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OF THE

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Command	Killed.		Wounded.		Captured or missing.		Aggregate.
	Officers.	Enlisted men.	Officers.	Enlisted men.	Officers.	Enlisted men.	
FIRST DIVISION.							
Gen. Lovell H. Rousseau.			1	1			2
<i>First Brigade.</i>							
Col. Benjamin F. Scribner.							
1	13	1	31	1	4	4	2
2	9	3	31	8	7	7	52
3	2	2	21	11	11	11	34
4	3	3	21	2	28	28	54
5	3	3	15	1	6	6	26
6	30	10	179	1	56	56	279
<i>Second Brigade.</i>							
Col. John Bratton.							
17	4	6	75	2	32	32	132
2	8	1	47	8	19	19	78
3	1	1	31	1	11	11	40
4	17	1	62	10	22	22	109
5	1	1	10				13
6	51	12	228	3	93	93	389
<i>Third Brigade.</i>							
Col. John C. Starkweather.							
1	1	4	9	52	6	6	66
2	1	1	11	16	28	28	46
3	1	1	4	37	43	43	8
4	2	2	1	1	2	2	8
5	2	2	29	113	113	113	146
<i>Fourth Brigade.</i>							
Col. Oliver L. Sherman.							
1	10	4	74	17	106	106	106
2	16	7	126	16	165	165	165
3	28	6	115	2	152	152	152
4	1	30	98	5	139	139	139
5	1	6	57	10	74	74	74
6	4	90	223	475	50	50	641
<i>Company.</i>							
1	9	173	47	915	4	4	1,460
SECOND DIVISION.							
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	Officers.	Enlisted men.	Officers.	Enlisted men.	Officers.	Enlisted men.	
FIRST BRIGADE—Continued.							
6th Tennessee*							
85th Illinois*							
14th Michigan							
Wisconsin Light Artillery, 10th Battery*							
Total First Brigade	5	1	27				33
Second Brigade.							
Col. Timothy R. Spangler.							
19th Illinois	1	13	8	75	11	11	108
11th Michigan	2	28	6	78	25	25	139
18th Ohio	1	23	3	107	38	38	167
69th Ohio	1	4	1	47	38	38	96
1st Ohio Light Artillery, Battery M			1	2	1	1	3
Total Second Brigade	5	71	29	307	101	101	513
Third Brigade.							
Col. John F. Miller.							
Staff and escort							
37th Indiana	2	25	5	110	8	8	150
21st Ohio		24	5	104	26	26	159
74th Ohio		8	6	82	19	19	125
78th Pennsylvania	1	15	3	130	39	39	188
Kentucky Light Artillery, Battery B		1	1	2	2	2	6
1st Ohio Light Artillery, Battery G		4	1	9	3	3	16
Total Third Brigade	3	77	21	450	97	97	648
Fourth Brigade.							
Col. Moses B. Walker.							
62d Indiana							
17th Ohio			1	5			5
31st Ohio				4			4
38th Ohio			1	6			6
1st Michigan Light Artillery, Battery D*				5			5
Total First Brigade			2	20			22
Total Third Division			2	20			22
Total Center	17	327	101	1,719	4	510	2,678
LEFT WING.							
Maj. Gen. Thomas L. Crittenden.							
Staff			1				1
FIRST DIVISION.							
(1) Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Wood,†							
(2) Brig. Gen. Miso S. Hascall.							
Staff			1				1

* No loss reported.

† Wounded December 31.

moved on the pike toward Murfreesborough about one half mile. We then moved toward the wood on the right, and soon engaged the enemy. After some hot work they gradually retired, followed up by our brigade. About this time the Second Ohio and Thirty-third Ohio were detached, and my regiment, with the Thirty-eighth Indiana and Ninety-fourth Ohio, continued to advance under a pretty hot skirmish fire. After having advanced some distance, we were attacked by a strong force, which we held for some time, until we began to receive a flank fire from the right. Orders were received to retire behind the line of the Seventeenth Brigade, which we did; and as I was about to get my regiment into line I saw that the Seventeenth Brigade was also retiring. I moved to the rear with them, and formed my line on their right and the left of Loomis' battery. There I remained until retired by your order, about daylight the next morning.

On the morning of January 1, at about 7 o'clock, we were again moved rapidly forward on the pike to near our old position, where we remained all through the battle, but did not have any general engagement with the enemy after December 31.

I went into the battle with 11 officers and 250 men. My loss is 3 killed, 1 officer slightly wounded, 15 enlisted men wounded, and 6 missing.

