboats opened fire as they moved down the river. The heavy ironclad Eastport stuck on a sand bar. Sharpshooters prevented working on deck, so Adm Porter ordered it was blown up.
May 2-8, 1864	Bayou Boeuf, La (South of Alexandria, La	Gen Bee was ordered to Bayou Boeuf with his Division to attack the enemy constantly & drive him back into Alexandria, if possible. For eight days, this order was continually executed, from daylight until dark.
May 13, 1864	Marksville, La	Lt Colonel J R Burns resigns. Major Wortham is promoted to Lt Colonel & commands the Rgt till the end of the war. Gen Bee is replaced by Gen Bagby in command of Division. Terrell commands the brigade.
May 14, 1864	North side of Red River	The Union army & navy begin their retreat from Alexandria. The 35 th is sent across the river to attack the retreating ships.
May 29, 1864	Washington, La	Resting after 6 weeks of fighting. Health of Rgt only tolerable good, little fatal sickness, mostly diarrhea.
June 9, 1864	Atchafalaya River, La	Bagby's division occupies the line on the Atchafalaya
June through January 1865	Between the Mississippi & Atchafalaya Rivers, La	Terrell's Brigade operates in this area for 7 months raiding army outposts and plantations operated by Union loyalists and contractors.

Sept 11, 1864	Atchafalaya River, La	Fought Yankees all day. Had 4 killed & 7 wounded.
Sept 17-20, 1864	CSA fortified camp @ Morgan's Ferry on the Atchafalaya River	Terrell's 1200 troopers were attacked by 4000 infantry & 12 pieces of artillery. Sharpshooters prevented crossing the river three days. The Feds managed to float 2 cannon across the river north of the Confederate fortifications. Enfilading fire on Terrell's redoubt, outnumbered & outflanked, Terrell ordered a retreat.
Feb 16, 1865		The 35 th is ordered to Hempstead, Tx & dismounted.
Apr 15, 1865		Maj Gen S. B. Maxey's Division of Infantry; 3rd Brigade, Brig Gen J.B. Robertson cmdg, includes 8th Tx Inf plus dismounted calvary of the 23rd Tx, 35th Tx, & Baylor's Rgt.
May 2, 1865	Galveston, Tx	The 35 th consisting of 15 officers and 165 men arrives to support Col Ashbel Smith defending the island.
June 2, 1865	Galveston, Tx	Gen Kirby Smith surrenders the Trans-Mississippi Dept

The history of Likens 35th Texas Cavalry does not exist. This abbreviated history is a small sample compiled from scores of sources by personal research of William Bozic and John Stevens.