

CIVIL WAR TRUST

BATTLE OF CARTHAGE, MO

JULY 5, 1861

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1
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
Following the opening
artillery duel, Confederates attack
to get around the flanks of Sigel's
troops, forcing them to withdraw.

2
Approx. 10:00 a.m.
The Missouri State Guard
aligns itself and attacks
Sigel's rear guard along
Dry Fork Creek. Rains'
cavalry operates beyond
the flanks of the Sigel's army.

3
Approx. 10:00 a.m.
Confederate cavalry under
Rives and Brown arrive at
Buck's Branch Creek before
Sigel's Federals. 3 companies of
infantry and 2 artillery pieces
brush aside the Confederates.

4
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
The rear guard of Sigel's
army selects a strong position
on Ordnuff Hill. This location
and the fact that the Confederates
were tired and disorganized
allows time for the Federals
to retreat into Carthage.

5
8:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Once acrossed the
Spring River, the Missouri
State Guard launches a
brief attack upon Sigel's
rear guard on the western
edge of Carthage forcing the
Federals to fall back through
town to their final position.

6
9:00 p.m.
The thoroughly exhausted remnants
of the Confederate army launch a
twilight attack against the River
Road position. Unable to break
the position, the southerners
withdraw from the field of battle
allowing Sigel to continue to
the safety of Sarcoxie.

LEGEND

Confederate	Union

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