## The Civil War in Kentucky 1861 3

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REGIMENTAL FRONTAGE

(2-RANK FORMATION)

- APPROX. 3.4 MEN PER YARD

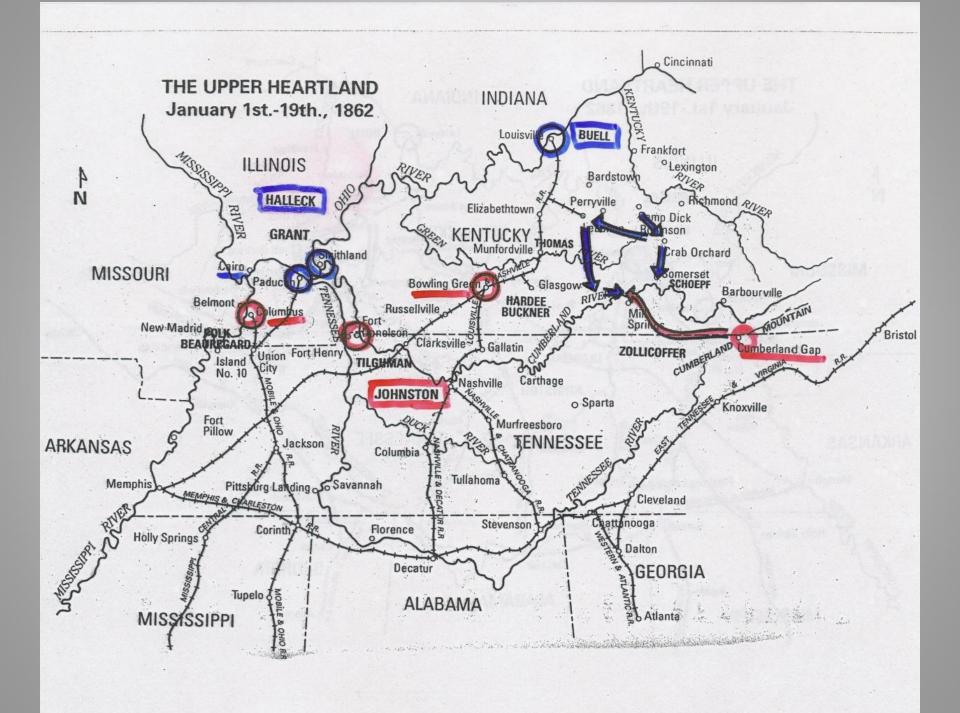
475 men, 420'

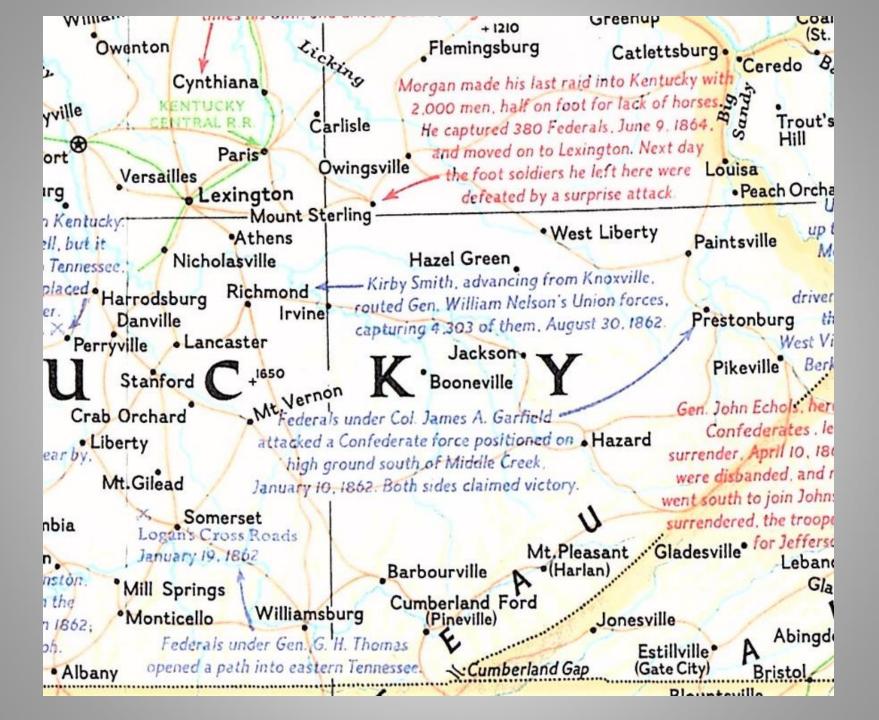
500 men, 450'

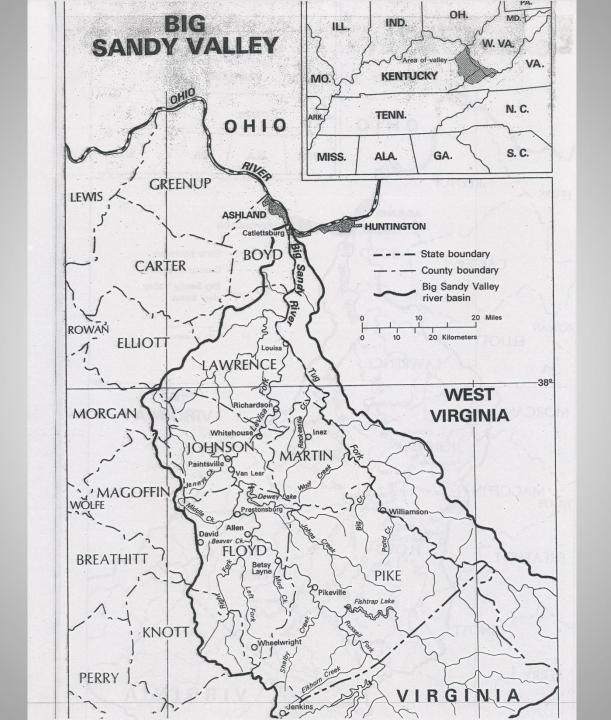
700 men, 600'

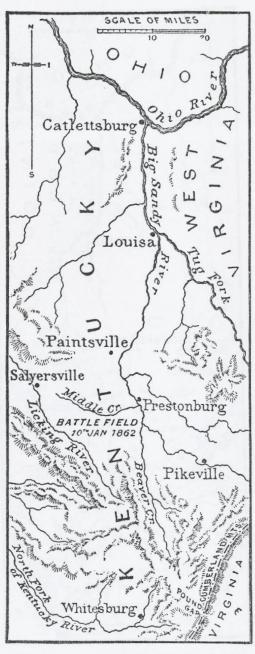
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MAP OF BIG SANDY RIVER AND MIDDLE-CREEK BATTLE-FIELD (JANUARY 10, 1862).

