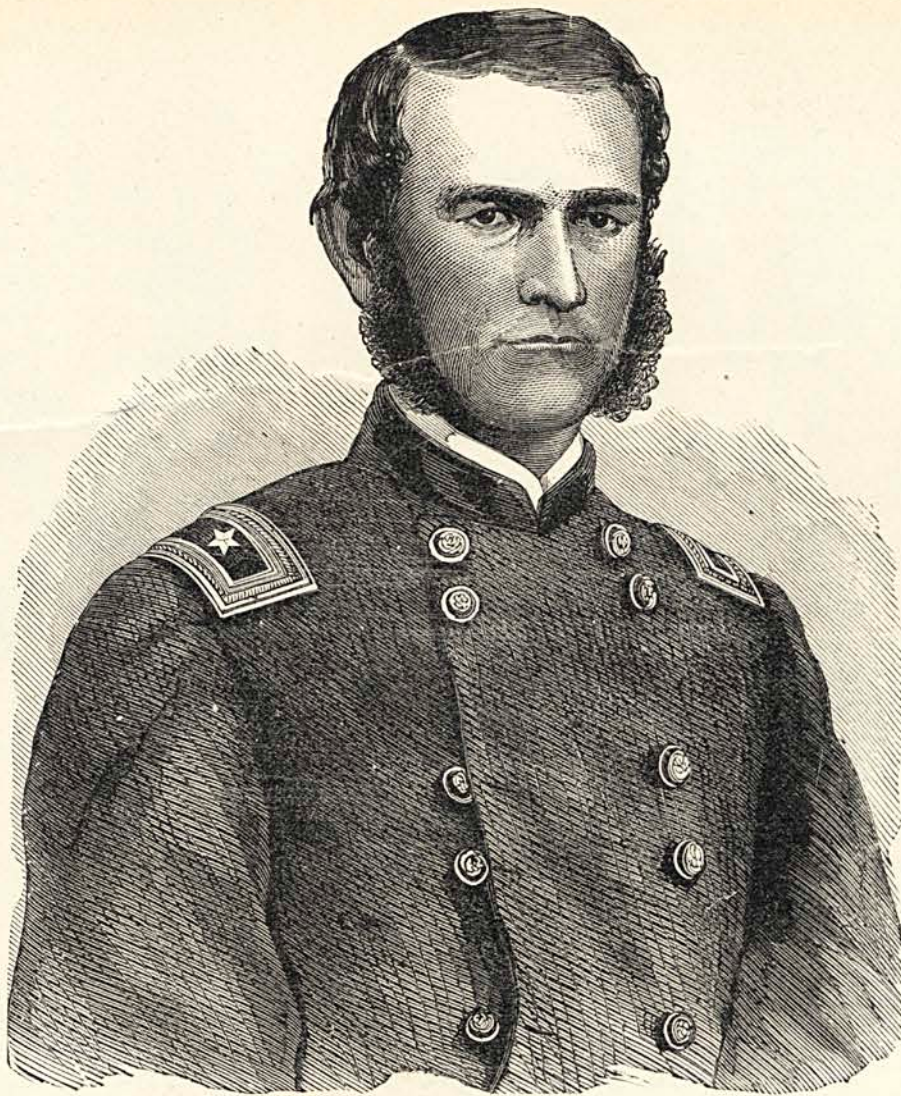


MAJOR-GENERAL THOMAS
E. G. RANSOM.

General Thomas Edward Greenfield Ransom, conspicuous for bravery during the Civil War at Charleston (Missouri), Fort Henry, Fort Donelson and Shiloh, was born at Norwich, Vermont, in 1834. He received a military training at Norwich University, of which his father, Colonel Trueman B. Ransom, was president. Four years after his father's death [killed in action at Chapultepec, 1847], he became a civil engineer in Illinois, then a real estate agent.

When the Civil War broke out Mr. Ransom raised a volunteer company for the Union army, was elected major of the Eleventh Illinois Volunteers for three months' service and then, on its reorganization, chosen to be its lieutenant-colonel. He led his regiment in the attack on Fort Donelson, where he was severely wounded. He was promoted to be colonel, led his regiment at Shiloh, and was wounded in the head during that action. His next appointments were as chief of staff to General McClelland, and inspector-general of the Army of the Tennessee. He was afterward on General Grant's staff near Vicksburg; was appointed brigadier-general, partici-

