

Newspaper Article "Great Bravery of our Troops"

The Eleventh Michigan, and Gens. Crittenden and Duffield Prisoners.

GREAT BRAVERY OF OUR TROOPS

NASHVILLE, July 13, 1862.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 Georgians, Texans, and guerrillas, under Col. Forrest, attacked the 11th Michigan and 3d Minnesota Regiments in Murfreesboro at an early hour this morning.

There was desperate fighting, but at 3 p. m. the Michigan troops had surrendered. The Minnesotians [sic] were strongly intrenched, and cut the enemy to pieces terribly with Hewlett's Kentucky battery, repulsing them with great slaughter in three charges.

Flags of truce were sent in by Forrest, demanding their surrender. Col. Leslie replied that he could hold his position for a week. The railroad track was torn up, but replaced. An attack on Nashville is not improbable.

Col. Leslie is reported falling back on Nashville. The cannonading was heard repeatedly here. Col. Boone has arrived with several companies.

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Nashville, July 13, 1862.

A special dispatch to the Associated Press says that Murfreesboro' has been taken by the Confederates, who are mostly Texan Rangers under Forrest, but was shelled by our battery (Storms's).

Report says it was the 9th Michigan Regiment which was captured. The 3d Minnesota, with a battery, were holding out at last accounts. Brigadier General Duffield and Crittenden of Indiana are prisoners.

There is great excitement in Nashville, and an attack is expected. We will give the best fight possible, and if compelled to yield, will shell the city. A battery is in position for the emergency.

NASHVILLE, July 13, 1862.

The city is filled with rumors about a fight at Murfreesboro' to-day. The most reliable reports confirm the statement about a fight having occurred. The following particulars are given:

About eight o'clock this morning a large force of Rebel cavalry, under the command of Col. Forrest, composed principally of two Georgia and one other Rebel regular cavalry regiment, drove in our pickets and assaulted the town.

The 9th Michigan Regiment, Col. Parkhurst, were surrounded and captured. Gen. T. T. Crittenden of Indiana, and Gen. Duffield, who had recently arrived to take command of the 23d Brigade, were made prisoners; also, Lieut. Barry, Commissary, and Lieut. C. H. Irwin, Acting Assistant Quartermaster.

The 3d Minnesota, Col. Leslie, and Herritt's 1st Kentucky Battery, made a gallant resistance. Their bravery is beyond praise. They saved the railroad track and bridges, losing but few men.

The Rebels destroyed the railroad depot and other property, including the telegraph office.

The town was being shelled by Herritt's battery at the last report – 3 p. m. to-day.

Forrest is not expected to make an attempt upon Nashville, as he will find work enough for him to attend to before approaching the city. By trustworthy accounts he has 3,000 cavalry, but no artillery nor infantry.

A consultation has just been held between Gov. Johnson, Col. John F. Miller, commanding this post; Col. Lewis D. Campbell, Provost Marshal; Capt. O. D. Greene of Gen. Buel's Staff [sic]; Capt. McFeeley, U. S. Commissary; Capt. Pingham, U. S. Quartermaster; Capt. Braden of Gen. Dumont's Staff; Col. Gillam, Governor's Staff.

Entire confidence is maintained in the ability of the Government to protect the city and restore tranquility in the neighborhood.