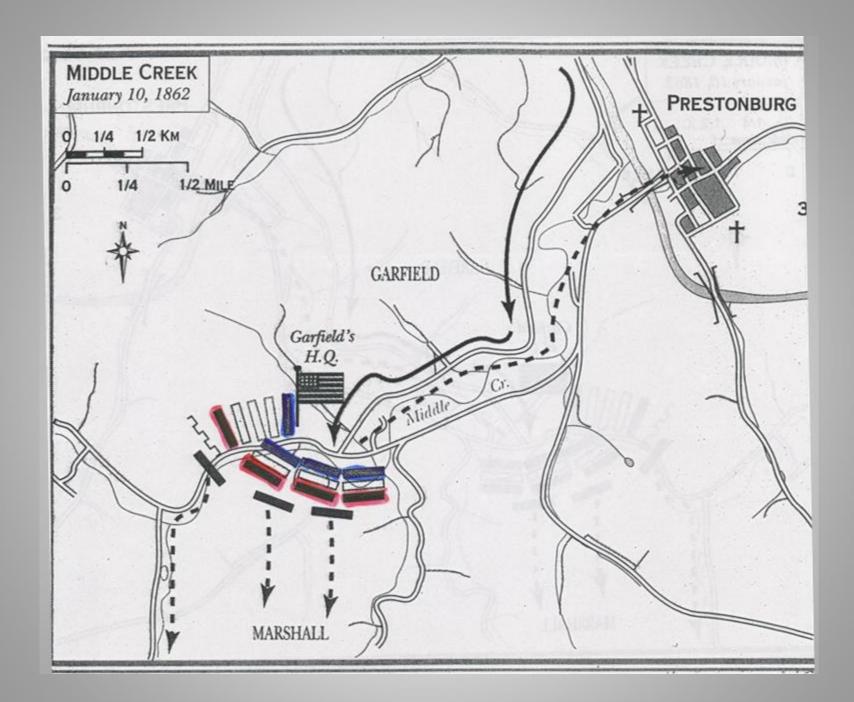






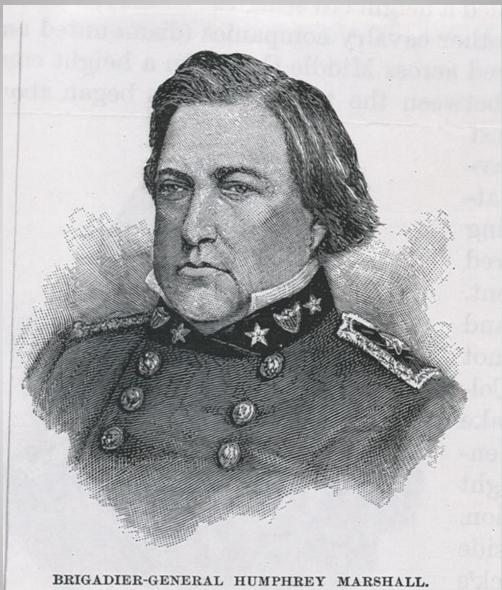
James A. Garfield

He has frequently spoken of his interview with the commanding general on the following morning as one of peculiar interest. Few officers in the service possess more reticence, terse logic, and severe habits of military discipline than General Buell, and the interview between him and the military tyro was a peculiarly interesting one. The one, submitting his plans and queries, and curiously and anxiously watching the face of the commander, but finding no look or expression to indicate his opinion, either of the good sense of the queries or the feasibility of the plan. The queries were answered in a quick, sententious manner, but no word was spoken by the general to indicate approval or disapproval of the plan. The conference was closed with the single remark, "Your orders will be sent to your hotel at six o'clock this evening."

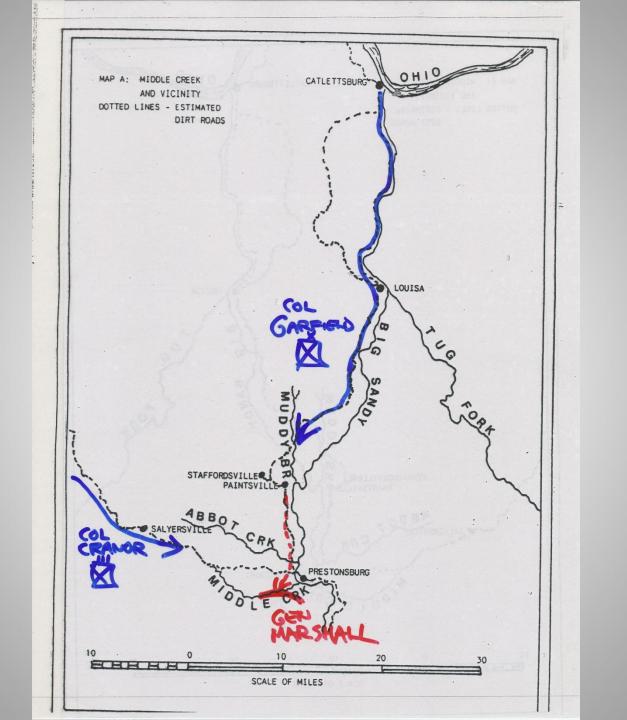


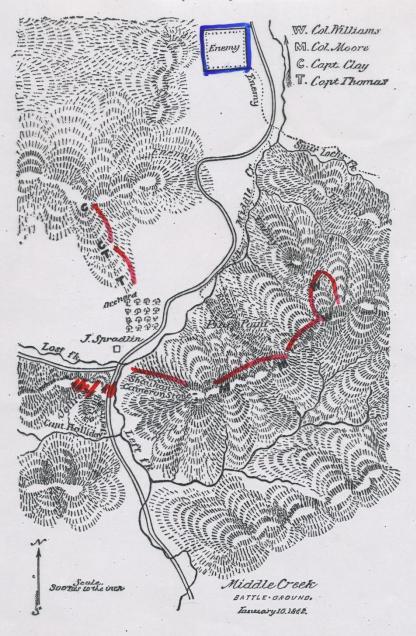


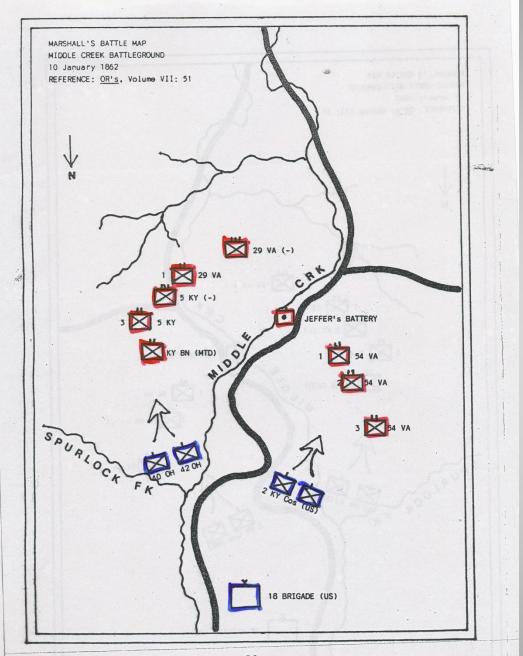
BRIGADIER-GENERAL JAMES A. GARFIELD. FROM A WAR-TIME PHOTOGRAPH.



