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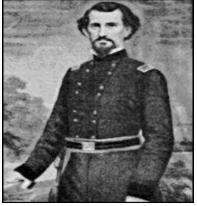
Appalachian Mountain Struggle

"I wish a movement made to seize...the mountain pass called Cumberland Gap."

Abraham Lincoln (Oct. 1, 1861)

First Occupation of the Cumberland Gap Mid 1861 - June 17, 1862





General Felix Zollicoffer

Second Occupation of the Cumberland Gap June 18 - Sep. 17, 1862





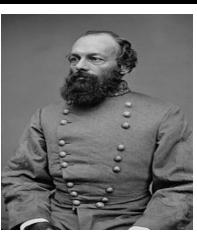
General George Morgan

Confederate General Felix Zollicoffer took control of the Gap, easily overcoming local Home Guard opposition, and began building fortifications on the north side of the mountain face to halt any Union invasion of Tennessee. After Zollicoffer was killed at the Battle of Mill Springs, Colonel James E. Raines, soon to become General, commanded the Gap until General Carter Stevenson reinforced the Gap and became commander.

General Stevenson and his command were ordered away from the Gap and deeper into Tennessee. With Confederate forces gone, Union General George W. Morgan took control of the Gap and built fortifications along the southern side of the mountain on orders from President Abraham Lincoln. The President was determined to keep Kentucky in the Union and to protect the pro-Union population of East Tennessee. Holding the Gap could also be a staging point for a Union advance on Knoxville that would sever the rail line from Knoxville to Richmond, Virginia.

Third Occupation of the Cumberland Gap Sep. 18, 1862 - Sep. 9, 1863



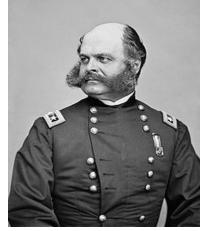


General Edmund Kirby Smith

In 1862, a major invasion of Kentucky was launched by the South. General Morgan left the Gap and Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith took control during the Kentucky Campaign led by Confederate General Braxton Bragg. The Gap served as the route through which Bragg retreated into Tennessee after his defeat at the Battle of Perryville in Kentucky. The Gap was under the direct command of General Archibald Gracie until he was transferred to the Eastern Theater of the war. He left in command General John Frazer, who controlled the Gap from August 8, 1963 until September 9, 1863.

Fourth Occupation of the Cumberland Gap Sep. 9, 1863 - April 1865





General Ambrose Burnside

Ordered to the Gap in September of 1863 for a possible northern occupation, Union Colonel John DeCourcy arrived from the north. Likewise, Union General Shackelford approached from the south. The two forces trapped Confederate General Frazer at the Gap. General Ambrose Burnside, who had just taken Knoxville after it had been evacuated, arrived at the Gap from the South on September 9. Upon Burnside's arrival, General Frazer surrendered knowing there were no Confederate reinforcements in East Tennessee as Knoxville was under Union Control.

Confederate Forces at Cumberland Gap



CSA Units Sep. 1861 – June 17, 1862

42nd Georgia Infantry Regiment 3rd Georgia Infantry Battalion 9th Georgia Infantry Battalion 52nd Georgia Infantry Regiment 3rd Regiment Tennessee Mounted Infantry (Lillard's) 4th Tennessee Infantry Regiment 11th Tennessee Infantry Regiment 17th Tennessee Infantry Regiment 19th Tennessee Infantry Regiment 20th Tennessee Infantry Regiment 34th Tennessee Infantry Regiment 29th North Carolina Infantry Regiment 39th North Carolina Infantry Regiment 16th Alabama Infantry Regiment 23rd Alabama Infantry Regiment 30th Alabama Infantry Regiment 31st Alabama Infantry Regiment 46th Alabama Infantry Regiment 9th Mississippi Infantry Regiment 15th Mississippi Infantry Regiment Botetourt Virginia Artillery Battery Burrough's Company Tennessee Light Artillery Eufaula Alabama Light Artillery 3rd Battery Maryland Artillery (Latrobe's)

