CAPTURE OF FOUR FEDERAL NAPOLEONS
DECEMBER 31st,1862

The 13th Tennessee regiment (commanded by Lt. Col. W.E. Morgan) captured four Napoleons of Battery C, First Illinois Light Artillery,mid morning of Dec. 31st,1862 south of Wilkinson Pike (now Manson Pike) south of the old Blanton house site. The 13th Tenn. was part of Preston Smith's Brigade,commanded by Col. A.J. Vaughn,Jr., part of Benjamin Franklin Cheatham's Division, Polk's Corps, CSA.

One of the captured Napoleons was given to William A. Scott's Tennessee battery and later recaptured by the Federals at Missionary Ridge in Chattanooga,TN. This gun is on display in the Stones River National Battlefield museum. It bears the following inscription:

Lt. Col. W.E. Morgan
13th Tenn. Vols.
Brig. Gen. Preston Smith's Brigade
Killed At
Murfreesboro
Dec. 31, 1862

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