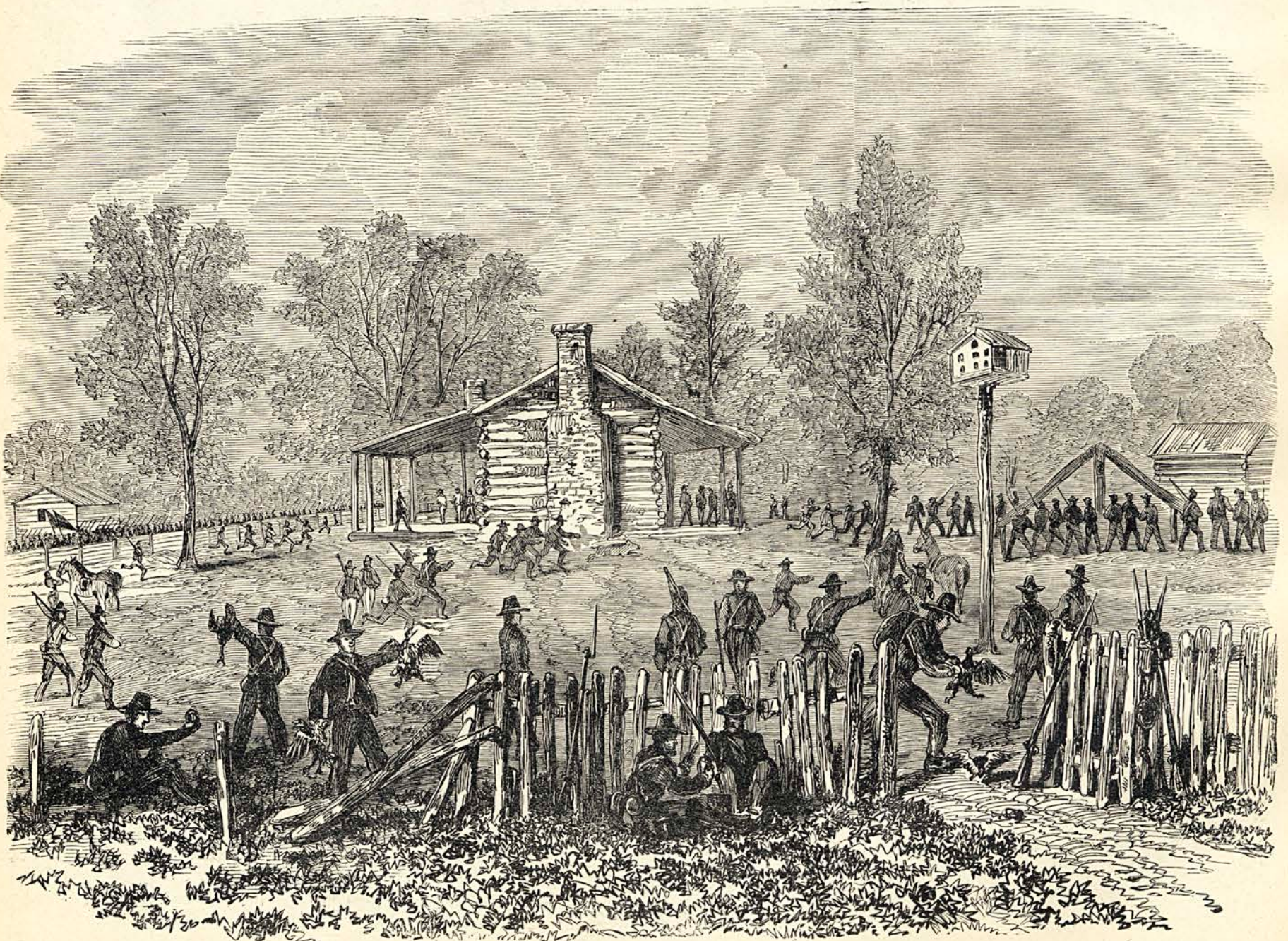


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pated in the Red River campaign, commanding General McClelland's corps; was dangerously wounded at Sabine Cross Roads in April, 1864; had charge of a division in the Atlanta campaign and, although seriously ill, accompanied the Seventeenth Corps as commander, in pursuit of Hood. He died at Rome, Georgia, October 29, 1864, from the exposure and hard work which he had undergone.

McPHERSON'S FORAGERS.

If there was one thing more than another that all of Sherman's men excelled in it was in foraging. When the commander cut loose from supplies, and proposed to march through the heart of the South by "living off the country," every soldier did his best to make the thing a success by getting as much living off the country next to him as that country afforded. He might not be good in geography or arithmetic in general, but he knew of every smoke-house, cornerib, orchard and hen-coop inside his horizon, and performed astonishing sums in subtraction of food therefrom and its addition to the mess of his squad.



McPHERSON'S TROOPS FORAGING AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CONFEDERATE GENERAL, WHITFIELD.—FROM A SKETCH BY F. B. SCHELL.