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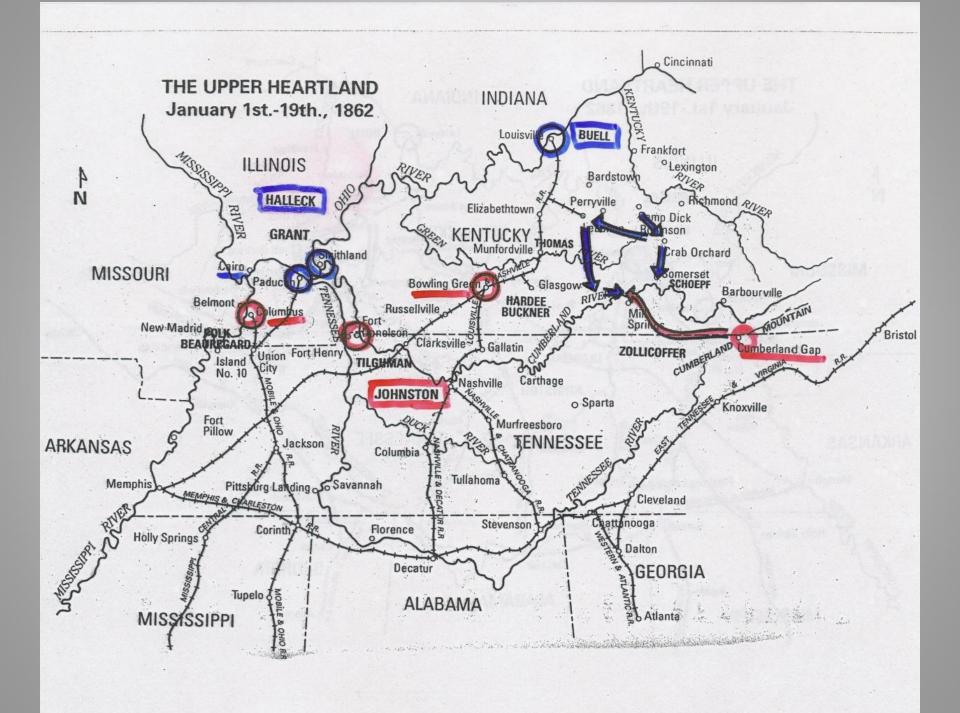


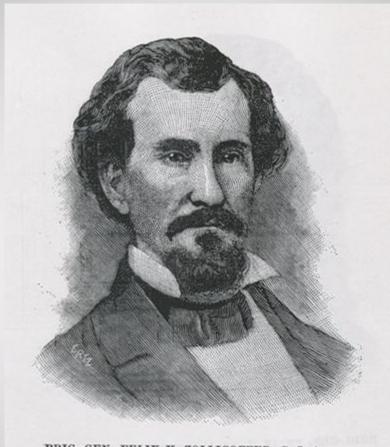




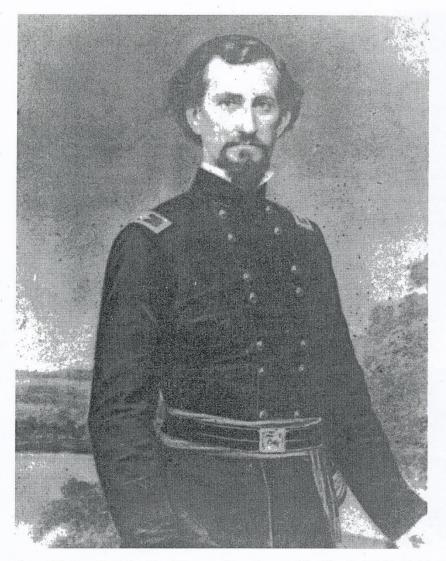


It was in Kentucky at the Battle of Middle Creek that Col. (later President) James A. Garfield had his baptism of fire. His Union force won the struggle





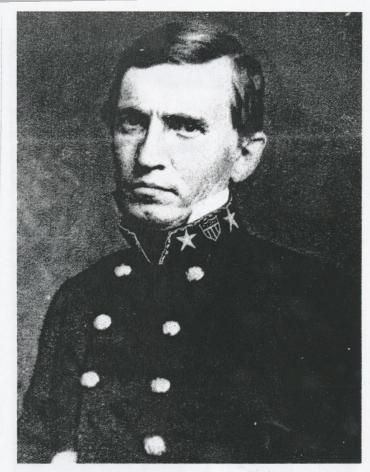
BRIG.-GEN. FELIX K. ZOLLICOFFER, C. S. A. FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.



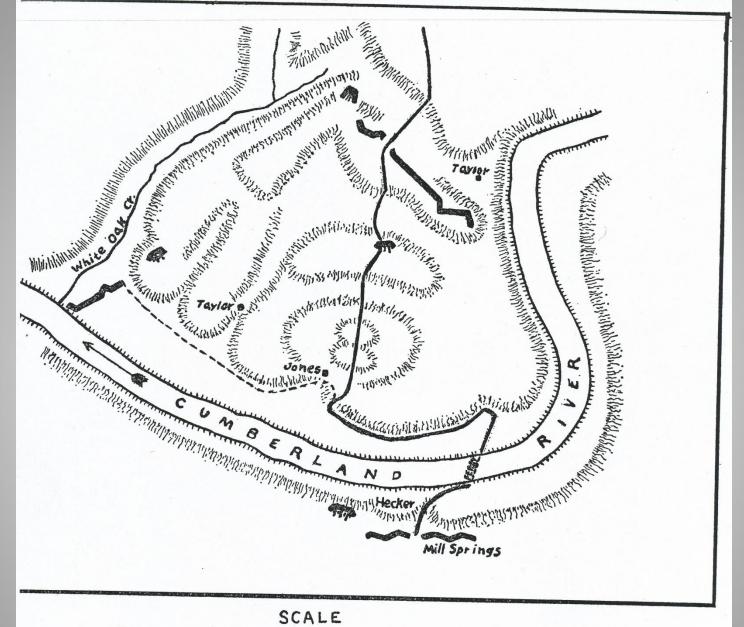
General Felix Kirk Zollicoffer. His troop dispositions north of the Cumberland River just before the Battle of Mill Springs were made in the face of Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston's strong suggestions to the contrary. *Library of Congress* 



George H. Thomas, a Virginian who remained loyal to the Union, spent his initial tenure in the war in the East before being transferred to the West. He commanded the First Division of the Army of the Ohio and in January fought and won the battle of Mill Springs. He arrived too late to fight at Shiloh but accompanied Buell's army on the Chattanooga campaign during the summer of 1862 and the campaign into Kentucky in August and September. (Courtesy of the U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle, Pa.)



The Confederates Thomas faced were led by Major General George B.
Crittenden. His father was Senator
John J. Crittenden, who unsuccessfully attempted a last-minute compromise between North and South in 1861.
His brother was a major general in the Union Army; so were Kentucky families divided. This previously unpublished photograph shows him probably in 1862.

