

# Logan's Cross Roads

January 19, 1862 Kentucky

*"In justice to the enemy I must say they exhibited a courage and determination worthy of a better cause."*

BG. George H. Thomas

## **Background**

In the winter of 1861-62 plans were made by the Federals to move Union forces from eastern Kentucky into East Tennessee. Accordingly, General George Thomas slowly concentrated his forces and by mid-January he had taken up a position at Logan's Crossroads, only six miles north of the Rebel entrenched camp at Mill Springs on the Cumberland River.

Confederate forces in eastern Kentucky, under the command of Brigadier General Felix Zollicoffer, had not opposed the Union concentration apart from the usual clashes between outposts. In early January Rebel Major General George Crittenden arrived to take up command of the district. Thomas's arrival at Logan's Crossroads spurred Crittenden into action and he ordered an attack on the Union camp.

After a slow and wet night march the Rebels ran into the advanced Union vedettes at about 6:00 a.m. Zollicoffer rushed his brigade forward and forced the Unionists back. As Northern reinforcements came up the struggle evolved into a series of charges and countercharges. In the confusion

Zollicoffer stumbled into the Union lines and was killed. Only the timely arrival of Crittenden and Carroll's Brigade kept the Confederate line from routing. The Rebels were not the only side to be reinforced. Union troops were marched from their camps to the front as fast as possible. An assault lead by the 9th Ohio crushed the Rebel left flank and caused their entire line to break for the rear.

By the following morning Thomas had advanced his division to the Confederate camp but the Rebels had fled during the night, abandoning their artillery and stores. In the retreat to Tennessee Crittenden's diminished brigades suffered heavily from desertion.

Union losses amounted to 40 killed, 207 wounded, and 15 missing. The Rebels lost 125 killed, 309 wounded, and 99 missing.

## **THE WARGAME**

The game covers the entire engagement starting at 6:15 a.m. and continuing through until 10:30 a.m. Confederate weapons were mainly flintlocks which the wet and foggy weather rendered even less effective than normal.

## **DEPLOYMENT**

The Union troops already on the table, except for the 1st Kentucky Cavalry, deploy in their respective camps.

Federal reinforcements arrive at `A' as follows:

6:45, Thomas, 4th Kentucky

7:15, McCook's Brigade

8 a.m., Carter's Brigade, 9th Ohio Art.

Confederate reinforcements enter within 1 foot on either side of the road at `B' in whatever formation they choose.

They arrive as follows:

6:30, Zollicoffer's Brigade

7 a.m., Crittenden, elements of Carroll's Brigade

8 a.m., 16th Alabama, 4th & 5th Tennessee. Cav. Battalion's.

## **TERRAIN**

The road north from Mill Springs runs along a broad ridge with heavily wooded ravines on each side. The woods on the board are therefore considered light woods terrain and the various ravines are Difficult.

## **VICTORY CONDITIONS**

Each side must try to destroy its Opponent by inflicting a 40% casualty rate.

## **COMMANDS:**

Union - 3

Confederate - 2

## **SCALES:**

*Time* – 15 minutes per turn

*Units* – Strengths are base roughly on 100 to 1000 man Regiments and their Experience.

The nonlinear numbers for Infantry and Cavalry can be changed to a linear numbers, by reducing the next number in the row by one, down to the last.

*Map* - 1" = 40 yards / Each square is 12 inches

This Scenario was developed from "**Bullets & Dirt!**" by George Anderson & Ryan Toews, Potomac Publications. Their scenarios books can be Purchased at the Wargames Vault:

<https://www.wargamevault.com/browse/pub/4892/Potomac-Publications?term=potomac> **Highly recommend!**

To use this scenario, you will need a copy of the "**Blücher**" rules by Sam Mustafa are available at:

<https://sammustafa.com/store/> **Also, highly recommended!**

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**UNION ORDER OF BATTLE**

**First Division, Army of the Ohio**

BG George H. Thomas

(2)

**Second Brigade**

Col. Mahlon D. Manson

(2)

10th IN (5)(5)(4)(3)(2) -/+1 II

4th KY (5)(5)(4)(3)(2) -/+1 II

**Third Brigade**

Col. Robert L. McCook

(2)

2nd MN (5)(5)(4)(3)(2) -/+1 II

9th OH (5)(5)(4)(3)(2) -/+1 II

**Twelfth Brigade**

BG Samuel P. Carter

(2+1d6)

1st TN (5)(5)(5)(4)(3)(2) +1/- II

2nd TN (5)(5)(4)(3)(2) +1/- II

12th KY (5)(5)(4)(3)(2) +1/- II

1st KY Cav. (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) +1/- CC-RR

Artillery

B, 1st OH (5)(4)(4)(3)(2)(2) +1/- SBL

C, 1st OH (5)(4)(4)(3)(2)(2) +1/- SBL

9th OH Bty. (5)(4)(4)(3)(2)(2) -/- RL

**Cavalry & Mobile = CC**

**Impetuous = II**

**Counter Battery = CB**

**CONFEDERATE ORDER OF BATTLE**

**Crittenden's Division**

MG George B. Crittenden

(1)

Unattached

5th TN Cav. (5)(4)(3)(3)(2) SG +1/0 CC-II

**Zollicoffer's Brigade**

BG Felix K. Zollicoffer

(2+1d6)

15th Miss. (6)(6)(5)(4)(3)(2) -/+1

19th Tenn. (5)(4)(4)(3)(2) -/-1 II

20th Tenn. (5)(4)(4)(3)(2) -/-1 II

25th Tenn. (5)(4)(4)(3)(2) -/-1 II

Rutledge's TN Bty. (5)(4)(3)(3)(2)(2) +1/- SBL

Bledsoe's & Sander's TN Cav.

(5)(4)(3)(2)(1) P&S -1/0 CC-II

**Carroll's Brigade**

BG William H. Carroll

(2+1d6)

16th AL (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) -/+1

17th TN (5)(4)(3)(3)(2) -/-1 II

28th TN (5)(5)(4)(3)(2) -/-1 II

29th TN (5)(4)(4)(3)(2) -/-1 II

McClung's TN Bty. (4)(4)(3)(3)(2)(2) +1/- SBL

4th TN Cav. (5)(4)(3)(2)(2) SG +1/0 CC-II

**Sharpshooters = SS**

**Repeaters = RR**

