

David Stafford

**4th Sergeant, Company K: "Dragoons"
1st Louisiana Cavalry
(1861-1865)**

Enlisted: Oct. 25, 1861, Waterproof, Louisiana



David Stafford's Battles



Nashville, Tennessee, March 9, 1862
 Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee April 6-7, 1862
 Corinth Campaign April-June, 1862
 Point Rock Bridge, Alabama Apr. 28, 1862
 Limestone Bridge & Elk River, Alabama May 1-2, 1862
 Athens, Alabama May 7, 1862
 Pulaski, Tennessee May 11, 1862
 Fayetteville, Tennessee May 14, 1862
 Elk River, Tennessee May 20, 1862
 Fayetteville, Tennessee May 26, 1862
 Kentucky Campaign. August, 1862
 Sparta, Tennessee Aug. 4, 1862
 Rogers Gap, Tennessee Aug. 14, 1862



London, Kentucky Aug. 17, 1862
 Flat Lick, Kentucky Aug. 17, 1862
 Pine Mountain, Tennessee (Detachment) Aug. 18, 1862
 Barboursville, Kentucky Aug. 18, 1862
 Big Hill, Kentucky Aug. 23, 1862
 Madisonville, Kentucky Aug. 25, 1862
 Red Bird Creek, Kentucky Aug. 25, 1862
 Round Hill, Tennessee (Detachment) Aug. 28, 1862
 Big Creek, Kentucky Aug. 29, 1862
 Richmond, Kentucky Aug. 30, 1862
 Kentucky River, Kentucky Aug. 31, 1862
 Frankfort, Kentucky Sept. 3, 1862
 Mumfordsville, Kentucky Sept. 17, 1862
 Perryville, Kentucky To London, Kentucky Oct. 10-22, 1862
 LaVergne, Tennessee Dec. 29, 1862
 Murfreesborough, Tennessee Dec. 30, 1862-Jan. 3, 1863
 Lytle's Creek, Kentucky (Detachment) Jan. 5, 1863
 Pegram's Kentucky Raid Mar. 22-Apr. 1, 1863
 Danville, Kentucky Mar. 24-26, 1863

David Stafford Taken Prisoner

March 30, 1863. Taken prisoner at Somerset, Kentucky

April 3, 1863 Sent to Military Prison, Louisville, Kentucky

April 13, 1863. Sent to Baltimore, Md.

April 22, 1863. Prisoner Exchange: City Point. Virginia



David Stafford Rejoins the Battle

Horseshoe Bend, Grassy Creek, Kentucky May 10, 1863

Tullahoma Campaign June-July, 1863

Jamestown, Kentucky June 2, 1863

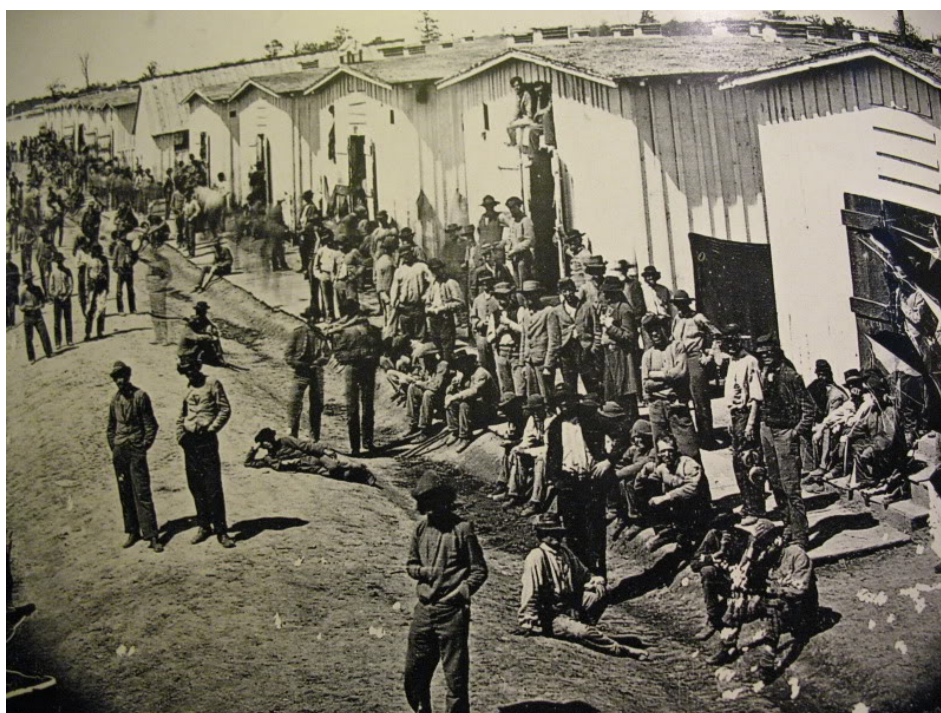
Monticello, & Rocky Gap, Kentucky June 9, 1863

