



National Colors of the 2nd O.V.I. National colors of the 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Rectangular flag measures 208 cm high by 195 cm wide. Text on flag reads: Ivy Mountain; Stone River; 2nd OVI; Lookout Mountain; Perryville; Hoover's Gap; Chickamauga; Missionary Ridge. Pinned to flag are three streamers from reunions held in Addison, Goshen and Middletown. [Item Link](#)

Much like the 1st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry was formed as an immediate response to the Bombardment on Fort Sumter and ordered to Washington to protect the Capital.

Regimented for three months service, the 2nd O.V.I. organized in Columbus, Ohio under Colonel Lewis Wilson. The regiment was primarily formed with men from Southern Ohio. The regiment was divided into ten companies; A-K (see below).

A-Rover Guards (Cincinnati); B-Columbus Videttes;
 C-Columbus Fencibles; D-Zouave Guards (Cincinnati);
 E-Lafayette Guards (Cincinnati); F-Springfield Zouaves;
 G-Pickaway Company; H-Steubenville Company;
 I-Covington Blues (Miami County); K-Pickaway Company

A day after being mobilized, the regiment was on their way to Washington on April 19th, 1861. The 2nd O.V.I. fought along side

the 1st O.V.I. in General Irvin McDowell's advance on Manassas, Virginia, the occupation of the Fairfax Court House, and the Battle of Bull Run. By July 31st, 1861, the 2nd O.V.I. had mustered out and returned to Ohio.

Between July 17th and September 20th, 1861 volunteer soldiers were being organized at Camp Dennison, Ohio to serve for three years with the 2nd O.V.I. The regiment was involved in several battles and skirmishes including the Occupation of Nashville, [Battle of Chickamauga](#), and the Siege of Chattanooga. The regiment suffered 102 men killed and mortally wounded and lost 138 men to disease.

On October 10th, 1864 the 2nd O.V.I. met the expiration of their term. The recruits were transferred to the 18th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

For more information on the 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry visit <http://www.ohiocivilwar.com/cw2.html>

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