

Fosterville

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NARRATIVE

On June 25, 1863 as part of the Tullahoma Campaign, Union cavalry pickets under Brig. Gen. David Stanley were driven back near Fosterville. After a skirmish with the 5th Iowa and 4th Michigan Cavalry regiments, Confederate cavalry retreated from Fosterville to Guy's Gap.

HISTORICAL THEMES

Controlling Resources, Crucible for Leadership, Guerilla Warfare, Influence on Campaign

EXPLANATION OF ATTACHMENTS/VIDEO:

Official Records report of engagement
Current map of battlefield site

LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

N/A

COUNTY:

Rutherford

DATE:

6/25/1863

GEO COORDINATES:

35.6551° N,
86.4030° W

PRESERVATION

OPPORTUNITY INDEX:

MEDIUM

CONFEDERATE UNITS:

UNION UNITS:

5th Iowa Cavalry
4th Michigan Cavalry



June 25, 1863 - Skirmish at (Old) Fosterville CHRISTIANA, June 25, 1863—9 p. m.

GEN.: We drove the rebels back through Old Fosterville into Guy's Gap this afternoon, from which they opened on us with artillery. The gap is very strong and difficult to turn, except by making a wide detour. From the best information I can get, there are three or four regiments of infantry in Guy's Gap, with one battery. There are other infantry regiments a short distance back toward Shelbyville. Gen. Wharton's division of cavalry is also at and about the gap. [W. T.] Martin's brigade of cavalry left Tuesday morning for Chapel Hill, and probably Wiggins' battery ditto. One regiment of cavalry, supposed to be the Eighth Texas, left in the direction of Manchester this morning. Mitchell whipped them handsomely at Middleton yesterday. Killed some 10 or 15 men and 50 horses, besides the wounded. How are Thomas and McCook progressing? Respectfully, G. GRANGER, Maj.-Gen. OR, Ser. I, Vol. 23, pt. I, p. 533.

**HDQRS. CHIEF OF CAVALRY,
Camp near Winchester, July 8, 1863.**

GEN.:

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June 25, marched the command, by the cross-roads at Jamison's farm, to Christiana, where I joined the force under Gen. Gordon Granger. Our pickets near **Fosterville** having been driven in during the afternoon by the enemy's cavalry, Col. Patrick was sent, with his own regiment, the Fifth Iowa, and the Fourth Michigan, to ascertain his force. After a spirited skirmish, the enemy was driven back upon his infantry force at Guy's Gap, where a battery of artillery opened upon Col. Patrick's command. He retired at dark, with no loss, to his camp.

June 26, rained nearly all day. Note 1 Time spent in getting up forage and rations and posting detachments to watch the movements of the enemy. Next morning,

June 27, orders were received from the general commanding the army to dislodge the enemy from Guy's Gap. At 9 o'clock we left Christiana for the gap, Gen.

Mitchell's division leading, with orders to take the right-hand road at Old **Fosterville**, leading by Middleton, and turn the gap. The division turned off the road for this purpose, and Minty's brigade was thus put in advance upon the pike. Skirmishing commenced at Old **Fosterville**, and an inspection of the enemy's position convincing me that the enemy was not in force of all arms at the gap, I asked Gen. Granger to permit a direct attack upon the pass. He acquiesced in this, and, pushing forward, our forces deployed. The enemy abandoned their position and fled toward Shelbyville, closely pursued by the First Middle Tennessee Cavalry, Col. Galbraith commanding, supported by the Fourth Regular Cavalry, Capt. McIntyre commanding.

LEGEND OF TERMS:

Historical themes: Topics and subject matter that characterize the battlefield including Control of Tennessee's Resources, Crucible for Leadership, Guerilla Warfare, Transformation in Warfare, Enslaved People, and Influence on Campaign. Sites are identified that exhibit themes at moderate to high levels, and some sites may contain one or more Historical Themes.

Preservation Opportunity Index (POI): A rating assigned for each battlefield to indicate relative opportunity and potential for successful site preservation. The Index is generated by a model that evaluates ratings assigned for site significance, condition, risk of loss, protection potential, and opportunities for interpretation. Based upon the POI values for each region in Tennessee (West, Middle, East), sites are indicated as having High, Medium, or Low opportunity.

Geo Coordinates: General/central location of the battlefield area per latitude and longitude coordinates utilized in Google Earth

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