TCWPA Battlefield Assessment

Loudon

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NARRATIVE

After crossing the Tennessee River at Loudon the Confederate First Corps (Lieut. Gen. James Longstreet) skirmished with the Union forces of Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside (Department of the Ohio). Burnside eventually fell back toward Knoxville and engaged Longstreet at Campbell's Station on November 16, 1863.

Loudon

COUNTY:

DATE: 11/15/1863

HISTORICAL THEMES

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

GEO COORDINATES:

35.7329° N, 84.3338° W

EXPLANATION OF ATTACHMENTS/VIDEO:

Maps and reports from Official Records

PRESERVATION
OPPORTUNITY INDEX:

MEDIUM

LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

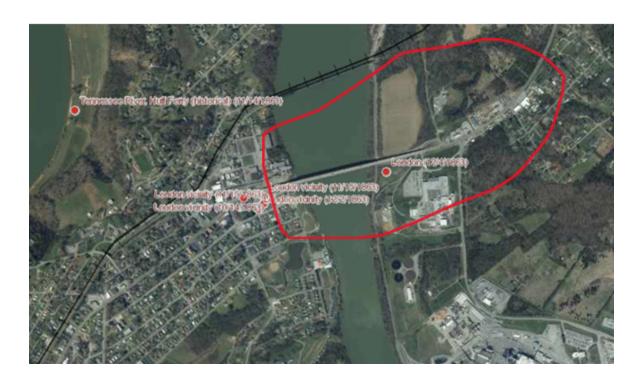
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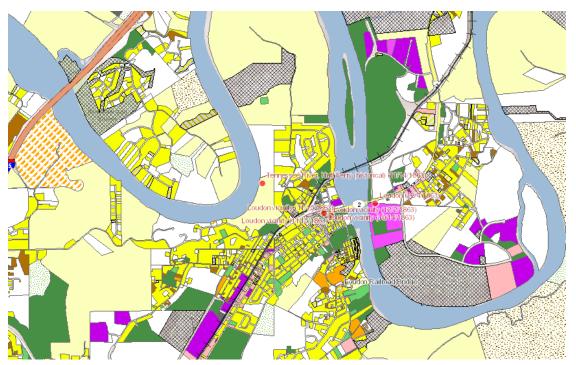
CONFEDERATE UNITS:

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UNION UNITS:

N/A





November 14, 1863 - Skirmish and repulse of Confederates near Loudon LENOIR'S, Tennessee, November 15, 1863.

Gen. PARKE:

We drove the enemy from just beyond Loudon to within 1 mile of their bridge, and rested on our arms during the night. In the mean time I received a dispatch from Grant (a copy of which you can get from Johns), which determined us to

fall back on this place, and finally upon Knoxville. It will not be our policy to make a hasty retreat.

It is possible that we may have a decisive battle before we can join you. It is necessary in the present programme that you should hold Knoxville to the last moment. Bring Cameron into the interior line on the opposite side of river; put your artillery in position; bring in cattle and hogs to last you several days; if it becomes necessary, loop-hole the houses and put the new troops in them; and, in short, do everything that is necessary to promote the main object, which is to keep Longstreet in check for five or six days. Johns will translate all the ciphers for you, and I leave it to your own judgment to carry out the views and details of Gen. Grant and myself. I will join you soon as possible, but it is possible that our advance may be somewhat impeded by the enemy. In Sanders' dispatch of last night he spoke of the capture of the Eleventh Kentucky. Please inform me definitely in reference to the exact state of that regiment.

What do you hear from Willcox?

A. E. BURNSIDE.

OR, Ser. I, Vol. 31, pt. III, p. 157.

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

DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON A BATTLE SITE?

Please email us at info@tcwpa.org and we will reach out to you soon. If you have copies of documents or photos to share, you can include those. If you want to discuss by phone, we will schedule that too.

HELP US COLLECT INFORMATION TO PRESERVE THESE BATTLEFIELDS

TCWPA's Statewide Preservation Plan team captains are recruiting volunteers to help gather information about many of the lesser-known sites with hopes of verifying the condition of each site and identifying opportunities for preservation and interpretation.

If you are interested in helping, please contact TCWPA at info@tcwpa.org.

TCWPA will not publish nor release any confidential information, or the name of the contributor, unless you request to be recognized.

Thank you!

