

Companies of First Nebraska 1861 - 1865
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The First Nebraska had more men per population to serve in the Civil War than any other State or Territory in the U.S.

The 1st also had people on their roster from: Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois

Company	Men	Where From	Notes
A	146	Plattsmouth NE	
B	97	Douglas County NE St. Joseph, MO	“German Rifles” (67 men were German)
C	115	Nemaha County NE	“Home Guards” (Brownville NE area)
D	115	Nebraska City NE	
E	115	Omaha City NE Nebraska City NE Missouri, Iowa	“Nebraska Rangers”
F	148	Clarinda IA Plattsmouth NE	
G	140	Douglas County NE & misc.	“Platte Valley Guards” (37 men were Irish)
H	130	Omaha City NE & Iowa	
I	107	Missouri & Iowa	
K	110	Omaha City NE & misc.	

1st Nebraska Commanders

Date	Commanders	Notes
June 11, 1861 to August 1862	John Thayer	Promoted to Brigadier General
October 1862 to December 1862	R. Livingston	Promoted to Brigadier, Commander
April 1863 to August 1863	L. Curran	
August 1863 to March 1866	William Baumer	

Most were younger than 30 years old.

People claiming to be from Nebraska Territory served in units from Ohio, Indiana, and as far off as Pennsylvania.

8th Kansas had 67 Nebraskans

2nd Kansas had a company that was entirely made up of Nebraskans

The 5th Missouri was a Confederate Unit with a lot of Nebraska men in it.

The Curtis Horse Regiment (Union Unit) had 3 companies from Omaha City, NE combined with others from Iowa & other areas.