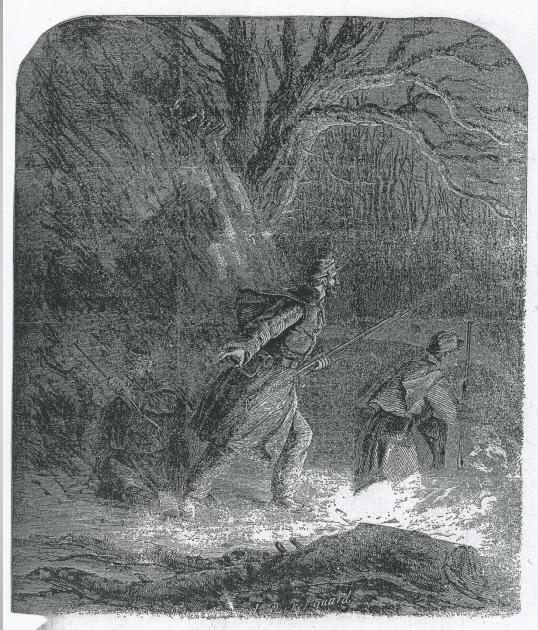


SKETCH OF CONFEDERATE'S FORTIFIED POSITION AT AND OPPOSITE MILL

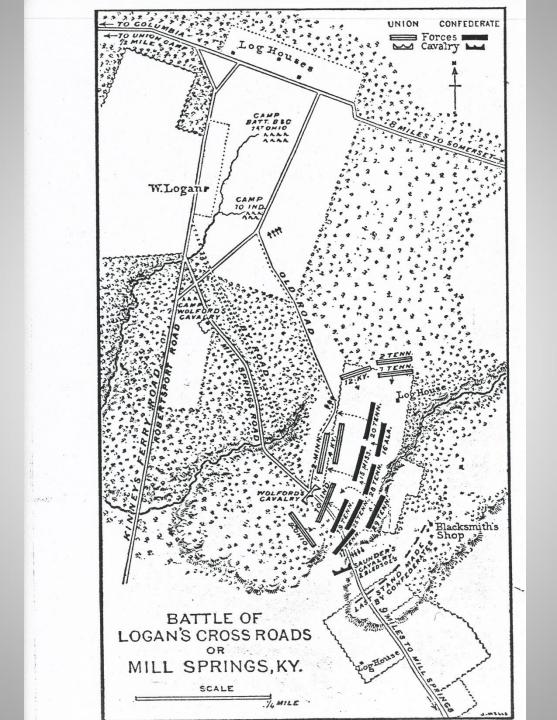
3. SKETCH OF CONFEDERATE'S FORTIFIED POSITION AT AND OPPOSITE MILL SPRINGS, KY. (by the author). From Atlas to Accompany the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies. Part II, Plate VI, No. 3 (Series I, Vol. 7.) 1891.

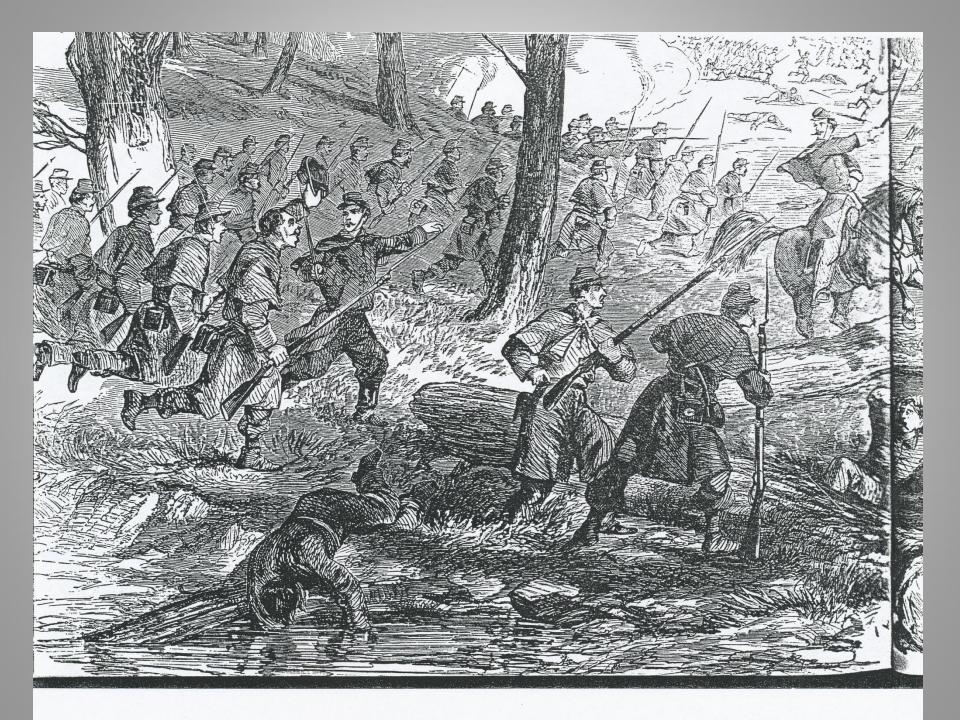


COLONEL SCHOEPF'S TROOPS CROSSING FISHING CREEK ON THE WAY TO JOIN GENERAL THOMAS AT LOGAN'S CROSS ROADS, OR MILL SPRINGS. FROM A LITHOGRAPH.



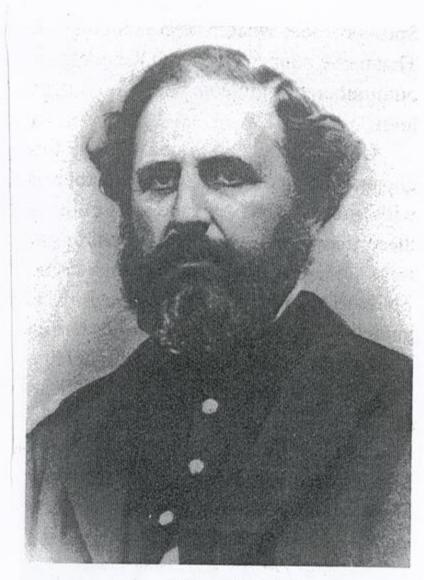
The picket of the 10th Indiana Regiment discovering the approach of the Rebels at Mill Spring, Kentucky.