CSA Units Sep. 18, 1862 – Sep. 9, 1863

25th Virginia Cavalry Regiment 21st Virginia Infantry Battalion 64th Virginia Infantry Regiment Smith's Company G Cavalry Battalion 16th Georgia Cavalry Battalion 43rd Georgia Infantry Regiment 55th Georgia Infantry Regiment (Captured) 65th Georgia Infantry Regiment 5th North Carolina Cavalry Battalion 29th North Carolina Infantry Regiment 58th North Carolina Infantry Regiment 62nd North Carolina Infantry Regiment (Captured) 64th North Carolina Infantry Regiment (Captured) 1st Tennessee Cavalry Regiment (Carter's) 5th Tennessee Cavalry Regiment 63rd Tennessee Infantry Regiment 1st Alabama Infantry Battalion 2nd Alabama Infantry Battalion 3rd Alabama Infantry Battalion 4th Alabama Artillery Battalion 20th Alabama Infantry Regiment 23rd Alabama Infantry Regiment 43rd Alabama Infantry Regiment 46th Alabama Infantry Regiment

CSA Units Sep. 18, 1862 -Sep. 9, 1863 continued

59th Alabama Infantry Regiment 60th Alabama Infantry Regiment 10th Texas Dismounted Cavalry Regiment 11th Texas Dismounted Cavalry Regiment 14th Texas Dismounted Cavalry Regiment 15th Texas Dismounted Cavalry Regiment 1st Arkansas Dismounted Rifles 2nd Arkansas Dismounted Rifles 4th Arkansas Infantry Battalion 4th Arkansas Infantry Regiment 30th Arkansas Infantry Regiment 31st Arkansas infantry Regiment 9th Georgia Artillery Battalion (Captured) Baxter's Company Tennessee Light Artillery Mabry's Artillery (Captured) 12th Georgia Light Artillery Battalion Barbour Alabama Light Artillery Waddell's Artillery Douglas' Artillery Humphrey's Artillery Battery Kolb's Artillery Battery

Units will be added as research continues

Union Forces at Cumberland Gap



USA Units June 18 – Sep. 17, 1862

2nd Tennessee Cavalry Regiment 1st Tennessee Infantry Regiment 2nd Tennessee Infantry Regiment 3rd Tennessee Infantry Regiment 4th Tennessee Infantry Regiment 5th Tennessee Infantry Regiment 6th Tennessee Infantry Regiment 9th Ohio Artillery Battery 16th Ohio Infantry Regiment 42nd Ohio Infantry Regiment 1 Company, Munday's Cavalry (1st Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry) 1st Battalion, Kentucky Cavalry 3rd Kentucky Infantry Regiment 7th Kentucky Infantry Regiment 14th Kentucky Infantry Regiment 19th Kentucky Infantry Regiment 22nd Kentucky Infantry Regiment 1st Michigan Artillery Battery "G" 1st Independent Battery, Wisconsin Light Artillerv 33rd Indiana Infantry Regiment 49th Indiana Infantry Regiment

USA Units Sep. 9, 1863 – May 1865

1st Michigan Artillery Battery "L" & "M" 9th Michigan Cavalry Regiment 10th Michigan Cavalry Regiment 11th Michigan Cavalry Regiment 1st Ohio Light Artillery Battery "D" 2nd Ohio Cavalry Regiment 7th Ohio Cavalry Regiment 19th Independent Ohio Artillery Battery 22nd Ohio Artillery Battery 44th Ohio Infantry Regiment 45th Ohio Infantry Regiment 86th Ohio Infantry Regiment 104th Ohio Infantry Regiment 129th Ohio Infantry Regiment 185th Ohio Infantry Regiment 14th Illinois Cavalry Regiment 16th Illinois Cavalry Regiment 1st Tennessee Light Artillery Battery "B" 9th Tennessee Cavalry Regiment 11th Tennessee Cavalry Regiment 6th Indiana Cavalry Regiment 23rd Indiana Artillery Battery 91st Indiana Infantry Regiment 115th Indiana Infantry Regiment 117th Indiana Infantry Regiment

USA Units Sep. 9, 1863 - May 1865 Continued

118th Indiana Infantry Regiment 12th Kentucky Cavalry Regiment 34th Kentucky Infantry Regiment 2nd North Carolina Mounted Infantry Regiment