

Sweetwater

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NARRATIVE

On February 16, 1865, Confederate cavalry commanded by Brig. Gen. John C. Vaughn captured the Federal garrison at Sweet Water including 60 soldiers with the 2nd Ohio Infantry Regiment.

HISTORICAL THEMES

Guerilla Warfare

EXPLANATION OF ATTACHMENTS/VIDEO:

Map and reports from Official Records

LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

N/A

COUNTY:

Monroe

DATE:

2/16/1865

GEO COORDINATES:

35.6015° N,
84.4610° W

PRESERVATION

OPPORTUNITY INDEX:

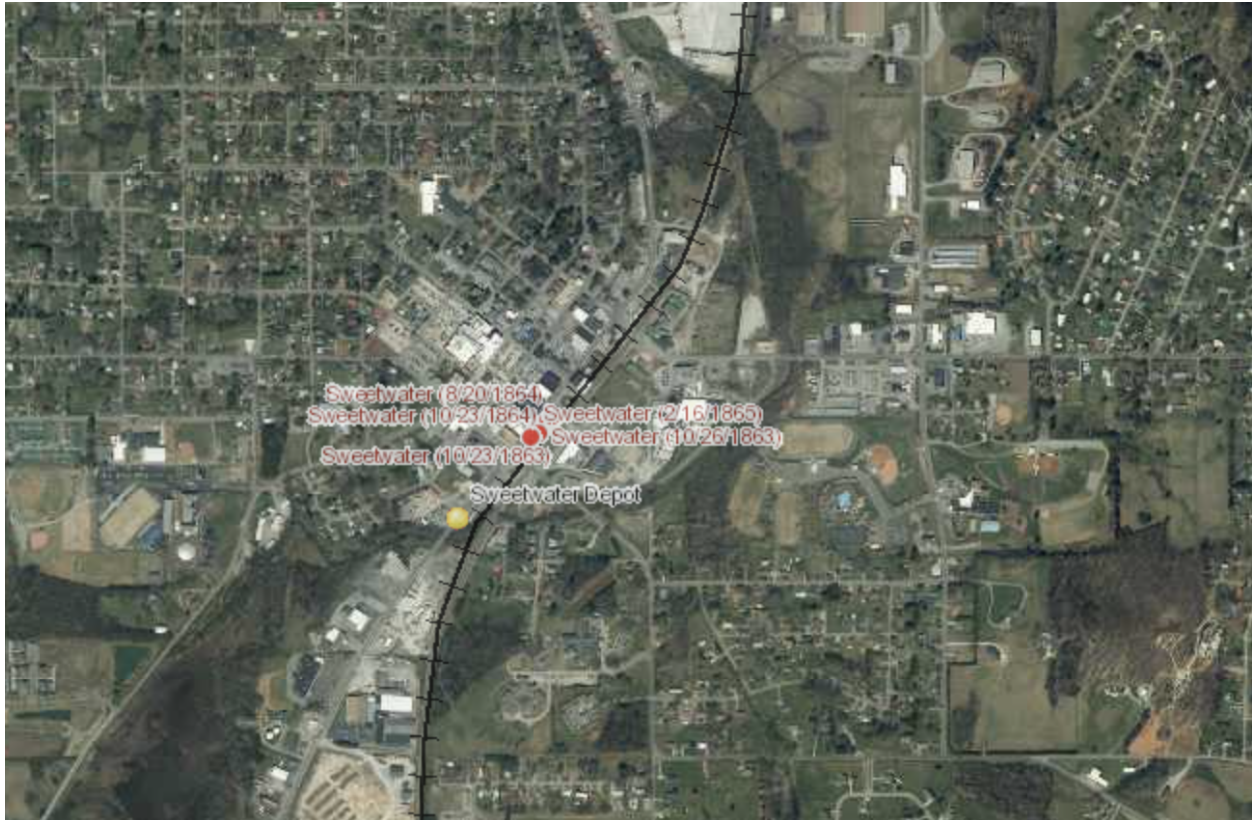
LOW

CONFEDERATE UNITS:

Brig. Gen. John
Vaughn's cavalry

UNION UNITS:

2nd Ohio Infantry



FEBRUARY 16, 1865.-Attacks upon the garrisons of Athens and Sweet Water, Tenn. REPORTS. No. 1.-Gen. Robert E. Lee, C. S. Army commanding Army of Northern Virginia. No. 2.-Brig. Gen. John C. Vaughn, C. S. Army. No. 1. Report of Gen. Robert E. Lee, C. S. Army, commanding Army of Northern Virginia.

HDQRS. ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA, February 24, 1865. Gen. Echols reports that detachments of Vaughn's cavalry struck the railroad beyond Knoxville at Sweet Water and Athens, capturing the garrison at both places. Sixty men of Second Ohio Regiment, with horses and equipments, were taken.
R. E. LEE.

Hon. J. C. BRECKINRIDGE, Secretary of War. No. 2. Reports of Brig. Gen. John C. Vaughn, C. S. Army. BRISTOL, February 20, 1865. A small force from my command struck the railroad at Athens, west of Knoxville, capturing the garrison, which has caused two regiments to be sent below from this force above Knoxville.

J. C. VAUGHN, Brig.-Gen. BRISTOL, February 23, 1865. Capt. Maston, with seventy-five men from my brigade, captured the garrison at Sweet Water, forty-five

miles below Knoxville, sixty mounted men, horses, and equipments of Second Ohio Regt. J. C. VAUGHN, Brig.-Gen. OR, Ser. I, Vol. 49, pt. I, p. 47.

CITY POINT, VA., February 25, 1865. Hon. E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War: The Richmond papers to day report nothing of interest. The following is taken from the Examiner: Vaughn's Cavalry in East Tennessee. HDQRS., February 24, 1865. Hon. J. C. BRECKINRIDGE, Secretary of War: Gen. Echols reports that detachments of Vaughn's cavalry struck the railroad beyond Knoxville at Sweet Water and Athens, capturing the garrisons at both places. Sixty men of the Second Ohio Regiment, with their horses and equipments, were captured. R. E. LEE. U. S. GRANT, Lieut.-Gen. OR, Ser. I, Vol. 49, pt. I, p. 766.

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.

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