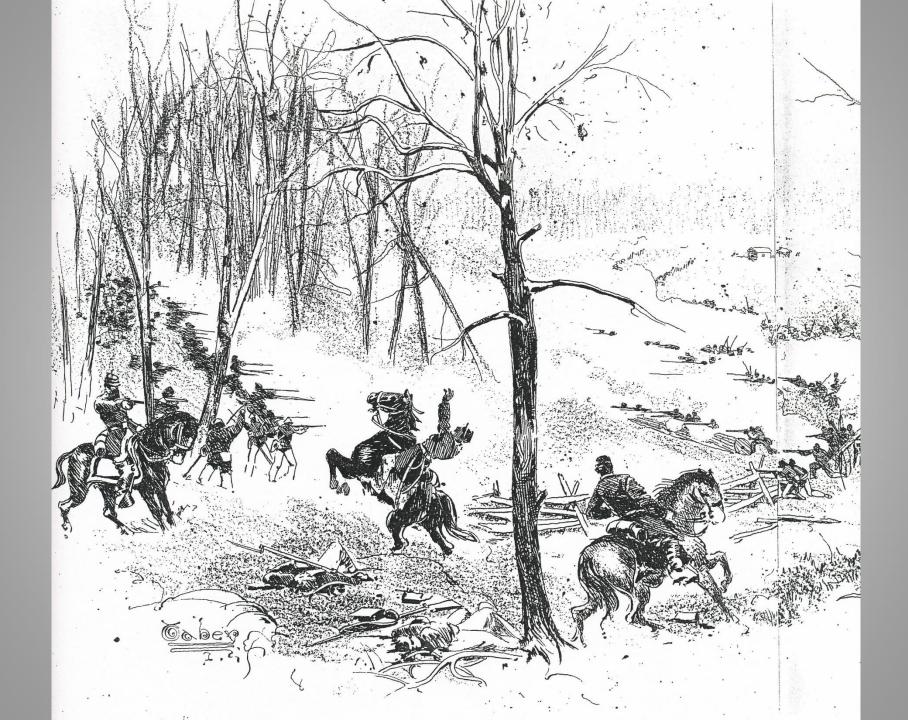


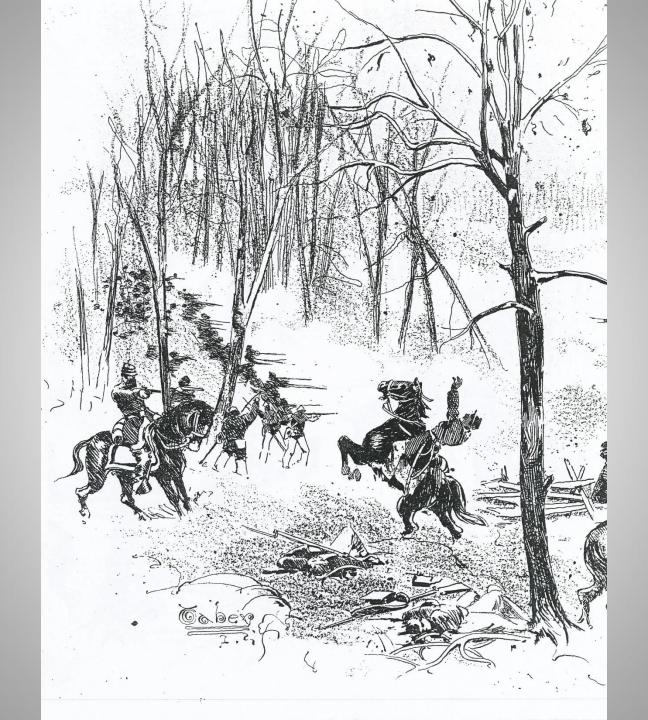


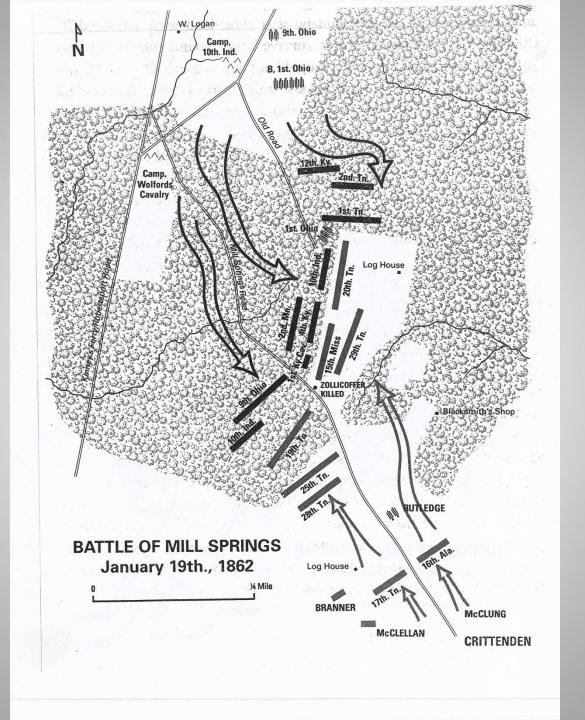
"Only a fence between us." The 2nd Minnesota Infantry attacks the 15th Mississippi Infantry through the rain and fog at the Battle of Mill Springs, January 19, 1862. Courtesy of the artist, Robert J. Cull

