



DECISIVE CHARGE UPON BYRNE'S CONFEDERATE BATTERY, BY THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH PENNSYLVANIA, SIXTY-NINTH OHIO, AND NINETEENTH ILLINOIS VOLUNTEERS,
AT THE BATTLE OF MURFREESBORO' (STONE'S RIVER), JANUARY 2, 1863.

The capture of Byrne's battery was an incident of the second day's battle at Murfreesboro' (Stone's River), January 2, 1863. That day Breckenridge attacked the Union left flank which lay on the other side of the river, separated from the main army. Colonel John F. Miller's brigade crossed over to the support of the troops on that side, but while following up the Confederates, who had been repulsed, he met a heavy fire from Byrne's battery, posted on an eminence in the woods. When they had approached to within 150 yards of the battery, Colonel Miller ordered the Pennsylvanians to charge, which they did, supported by their Ohio and Illinois comrades. The battery of four guns was taken and hauled off the field by the victors.