

*Accounts from Hardesty's Military and Geographical Encyclopedia
For the 15th Ohio Volunteer Infantry
1. Richland County*

First Lieutenant Cyrus H. Askew, Co. G, 15th Ohio Infantry, p. 497
Captured December 31, 1862 but escaped

Private William G. Whipp, Co. G, 15th Ohio Infantry, pg. 470
“The regiment was in a corn field on a reconnoiter and drill when they were surprised by the enemy. In a moment he found himself alone and starting back he overtook a comrade to whom he proposed that they return the rebels’ fire. They fired 3 rounds when he was struck by a bullet. He crawled to the fence corner and while lying there he was fired into by a squad of rebel cavalry. His company had fallen back into a cedar thicket and he made an effort to join them, but his wound compelled him to lie down and he was taken prisoner by two wounded infantrymen. They carried him back to Stone River, and after 2 days his wound was dressed by the rebel surgeon. For 3 days he had nothing to eat. On January 2, 1863, he was taken to Murfreesboro and there remained until the city fell into the hands of the Union army.”

Private Cornelius W. Linn, Co. H, 15th Ohio Infantry, pg. 463
Captured December 31, 1862

Private Thomas W. Curran, Co. I, 15th Ohio Infantry, p.499
“Mr. Curran was detailed to assist in the removal of the wounded. Coming out of a house into which he had but just carried a man, he found himself a prisoner.”

Private Charles L. Kerr, Co. I, 15th Ohio Infantry, p.500
“Mr. Kerr had been detailed bugler at Nashville, but on entering this battle he slung his bugle around his neck and carried a gun. A number of his company were taken prisoners and 3 were killed while trying to escape capture by attempting, with many others, to get through a hole in the fence. Mr. Kerr only saved himself by making good use of his legs.”

Private George Stoll, Co. I, 15th Ohio Infantry, p. 472
Wounded by a musket ball in left shoulder and captured December 31, 1862

Private James M. Swanger, Co. I, 15th Ohio Infantry, p. 490
“At the battle of Murfreesboro he received a musket ball in the left shoulder and lung and was reported dead, but after being held prisoner on the field 4 days, he was retaken by our troops.”

Private John B.S. Williams, Co. I, 15th Ohio Infantry, p. 490
“The colonel’s horses were put in his charge and he started for the rear. Halting to watch the battle, a solid shot struck the ground under the horse on which he was sitting causing the animal to rear and throw him. On his way to the rear, he stopped and picked up the drummer boy of his company, Sanford Early, who had been wounded in the thigh.”