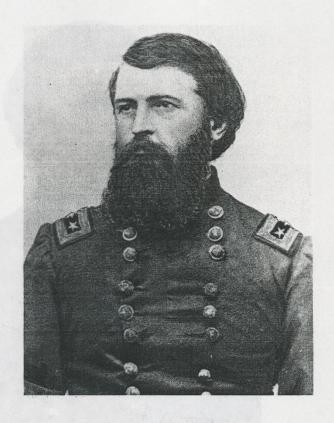


Colonel Speed Smith Fry

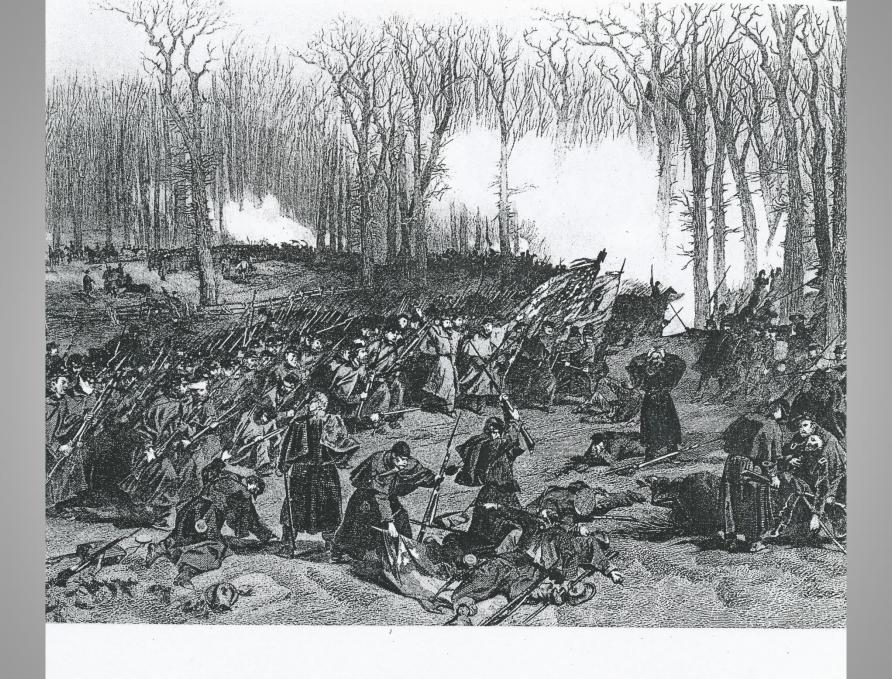




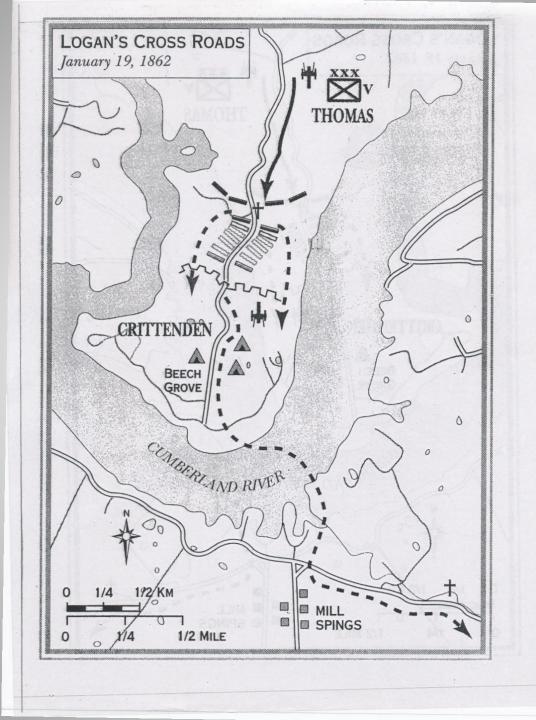


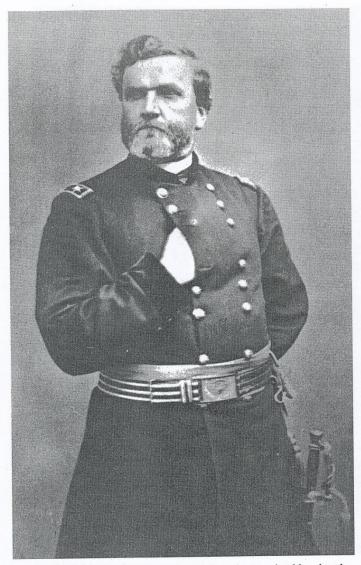


Samuel P. Carter

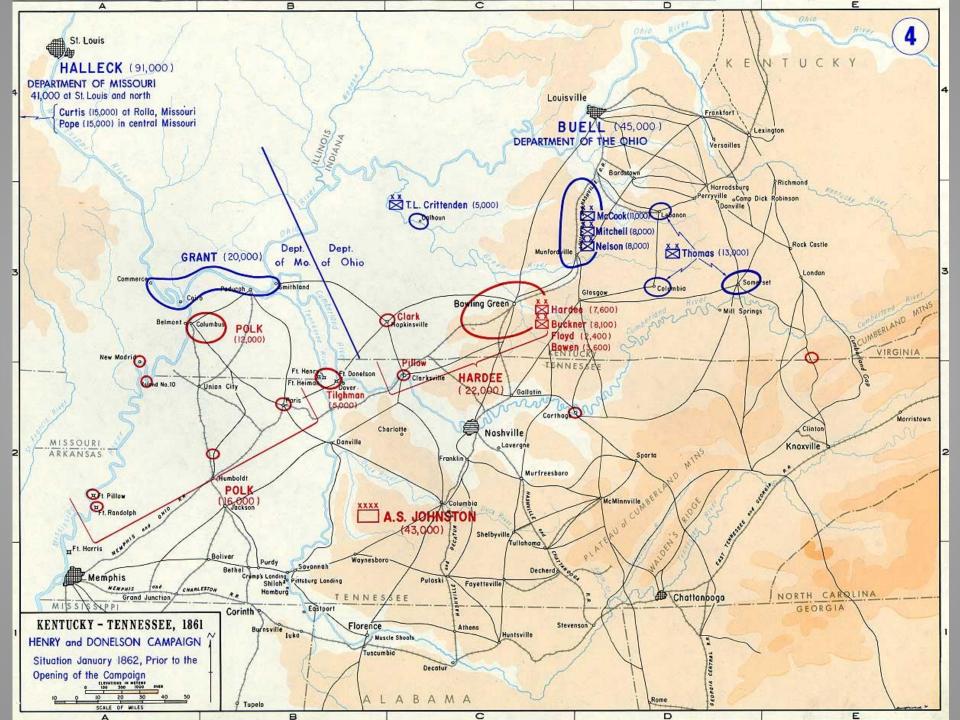








General George Henry Thomas. A Virginian who remained loyal to the Union, Thomas commanded the Union forces that marched from Camp Dick Robinson to the Cumberland River, where they defeated Gen. George B. Crittenden's Confederate command at the Battle of Mill Springs. *Library of Congress* 



#### **DEFINITIONS**

- STRATEGY "the overall planning of military operations."
- TACTICS "the technique or science of securing those objectives designated by strategy: specifically, the art of <u>deploying and directing</u> troops against the <u>enemy</u>."

#### \*PRINCIPLES OF WAR\*

- OBJECTIVE "every military operation should be directed toward a <u>clearly</u> defined, decisive and attainable <u>objective</u>."
- OFFENSIVE "seize, retain and exploit the initiative."
- MASS "concentrate combat power at the decisive place and time."
- ECONOMY OF FORCE "allocate minimum essential combat power to secondary efforts."
- MANEUVER "place the enemy in a position of disadvantage through the flexible application of combat power."
- UNITY OF COMMAND "for every objective, there should be unity of effort."
- SECURITY "never permit the enemy to acquire an unexpected advantage."
- SURPRISE "strike the enemy at a time or place and in a manner for which he is unprepared."
- SIMPLICITY "prepare <u>clear</u>, <u>uncomplicated</u> plans and <u>clear</u> <u>concise</u> orders to ensure thorough understanding."

SOME CLASSIC BATTLES: Marathon, Issus, Cannae, Zama, Hastings, Agincourt, Blenheim, Leuthen, Austerlitz, Waterloo, Chancellers-ville, Gettysburg, Metz, Tannenberg, France 1940, D-Day, Battle of the Bulge, Inchon, Suez 1973, Falk-lands 1982.

### THE "BATTLE OF COLUMBUS," February 1862

#### ORDER OF BATTLE – UNION ARMY AT COLUMBUS KY BG Ulysses Grant, commanding. 23,315 men (37 inf rgts, 8 6-gun arty batteries, 4 cavalry troops)

First Division (BG J. McClernand) – 7,345 men

1<sup>st</sup> Bde (COL R. Oglesby) – 5 inf rgts, 2 arty batts, 3 cav troops

2<sup>nd</sup> Bde (COL W.H.L. Wallace) – 4 inf rgts 2 arty batts, 1 cav troop

3<sup>rd</sup> Bde (COL W. Morrison) – 2 inf rgts

Second Division (BG C. F. Smith) – 8,830 men

1<sup>st</sup> Bde (COL J. MacArthur) – 3 inf rgts

3<sup>rd</sup> Bde (COL J. Cook) – 5 inf rgts, 3 arty batts

4<sup>th</sup> Bde (COL J. Lauman) – 4 inf rgts, 1 company of sharpshooters

5<sup>th</sup> Bde (COL M. Smith) – 2 inf rgts

Third Division (BG L. Wallace) – 7,140 men

1<sup>st</sup> Bde (COL C. Cruft) – 4 inf rgts, 1 arty batt

2<sup>nd</sup> Bde (COL J.M. Thayer) – 4 inf rgts

3<sup>rd</sup> Bde (""" – attached) – 4 inf rgts

US Navy (Flag-Officer A. Foote, USN) –
Ironclads: USS Essex, St. Louis, Carondelet, Cincinnati
Gunboats: USS Louisville, Pittsburgh, Tyler, Conestoga, Lexington
Total: 54 guns (heavy artillery)

# ORDER OF BATTLE- CONFEDERATE ARMY AT COLUMBUS KY MG Leonidas Polk commanding. 16,921 men (22 inf rgts, 10 4-gun arty batteries, 4 cavalry troops)

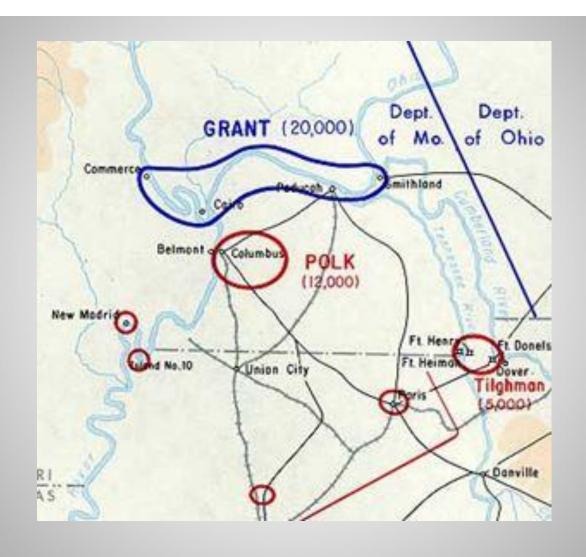
First Division (COL J. K. Walker) – 4,267 men 6 inf rgts, 1 arty battery