Scott's Eastern Kentucky Raid July 25-Aug. 6, 1863

Big Hill, Kentucky July 30, 1863

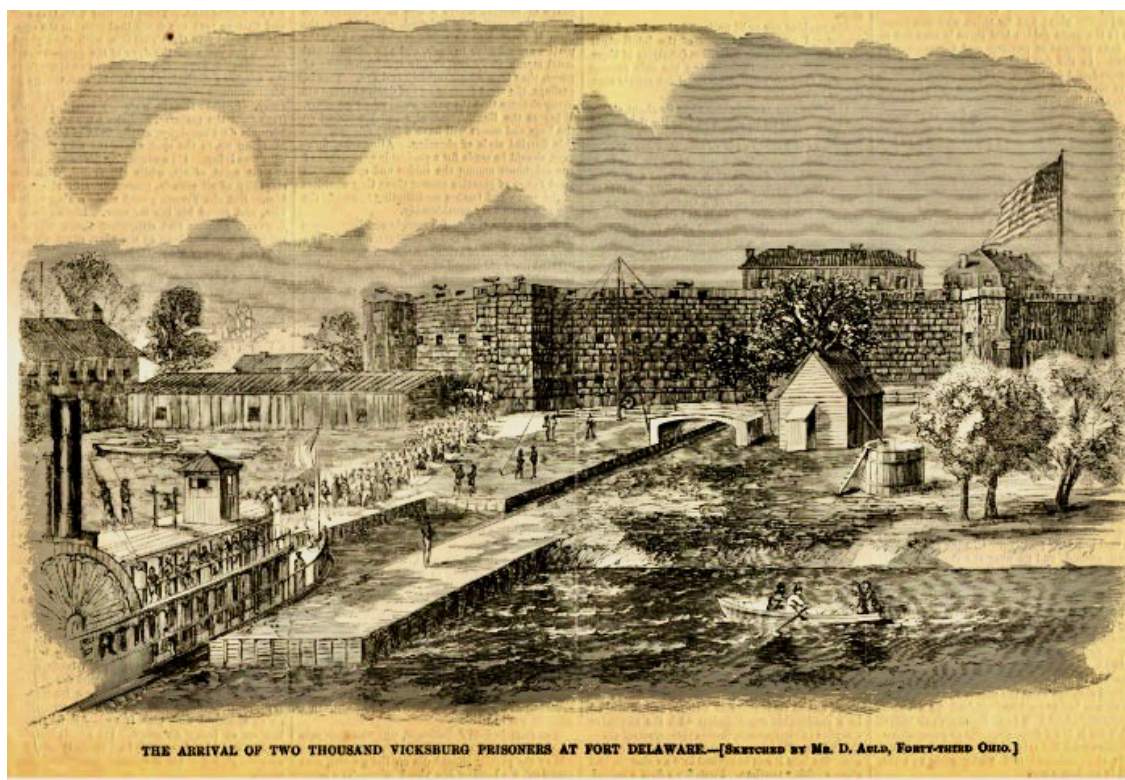
David Stafford Taken Prisoner Again, A POW for 20 months!

July 30, 1863. Taken prisoner at Big Hill, Kentucky
August 3, 1863. Military Prison, Louisville, Kentucky
August 7, 1863. POW in Camp Chase, Ohio,
for 8 months.



