

*February 20, 1865 - February 24, 1865 - Expedition to Greeneville and Warrensburg, and skirmishes*



FEBRUARY 20-24, 1865.-Expedition to Greeneville and Warrensburg, Tenn., with skirmishes (21st and 22d) near Greeneville.

Report of Maj. Thomas H. Reeves, Fourth Tennessee Infantry.

HDQRS. FOURTH TENNESSEE INFANTRY VOLUNTEERS, Moser's Mill, Tenn., February 25, 1865.



CAPT.: I have the honor to state that, in accordance with instructions, the Fourth Regt. Tennessee Infantry Volunteers, on the 20th instant, was en route for Greeneville, Tenn.; arrived at that place at 10 a. m. on the 21st instant, a distance of thirty miles; nothing occurred worthy of note on the march. About 12 m. our picket was attacked on the Jonesborough road by a small squad of rebels, but they were soon repulsed; all was quiet then until about the same time on the 22d instant, when there was a repetition of the picket fighting which did not amount to anything serious. The election was held in the town of Greeneville, and I suppose all the loyal inhabitants had the privilege of voting. I left Greeneville on the 23d instant at 9 a. m. and, after a very disagreeable day's march through incessant rain, arrived at Warrensburg and learned that it was the intention of Col. Tool, C. S. Army, who was commanding a force of 100 mounted men, to camp there that night; there were four of his men captured on our picket-line that night. I subsequently learned that he had passed around the town to our left. I left Warrensburg on the 24th instant, and arrived at our camp at this place the same evening. From best information there are but few rebels in East Tennessee; however, they were making preparations to attack me on the 24th, had I remained, with a force of about 200, commanded by Col. Gillespie, C. S. Army. My opinion is that a small force of cavalry supported by a small force of infantry could hold the country as high up as Greeneville or Jonesborough.



I am, captain, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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