My loss would probably have been larger, but the nature of the ground where we were engaged in the woods was such that the men had some protection.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. R. CHAPIN,

Colonel Tenth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry.

ACTING ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,

Tenth Brigade.

No. 70.

Report of Col. John Beatty, Third Ohio Infantry, commanding Second Brigade.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND BRIGADE, FIRST DIVISION,

Murfreesborough, Tenn., January 9, 1863.

SIR: In the recent engagement before Murfreesborough the casualties in my brigade were as follows:*

Colonel Forman, Fifteenth Kentucky, was killed in the cedar woods on the morning of the 31st ultimo. He was a brave man and an excellent officer. Captain Bayne, of same regiment, fell at the same time, while urging his men forward.

Lieutenant Colonel Shanklin, Forty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry, was surrounded by a superior force on the morning of January 3, and taken by the enemy. Col. George Humphrey, Eighty-eighth Indiana, was wounded on the night of January 3, in expelling the enemy from the woods in our front. He behaved gallantly throughout the fight. Capt. L. S. Bell, Third Ohio Infantry, wounded at the same time, conducted himself with great courage.

Lieutenant Colonels Lawson, Tenth Ohio, and Briant, Eighty-eighth Indiana; Capt. J. H. Bryant, Forty-second Indiana; Lieutenants DuBarry and Wildman, Eighty-eighth Indiana; J. B. McRoberts, Third

Ohio; Horrall and Orr, Forty-second Indiana; Mr. James K. Patterson, Evansville, and Actg. Asst. Gen. James S. Wilson, deserve especial praise. Capt. C. O. Loomis and Lieutenants Van Pelt and Hale, of the First Michigan Battery, rendered most important service throughout the entire battle. No men could have conducted themselves with more courage and ability. There are other officers and men who should be mentioned favorably, but the reports of regimental commanders have failed to reach me, and it is impossible, therefore, to give them the credit they deserve.

My brigade had three separate encounters with the enemy on the first day. On the second and third days it was in front a portion of the time. Skirmishing on the night of January 3, two regiments, led by myself, drove the enemy from their breastworks in the edge of the woods in our front.

I trust the conduct of the brigade throughout may be satisfactory.

I am, captain, very respectfully,

JOHN BEATTY,

Colonel, Commanding Second Brigade.

Capt. M. C. TAYLOR,

Acting Assistant Adjutant-General, First Division.

No. 71.

Reports of Col. John C. Starkeweather, First Wisconsin Infantry, commanding Third Brigade.

HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-EIGHTH BRIGADE,

Camp at Jefferson, near Stone's River, Tenn., December 31, 1862.

SIR: I have the honor to report that on the 30th* instant the train of the Twenty-eighth Brigade, consisting of 64 wagons, loaded with camp equipage, stores, officers' baggage, knapsacks, &c., was sent from Stewartsborough at 8.30 a. m. for this point, unprotected, save by the convalescents and a small guard left to the rear for protection, 10 wagons loaded with rations. The head of the train had just arrived in camp, and while in process of being parked, the rear and center of the same was attacked by a portion of General Wheeler's cavalry brigade; while the remainder of his brigade, he being in command, as also a part of a brigade under command of Colonel Allen, advanced on both sides of the highway for the purpose of attacking the brigade force and destroying the whole train. The outposts and pickets, however, being on the alert, met the enemy at the front and held them in check until the brigade was formed and ready for battle.

I immediately ordered the train at double-quick to be parked; sent the Twenty-first Wisconsin, under Colonel Hobart, to the front and rear of train; ordered the First Wisconsin, Colonel Bingham, to deploy right and left from the center as skirmishers, and to press forward; moved one regiment, the Twenty-fourth Illinois, under Colonel Mihalofsky, to the bridge crossing the river, together with one section of artillery, and then advanced to the front with the Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania, Colonel Hambricht, and two sections of artillery, First Kentucky, Captain Stone.

My advance, the Twenty-first Wisconsin, was soon hotly engaged, and, being pressed severely by the enemy in front and on the left, they

* Embodied in revised statement, p. 210.

