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April 9, 1862

Great Victory in the West

Mr. Browning: I ask permission to read a telegraphic dispatch received this morning from the theater of operations of our army in Tennessee:

The bloodiest battle of modern times just closed, resulting in complete rout of the enemy, who attacked us on Sunday morning. Battle lasted until Monday, 4:30 p.m. when the enemy commenced their retreat, and are still flying towards Corinth, pursued by large force of our cavalry. Slaughter on both sides immense. Lost in killed, wounded, missing twenty thousand. The fight was brought on by the 25th Missouri Regiment contacting the advance of the enemy. Rebels immediately advanced upon General Prentiss. General Hurlbut's division was thrown forward to support Prentiss, when a desperate conflict ensued. At five o'clock the enemy had driven back our left wing almost to the river, fighting their way forward with desperate courage to drive us into the river, at the same time heavily attacking our right. The gunboats *Lexington* and *Tyler*, laying in the river, kept raining shells on the rebels to ward them off. Night fell and during its hours Wallace's division arrived from Crump's Landing and Nelson's division, of Buell's army, crossed the river and took position on our right. The battle began again at dawn and it raged, back and forth, back and forth, all day, when, finally, at sundown came, the rebels left the field.

25th Missouri Regiment Infantry.

Organized as 13th Missouri Infantry June, 1861.

Designation changed to 25th Missouri September, 1861.

Attached to Dept. of Missouri to March, 1862.

1st Brigade, 6th Division, Army of the Tennessee, to July, 1862.

1st Brigade, 6th Division, District of Corinth, Miss., to September, 1862.

1st Brigade, 2nd Division, District of Southeast Missouri, Dept. of Missouri, to March, 1863.

District of Northwest Missouri to June, 1863.

New Madrid, Mo., District of Columbus, Ky., 6th Division, 16th Army Corps, Dept. of the Tennessee, to February, 1864.

Service.

Duty in Missouri till March, 1862.

Ordered to Pittsburg Landing, Tenn.

Battle of Shiloh, Tenn., April 6-7.

Advance on and siege of Corinth, Miss., April 29-May 30.

Duty at Corinth, Miss., building fortifications till September.

Ordered to St. Louis, Mo., thence to Pilot Knob and Patterson, Mo.

Duty in Southeast Missouri till March, 1863.

Moved to Iron Mountain, thence to St. Joseph, Mo., and operating against guerrillas in Northwest Missouri till June.

Ordered to New Madrid, Mo., and garrison duty there and reconstructing fortifications till February, 1864.

Consolidated with Bissell's Engineer Regiment of the West to form 1st Missouri Engineers February 17, 1864.

Regiment lost during service 6 Officers and 51 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 3 Officers and 112 Enlisted men by disease. Total 172.