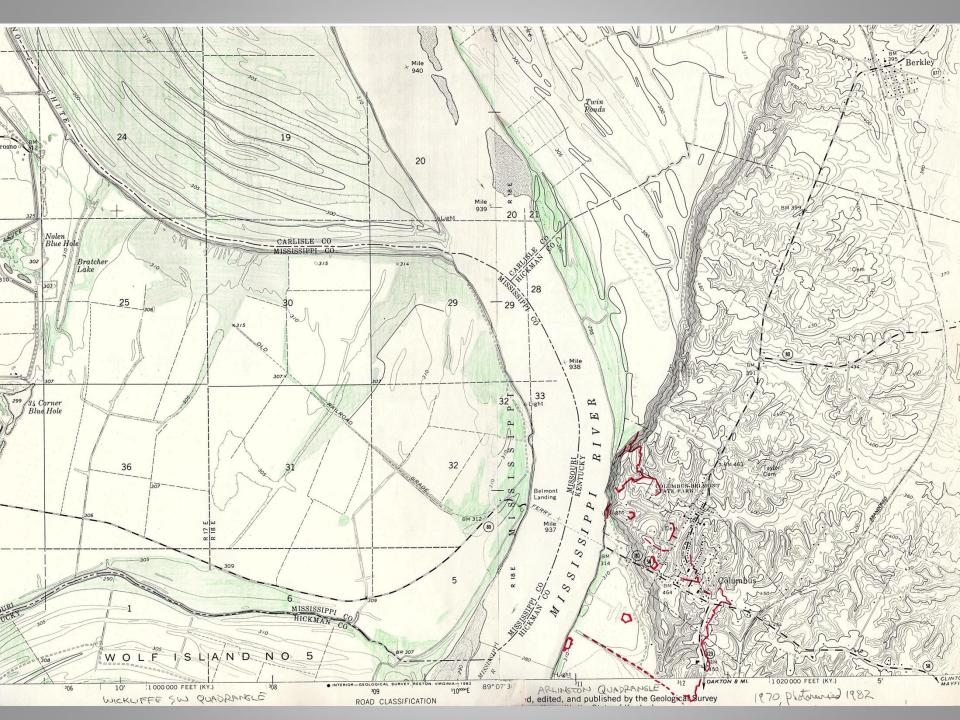
Second Division (BG B. F. Cheatham) – 6,167 men 8 inf rgts, 5 arty batts, 1 cav troop

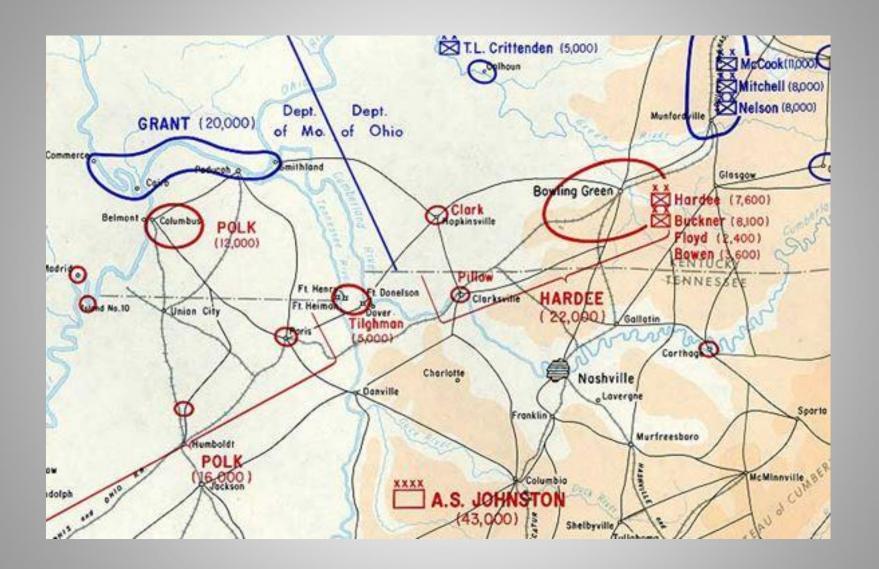
Third Division (BG J. McCown) – 4,262 men 5 inf rgts, 3 arty batts, 3 cav troops

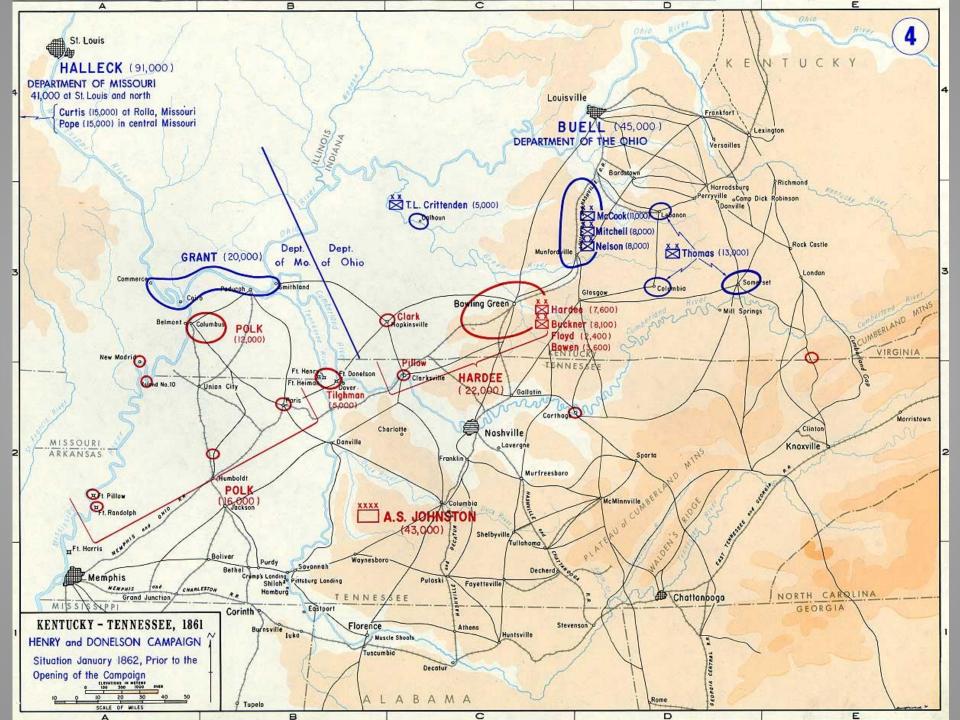
Columbus Garrison: Stewart's Brigade (BG A. P. Stewart) – 2,225 men 3 inf rgts, 1 arty battery, plus heavy arty in fort

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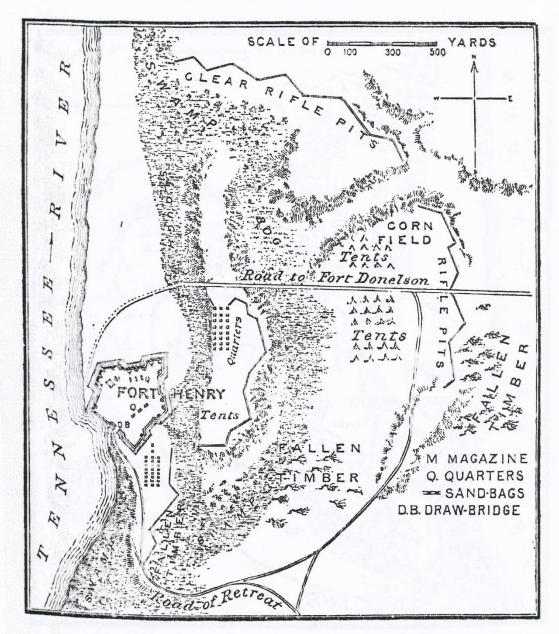






