



August 16, 1864 - Scout and skirmish near Clifton ^{Note 1}

"Defeat of Biffle near Clifton—Nine Guerillas Killed."

The Evening *Times* of yesterday, says: "From Colonel Murphy, who arrived yesterday from the North-western [Rail] Road, we learn that the notorious Colonel Biffle, who has been roving in the neighborhood of the railroad and Tennessee river for some time, was overtaken by a severe disaster on the 16th inst. On that day a scouting party of thirty of the garrison at the town of Clifton, started out to scout the adjacent country. Having advanced two or three miles from Clifton the scouting party fell in with Colonel Biffle at the head of eighty guerillas. The scouts, although outnumbered nearly three to one, attacked the Rebels fearlessly, and speedily put them to flight. The guerillas left nine privates dead on the field, one captain killed outright, another mortally wounded, and one man a prisoner. Our loss was two killed."

Nashville *Dispatch*, August 24, 1864.

Note 1: These events are not referenced in the *OR*, but are catalogued in *Dyer's Battle Index for Tennessee*, p. 873. According to Dyer there were skirmishes on the 15th and 16th involving the 10th Tennessee Cavalry and the 2nd Tennessee Mounted Infantry.

