

## THE BATTLE OF **LONE JACK**.

### Lieut. C. S. Moore's Official Report to Col. Catherwood.

HEADQUARTERS, SEDALIA, MO., }  
August 24th, 1862. }

COL. CATHERWOOD—SIR: I have the honor to report the part taken by the detachment from you which was sent into the field August 12th, '62. in battle at **Lone Jack**, Jackson county, on the 16th inst. The detachment comprised parts of Company A, B, and E, of the Regiment, numbering one hundred and sixty-one officers and men. I have the honor also to report the killed, wounded and missing of the detachment.

On the morning of the 15th inst., about eight hundred men (our detachment included) were sent out from Lexington under command of Major FOSTER. We arrived in the vicinity of **Lone Jack** at 10, P. M., on the evening of the same day, where we learned that the enemy, *two thousand and five hundred* strong, were encamped one and one half miles south of the village. Company B of our detachment was ordered to the front to open the engagement and support the artillery, which was a section of the Third Indiana battery. At 11, P. M., three-fourths of a mile south of the village, we encountered a heavy picket of the enemy, and a skirmish commenced. One discharge of the artillery, and a volley from our rifles scattered them in every direc-

tion. One discharge of the artillery, and a volley from our rifles scattered them in every direction, and the column proceeded—Company B supporting the battery on the right and left. The artillery was again brought to bear upon them—shelling their camp with such effect that they retreated, and the skirmish ended. Our command then returned and bivouacked for the night in the village, which was surrounded by corn fields, hedge fences and high weeds—affording the enemy ample cover for an attack upon us, the advantages of which they did not fail to use.

At daylight on the morning of the 16th inst., our pickets reported them to be advancing upon us in three columns of about one thousand men each. Our line of battle was scarcely formed when they came upon us, yelling like savages, and sending their balls into our ranks thick as hail. Companies A and E were on the left, and company B was in the centre of the line. Our whole line opened upon them with severe effect, but our right was driven back by overwhelming numbers, and our artillery was captured by the enemy.

Things were different on the left. Company A and my company, and another company of militia, repulsed a large force of cavalry, which charged furiously upon our left, aiming to rout us at the first dash. In this sharp contest every man stood to his post like a hero. The action then ceased upon the left for more than an hour—the enemy, in full force, continuing the attack upon our right with increased fury.

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The cannoniers all being wounded or missing, the cavalrmen used the piece admirably, sending grape and canister in the enemy's ranks with great rapidity and effect. The action continued an hour after we rescued the cannon, when the rebels were repulsed and driven entirely from the village. The victory was ours, but the enemy was soon heavily reinforced and we were compelled to retreat.

Among men, all of whom were brave and did meritorious service, it is difficult to find one more valiant than another. Assistant Surgeon J. W. F. CHANGES of our regiment, however, deserves the highest credit for his exertions to urge our men to glorious deeds, and his untiring energy in ministering to the wants of the wounded and dying soldiers, he not leaving the battle field until the rear of our forces had cleared the village in the retreat. He was slightly wounded in the breast by a rifle ball, during the hottest of the engagement.

When our artillery was taken, dismay seemed for a moment to spread through our right and center, but it was only momentary. Their silence gave warning like the momentary hushing of the storm before it comes with its most furious sweep and havoc. With the cry of "onward, men," the right and center, aided by Company A and my Company, rushed upon the enemy regardless of danger, repulsing the continued assault of over two thousand rebels for four hours. Here Major FOSTER fell wounded. Here also Captain DUNDEN and Second Lieutenant MIFDDAUGH of Company A; Captain PLUMB and Second Lieutenant LOGAN, of Company B, and

MIFDDAUGH of Company A; Captain PLUMB and Second Lieutenant LOGAN, of Company B, and Second Lieutenant MURPHY, of Company E, all of our detachment, and many other brave officers, fell wounded while leading their men right onward to the enemy's then new center. In the meantime, the rebels, in considerable force, charged upon our rear, but were repulsed by about one hundred of our men, with a fire so destructive that they abandoned that point of attack, although a large cornfield covered their advance. At the close of the four hours' assault, our men succeeded in rescuing one piece of the artillery from the enemy.

Sergeant Major HUBBARD, chief bugler DUGAN, and Sergeant STUBBLEFIELD did honor to themselves and to the cause, by their valiant and heroic conduct in rallying the men and leading them in charges, after their brave officers had fallen, wounded in the thickest of the battle—thus constantly keeping before the men the example of their officers before they fell. Corporal TRESGOTT and private EDWARD ROSHEIN, of company A, deserve the highest credit for their gallant feat of assisting to rescue the cannon from under the heavy fire of the enemy. Private SEARCY, of company B, also deserves the greatest credit for his valiant conduct, being a youth of only sixteen years. He was in the thickest of the battle, shooting as deliberately as if he were gaming, and cursing the cowards at the same time. When our officers fell wounded, I was the only commissioned officer left of our detachment, and hence the command of it devolved upon me.