Flag Officer Andrew Hull Foote, US Navy



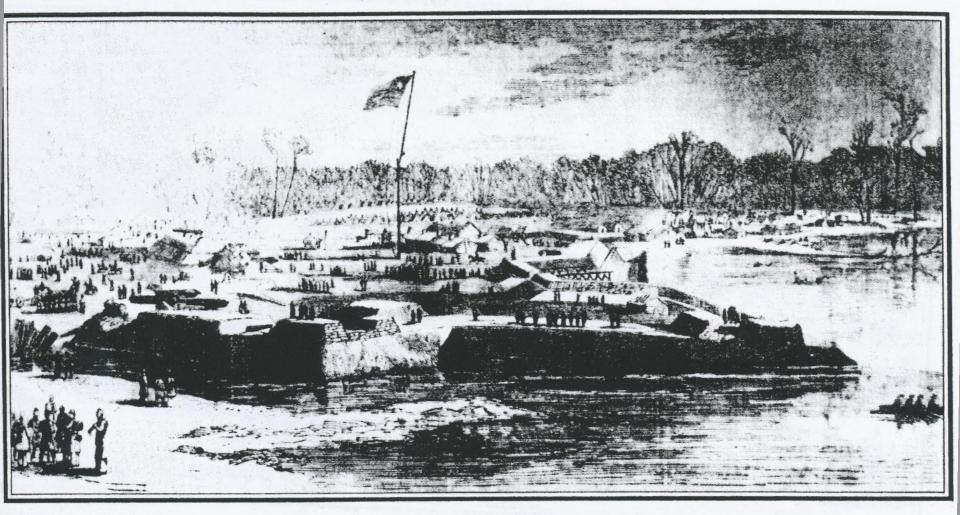


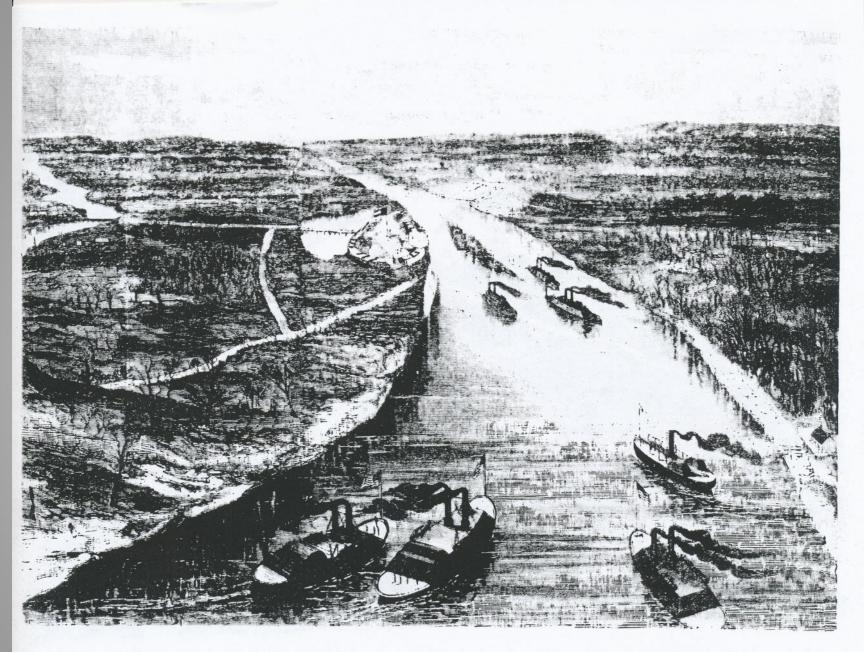
MAP OF FORT HENRY, FEBRUARY 6, 1862.



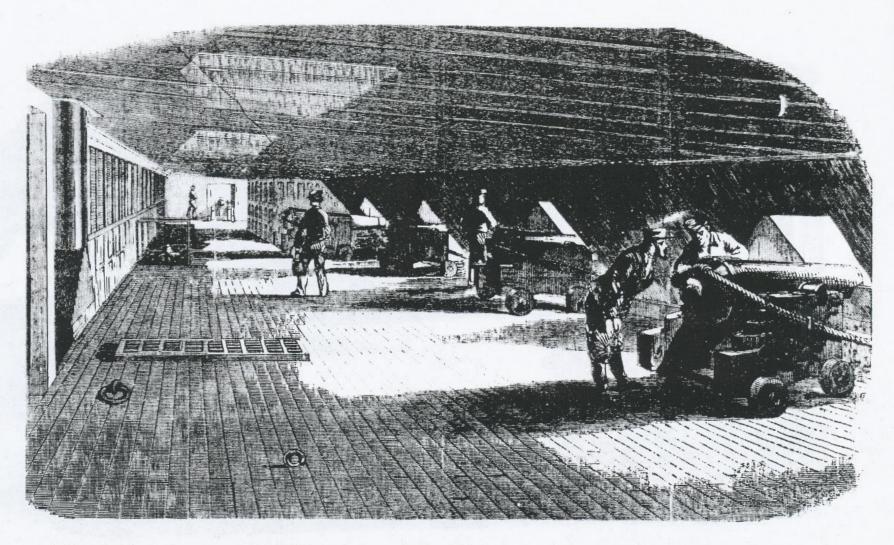
Brigadier General Lloyd Tilghman

wartime sketch of Fort Henry under Federal occupation. The ground was so low and water so high that the Yankees rowed into it.

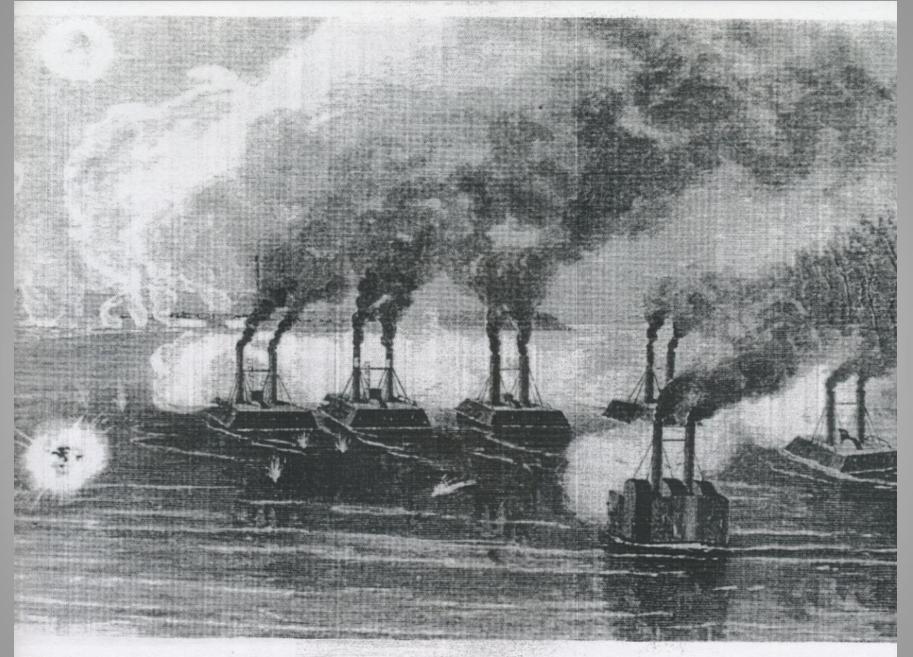




Union gunboats steam up the Tennessee River toward Fort Henry. [HARPER'S WEEKLY]



The gundeck aboard one of Foote's ironclads. [HARPER'S WEEKLY]



's Flotilla Attack on Fort Henry, February 6, 1862. Sketch by S.O. Hawley, Massachusetts Order of Loyaction, U.S. Army Military History Institute.



