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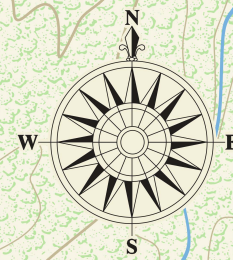
BATTLE OF FALLEN TIMBERS, TENN.

APRIL 8, 1862

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ACTIONS

- 1 Sherman's command consisted of portions of Hildebrand's and Buckland's brigades. They advance on the position of the Confederate hospital camp.
- 2 Forrest charges through the Union skirmish line and supporting cavalry with approx. 300 troopers, consisting of Texans, Mississippians and Tennesseans.
- 3 Forrest and his men are fired upon by Union infantry. Forrest is gravely wounded and the Confederates retire.
- 4 Sherman captures the hospital camp, sends the cavalry to scout ahead, but decides against any further pursuit, ending the Battle of Shiloh.



"As we approached the ridge, down came, with a yell, Forrest's cavalry firing right and left with pistols, over the skirmish line, over the supports, and right among me and my staff. Fortunately, I had sent my adjutant, Hammond, back to the brigade to come forward into line quickly. My Aide-de-Camp, McCoy, was knocked down, horse and rider, into the mud, but I, and the rest of my staff ingloriously fled, pell mell, through the mud, closely followed by Forrest and his men, with pistols already emptied. We sought safety behind the brigade in the act of forming 'forward into line,' and Forrest and his followers were in turn 'surprised' by a fire of the brigade which emptied many a saddle, and gave Forrest himself a painful wound, but he escaped to the woods on the south of the road."

Confederate Hospital
(approximate location)
Medical Director/Surgeon
William D Lyles

FORREST

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM T. SHERMAN

SHERMAN

Ridge Road

Pittsburg
Landing
6 miles

SHERMAN

"I have seen Forrest since the war; have talked with him about this very matter, and he explained that he was left behind by Breckenridge to protect this hospital camp, and if possible to check the pursuit by our forces which was naturally expected after the close of the battle of Shiloh. I am sure that had he not emptied his pistols as he passed the skirmish line, my career would have ended right there."

WILLIAM T. SHERMAN, 1881,
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF
THE ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE

BRECKINRIDGE
(Rear Guard)

WOOD

LEGEND

Confederates	Union
First Position	Union
Second Position	Union
19th-Century Woodline	
19th-Century Structures	
19th-Century Roads	
19th-Century Roads no longer in existence	
19th-Century Fences	
Modern Roads	
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