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Other detachments performed deeds worthy of the "bravest of the brave," but it is not my privilege, as a subaltern officer of the command, to speak particularly of men other than my own. Higher authorities will justly accord to them the greatest credit. Eight hundred of us fought three thousand rebels, and the victory was ours—the reinforcements of the enemy *only* compelling us to retreat.

Our whole loss was sixty killed and one hundred wounded and missing; that of the enemy was about one hundred and ten killed and wounded. The loss of my detachment was nine killed, forty-five wounded, and thirteen missing. The following is a list of the killed, wounded and missing in my detachment:

**KILLED.**

Company A—Sergeant John Smith, Bugler Nelson Combs, Wm. Owens.

Company B—John L. Shanks, Joseph W. Cheadle, Lorenzo W. Cooper.

Company E—Corporal Jeremiah Hatfield, John Stinnett.

Company C—John McCullough.

**MISSING.**

Company B—James H. Marshall, Wm. Carroll, Eli Sweat.

**WOUNDED ON THE STAFF.**

Assistant Surgeon Clanges, slightly in breast;  
Hospital Steward Erskine Dunham, severely in leg.

**LIST OF WOUNDED.**

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Capt. Jas. Danden, severely in breast and shoulder;  
Second Lieut. Timothy Mieddaugh, slightly, in leg;  
Sergeant Isaac Linch, severely, in back;  
Corporal George W. Gibson, slightly, in head;  
Private Wm. Gist, severely, in shoulder;  
Henry Shreck, slightly, in leg;  
Nathan Debo, severely, in breast and shoulder;  
B. F. Garrison, severely, in right shoulder;  
John T. Stiles, slightly, in leg;  
John D. Williamson, severely, in side;  
F. P. Moore, slightly, in hip;  
Elias Parrott, severely, in knee and shoulder;  
Henry Debo, slightly, in leg;  
William Smart, severely, in leg;  
Van H. Grove, slightly, in leg;  
J. C. Musser, slightly, in arm;  
George W. Mieddaugh, severely, in leg;  
R. F. Huggart, slightly, in leg;  
Edward Koshein, slightly, in back;  
Frederick Snyder, severely, in ankle.

**COMPANY B.**

Capt. Wm. Plumb, severely, in right shoulder;  
Second Lieutenant, Wm. B. Logan, slightly in eye;  
First Sergeant, Elias Lankford, slightly in hip;  
Second Sergeant, J. D. L. Parks, severely wounded in leg;  
Private James A. Pong, slightly in face;  
Wm. H. Grady, slightly in foot;  
George Norris, severely in thigh.

Private James A. Poag, slightly in face;  
Wm. H. Grady, slightly in foot;  
George Norris, severely in thigh;  
Corporal John T. Scantling, severely in eye;  
Corporal B. F. Pryor, severely wounded in bowels  
and privates;  
Buger Washington Huffake, slightly, in eye;  
Private Herman Heck, severely, in thigh;  
Jesse B. T. Shanks, slightly, in arm;  
Joel P. Curtis, slightly, in leg;  
Philip Hamel, severely, mouth and chin;

**COMPANY E.**

Second Lieutenant James M. Murphy, severely, in  
thigh;  
Corporal Elmore Waters, slightly, in side;  
Corporal Charles R. Ross, severely, in leg;  
Private Albert Keyser, mortally, in hip;  
John R. Lizar, severely, in head;  
Isham Hunter, severely, in arm;  
Francis McCray, severely, in thigh (amputated);  
Philip Optzman, severely in leg (amputated);  
Jas. R. Barnett, slightly in hip;  
Asa Reeve, slightly in leg;  
Elijah Oram, slightly in head;  
Absalom Henry, slightly in leg;  
Constant Pucket, slightly in face.

**List of Men Paroled by Enemy.**

**COMPANY A.**

Wm. Davk.

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**COMPANY B.**

James A. Poag,	Fred. Hamel,
Conrad Aagar,	Thos. Whitton,
James H. Bond,	Alexander Whitton,
Doctor Laday,	A. W. Hyder.

This is to the best of my knowledge a correct report of the names, which the circumstances and ravages of war have taken from the roll of our noble soldiers.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

C. S. MOORE,

1st Lt. Co. E, Com'dg. Detachment.

To Col. CATHERWOOD, Com'dg. Post Sedalia.