

# Tazewell

## August 6, 1862 Tennessee

*"... I should not be surprised if this affair, small as it appears to be, will cause General Morgan to leave Tennessee...."*

Atlanta "Confederacy

### **Background**

Cumberland Gap was a strategic objective for both sides during the war, presenting a direct invasion route into East Tennessee or a pathway to Union held Kentucky. By August 1862 the garrison was Federal, under the command of Brigadier General George W. Morgan.

Both sides mounted numerous small raids, reconnaissance, and foraging expeditions into the surrounding areas. The action at Tazewell was the result of one such search for provender.

Colonel John De Courcy reported that August 4 his force had gathered large quantities of forage and livestock. He made the small town of Tazewell his base and continued for the next few days to scour the countryside. The Confederates could not afford to let these depredations continue and moved against De Courcy on the morning of the 6th August.

De Courcy had placed the 16th Ohio on picket duty and several companies found themselves completely cut off by the advance of the 3rd Georgia and 4th Tennessee. Alerted by the firing De Courcy quickly realized that his position was untenable and although ordering up the 14th Kentucky to support the retreating remnants of the 16th Ohio, he decided on a general withdrawal of his brigade. The Federals took a final position on a range of hills north of Tazewell and held out until 7 p.m. At this time De Courcy finally broke off the action and carried out an orderly retreat.

Both sides claimed exorbitantly high casualties against each other, however their own returns reflect a different story: Rains lost 9 killed, 40 wounded: De Courcy listed 3 killed, 23 wounded and 57 captured.

### **THE WARGAME**

Each base is one regiment. Each map square is 12".

The game begins at 10:45 a.m. and continues until one side or the other retires.

### **DEPLOYMENT**

The 16th Ohio and the 1st Wisconsin.

The 14th Kentucky arrives on turn 1.

During turn 3 dice to see which of the remaining regiments appear:

1, 2 the 22nd Kentucky, 4, 5, 6 the 42nd Ohio.

Whichever is left will arrive on turn 4.

All Federal units arrive at point A.

The Confederate infantry are as shown on the map with the balance arriving at B in the following order:

The 11th Tennessee turn 2.  
 The 42nd Georgia and the Cherokee Art. turn 3.  
 the 29th North Carolina turn 4.

## TERRAIN

The action is confined to a small gap between two hills. The wood to the right of the 3rd Georgia is Difficult while the rest of the woods are Light.

## VICTORY CONDITIONS

The Federals must capture the works or inflict 60% casualties.  
 The Confederates must inflict 60% losses on the Yankees.

## COMMANDS:

Union - 1  
 Confederate – 1

## 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 “Rebel Yell, Yankee Hurrah!” 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!

Updated: 01.31.22

### UNION ORDER OF BATTLE

**Twenty-sixth Brigade, Seventh Division,  
 Army of the Ohio**  
Col. John F. De Courcy  
**(2+1d6)**  
 22nd KY (6)(5)(4)(4)(3)(2) -/+1  
 16th OH (6)(5)(4)(4)(3)(2) -/-  
 42nd OH (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) -/+1  
 1st WI Bty. (6)(5)(5)(4)(3)(3) RL -/-  
**Attached from Twenty-seventh Brigade**  
 14th KY (8)(7)(6)(5)(5)(4)(3)(2) -/+1 CC  
**Cavalry & Mobile = CC**  
**Impetuous = II**  
**Counter Battery = CB**

### CONFEDERATE ORDER OF BATTLE

**Rain's Brigade, Stevenson's Division**  
Col. James E. Rains  
**(2+1d6)**  
 4th TN (P.A.) (6)(5)(4)(4)(3)(2) -/+1  
 11th TN (6)(5)(5)(4)(3)(2) -/+1  
 42nd GA (5)(4)(4)(3)(2) +1/- II  
 3rd GA (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) -/+1  
 29th NC. (6)(6)(5)(4)(4)(3)(2) +1/-  
 Cherokee GA Art. (5)(4)(4)(3)(2)(2) RL -/-  
**Sharpshooters = SS**  
**Repeaters = RR**

