

# La Vergne IV

## **NARRATIVE**

On January 1, 1863 Union cavalry attacked Confederate forces near La Vergne that was destroying Union supply trains. The Confederate force withdrew after 30 minutes losing 15 killed and 15 wounded.

## **HISTORICAL THEMES**

## **EXPLANATION OF ATTACHMENTS/VIDEO:**

Map and reports from Official Records; diary citation

## **LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

N/A

## **COUNTY:**

Davidson

## **DATE:**

1/1/1863

## **GEO COORDINATES:**

36.0156° N,  
86.5819° W

## **PRESERVATION**

## **OPPORTUNITY INDEX:**

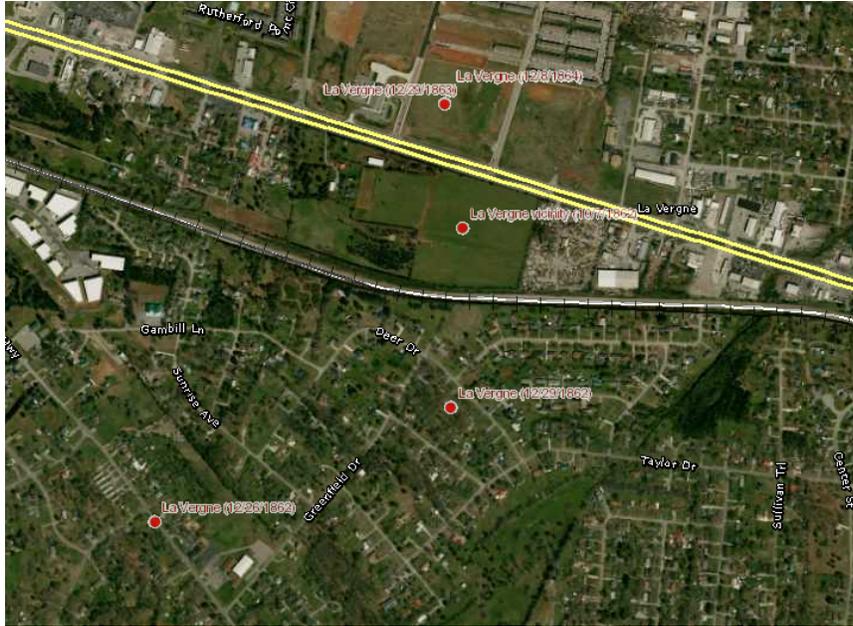
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## **CONFEDERATE UNITS:**

N/A

## **UNION UNITS:**

Col. Robert Minty,  
First Cavalry Brigade  
4<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry  
10<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry



View of site from the East



View of site from the West



View of site from the South



View of site from the North

### January 1, 1863 – Skirmish at La Vergne

Report of Lieut. Col. William H. Dickinson, Fourth Michigan Cavalry, including skirmish at La Vergne, January 1, HDQRS, FOURTH MICHIGAN CAVALRY, Camp near Murfreesborough, Tenn., January 8, 1863

Sir: In compliance with an order of Col. Minty, commanding First Cavalry Brigade, I submit the following report of the troops under my command since my separation from the main body of my regiment at the cross-roads of Stewart's Creek, on the Murfreesborough pike, December 31:

I remained there, by Col. Minty's order, with two pieces of artillery and four companies of the Fourth Michigan Cavalry, viz.,: Companies A, D, G, and L, until the morning of January 1, when I was ordered by Col. Burke, of the Tenth Ohio Infantry, to move with my command in the direction of La Vergne, to engage the enemy who had attacked our baggage train. On arriving within three-fourths of a mile of that place, we found the enemy attacking and burning our train. I immediately ordered a part of my men to dismount and protect the two pieces of artillery under my command and the other to attack the enemy from the left. After a brisk fire of about half an hour, the enemy retired, leaving 15 killed and carrying off 15 wounded.

I was then ordered by Col. Innes to patrol the pike between Stewart's Creek and La Vergne, both day and night, until January 4, when, by Gen. Stanley's command, I escorted Quartermaster Dudley's train to Nashville and back here, when I arrived on the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant.

On January 2, two prisoners were brought in by our pickets, so I turned over to Capt. Ward, of the Tenth Ohio, commanding detachment at Stewart's Creek. Inclosed you will find a report, made by Lieut. Eldridge, who was for a few days in command of a separate detachment.

Yours,

W. H. DICKINSON, Lieut.-Col., Comdg. Fourth Michigan Cavalry.

OR, Ser. 1, Vol. 20, pt. 1, pp. 628-629

From the book "*Green Trees: Their Story of La Vergne*" compiled by Ms Shirlie Runnels Chaney. pp 74

Quoting from the 1862 Diary of Mary Neal King (January 1863: 1-it has been a lovely day. I remained home all day. They had a very hard fight in La Vergne this evening. I did not learn the result.)

## 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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Thank you!



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