* See Wheeler's report, No. 301; Mauldin's report, No. 302.

right of the highway and occupied a hill upon which was giving them a good fighting position. The Second Kentucky, Captain Craddock, about 50 strong, was then sent to the front to feel the enemy, and at once became engaged. The right First Wisconsin was rallied on the right, and placed in rear of the artillery, which was then upon the hill occupied by the First Wisconsin, opening with shell. The Seventy-ninth Wisconsin was placed in rear of the left wing of the First Wisconsin as skirmishing to the front. One section of the First Wisconsin was in front as between my infantry on the right and left. The command at this time became general, as between the enemy First and Twenty-first Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and two First Kentucky Batteries, the enemy acting principally supported by two field howitzers. The enemy was, however, repulsed, and left the field after severe fighting, the engagement lasting about ten minutes; the brigade following $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, when, near unsafe, I ordered the command to retire, and went into the north side of Stone's River, near Jefferson.

The force, as near as could be ascertained, was some 3,500 men. The strength of my force was about 1,700. The enemy's loss in killed and wounded was very severe; but as the wounded and carried away mostly by the cavalry upon their horses, it is difficult to give their loss with certainty. Eight prisoners were taken from the two of whom were mortally wounded. A lieutenant-colonel of the brigade was also mortally wounded.

Upon our side there were, per recapitulation, the chief part of the brigade convalescents, who were with the train when attacked. The contents from the rear of the train were taken and destroyed by the contents thereof, consisting of camp and garrison equipage, men's clothing, &c.

Under my command acted with great coolness and bravery; no running, but the utmost coolness shown by all, adding to the creditable mark to the old Twenty-eighth Brigade. Orders were issued and orderlies carried orders fearlessly to different parts of the brigade, entitling them to great credit and to my thanks.

Casualties.

Command.	Killed.	Wounded.	Missing.	Prisoners.	Total.
.....	1	3	1	5	7
.....	4	13	1	3	26
.....	52	1	1	1	52
.....	1	8	104	9	122

Prisoners taken with train, most of them being convalescents, and will undoubtedly be paroled.

Respectfully,

JOHN C. STARKWEATHER,
Commanding First Wisconsin Vols., Comdg. Twenty-eighth Brigade.

O. TAYLOR,
Assistant Adjutant-General, Third Division.

HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-EIGHTH BRIGADE,
Camp near Murfreesborough, Tenn., January 6, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, on the 31st ultimo, the Twenty-eighth Brigade left Jefferson, in accordance with orders, and reported at 5 p. m. for duty, bringing in one field howitzer belonging to the Fifth Wisconsin Battery, and some 250 cavalry of different regiments, as also many stragglers from infantry regiments that were found on the Jefferson and La Vergne pike and roads adjacent thereto, who had participated in the fight in front of Murfreesborough that day or the day previous.

On the 1st instant the brigade was maneuvered, changing positions, fronts, &c.; going into camp, formed in line, with battalions doubled on the center, the left resting on the Nashville and Murfreesborough pike, right on the left of General Johnson's troops. The following morning the brigade was ordered by General Rousseau to deploy into line and advance to the front to the support of our batteries, then in action. The change of position was made, and the gallant Twenty-eighth Brigade moved to the front to give such support, with unflinching courage, amid a most tremendous rebel fire of solid shot and shell, and remained in such supporting position until another change was made, when it was sent to the extreme front, and ordered to hold the same, which post it occupied the 2d, 3d, and 4th, changing position from time to time, as the nature of circumstances seemed to require, supporting batteries, pioneer corps, &c., in digging trenches; and although not brought into place where its own fire could be made to tell effectively, yet, from the duties performed by it, under the continued and severe fire of shot and shell of the enemy, it is entitled to all praise. Casualties as per recapitulation.

Yours, respectfully,

JOHN C. STARKWEATHER,
Colonel First Wisconsin, Comdg. Twenty-eighth Brigade.

Oapt. M. C. TAYLOR,
Acting Assistant Adjutant-General, Third Division.

Recapitulation of casualties.

Command.	Killed.	Wounded.	Missing.	Total.
24th Illinois	1	3	.....	4
70th Pennsylvania .....	.....	8	.....	10
1st Wisconsin .....	.....	4	3	7
1st Kentucky Battery .....	.....	1	.....	1
Total	3	16	3	22

No. 72.

Reports of Lieut. Col. Oliver L. Slaughter, Eighteenth U. S. Infantry, commanding Fourth (Regular) Brigade.

HEADQUARTERS BRIGADE U. S. REGULAR TROOPS,
 THIRD DIV. (ROUSSEAU'S), CENTER, 14TH ARMY CORPS,
Camp at Murfreesborough, Tenn., January 10, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor, respectfully, to report the operations of this brigade, under my orders, during the recent five days' battle before this place.