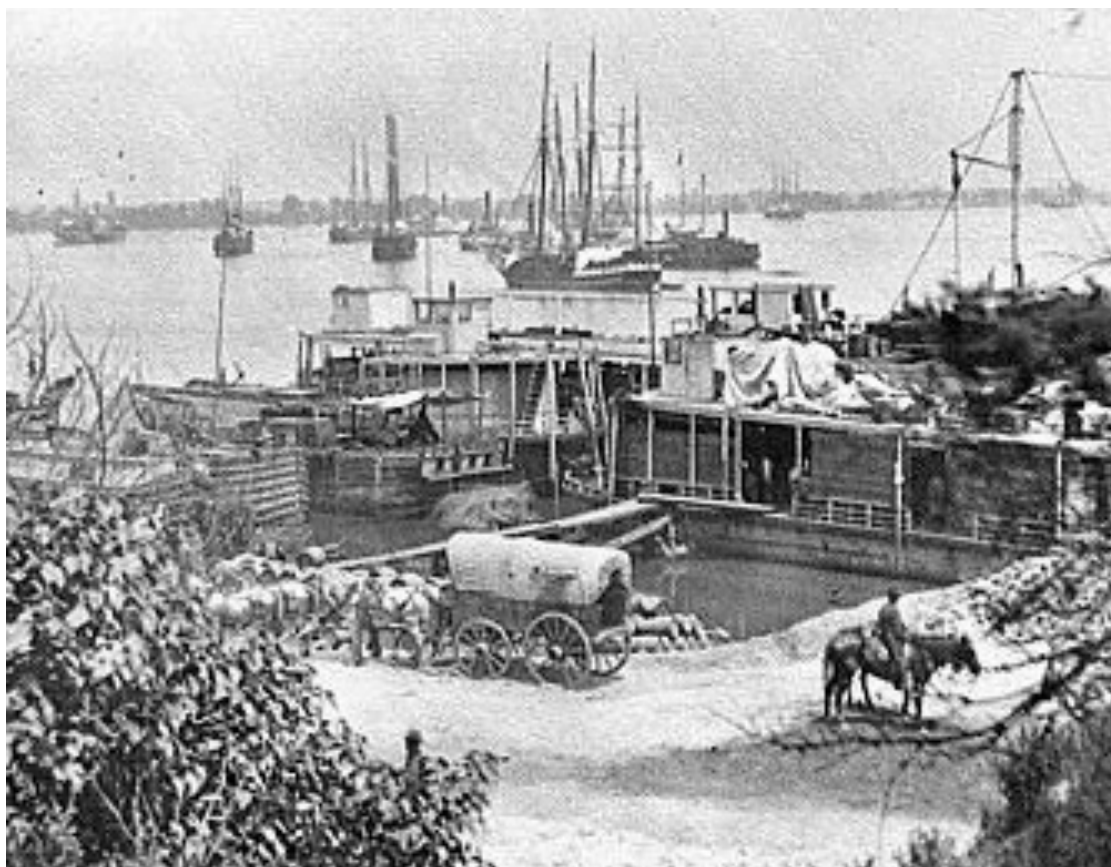
**Feb. 29, 1864. Transferred to Fort Delaware to remain there
for one year!**

During the Civil War, death at Fort Delaware was commonplace. Smallpox and measles spread like wildfire through the overcrowded island, which was holding over 12,000 soldiers - more than triple the capacity of the fort. Poor nutrition and a lack of water lead to scurvy, dysentery, and diarrhea. Lice were rampant. Thousands were ill, dozens were dying every day.



**March 7, 1865. Paroled and Transferred to
City Point, Virginia.
David Stafford's final prisoner exchange.**

Paroled Confederate POWs were taken by boat from Fort Delaware down the James River to City Point, Virginia. They were offloaded at Cox's Wharf and walked, or were hauled by wagon, via local roads through the Union lines to Boulware's Wharf on the James River between the lines. The distance was described as being about 4 miles. Here they were placed aboard Confederate river steamers and taken up to Richmond. Those deemed to be able bodied were sent to Camp Lee on the western outskirts of Richmond to receive fresh clothing and await their declaration of exchange. Declared exchanged, they were returned to duty with their units in the field. Those men needing further medical attention were sent to military hospitals in the Richmond area. Those unfit for duty but able to travel were furloughed home in the status of paroled prisoners of war.



**David Stafford returns to Catahoula Parish,
Louisiana, as a Paroled POW.**

CIVIL WAR ENDS APRIL 1865.