



CHARGE OF THE FIRST IOWA REGIMENT, WITH GENERAL LYON AT ITS HEAD, AT WILSON'S CREEK, MO., AUGUST 10, 1861.

In the struggle for Missouri during the first year of the war, one of the most earnest and devoted men was General Nathaniel Lyon. After capturing Jefferson City and routing a force under Marmaduke, at Booneville, he carried the war into the southwestern part of the State. Near Springfield he surprised at daybreak, August 10, a Confederate force much larger than his own and turned their position; but they fought obstinately, and when their force was still further increased, he rode to the front to lead a desperate charge and was killed.