TCWPA Battlefield Assessment

Nashville

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NARRATIVE

In a final thrust to regain a Confederate foot-hold in Tennessee, the Army of Tennessee (Lieut. Gen. John Bell Hood) advanced to the southern outskirts of Nashville where the Union Army of the Cumberland (Maj. Gen. George Thomas) attacked Hood's line on December 15-16, 1864. In the engagement that followed, the Army of Tennessee was effectively destroyed as a fighting force and retreated to Tupelo, Mississippi where Hood resigned his command.

HISTORICAL THEMES

This engagement is one of 38 sites evaluated by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission and not subject to a TCWPA Battlefield Assessment

EXPLANATION OF ATTACHMENTS/VIDEO:

LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

http://npshistory.com/publications/battlefield/cwsac/upd ates/tn.pdf

COUNTY:

Davidson

DATE:

12/15-16/1864

GEO COORDINATES:

36.1627° N 86.7816° W

PRESERVATION OPPORTUNITY

INDEX:

CONFEDERATE UNITS:

Army of Tennessee (Maj. Gen. John Bell Hood)
Lee's Corps (Maj. Gen. Stephen Lee)
Stewart's Corps (Maj. Gen. Alexander Stewart)
Cheatham's Corps (Maj. Gen. Benjamin Cheatham)
Cavalry Corps (Maj. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest)

UNION UNITS:

Army of the Cumberland (Maj. Gen. George Thomas)
IV Corps (Maj. Gen. Thomas Wood)
XIII Corps (Maj. Gen. John Schofield)
Former Right Wing XVI Corps (Maj. Gen. Andrew Smith)
Provisional Division (Maj. Gen. James Steedman)
Cavalry Corps (Maj. Gen. James Wilson)

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!

