

For those who ride with Forrest..

Nov. 30th – General Chalmers and Buford procured the needed ammunition from Gen. Walthall's infantry division. Gen. Chalmers was then dispatched west of Spring Hill to the Carter's Creek Road. He would form the Confederate left flank.

Gen. Buford's Division was dispatched to the Lewisburg Pike to form Hood's far right flank.

Gen. Forrest caught up with Gen. Jackson's Division, still harassing the Federal rearguard. Gen. Tyree Bell's Brigade was thrown in to participate and a continuous skirmish resulted for some four miles north. (J&P)

Nov. 30th – Gen. Forrest placed Morton's artillery on the right of Gen. Stewart's infantry Corps, south of the Harpeth River, supported by Generals Buford's and Jackson's Division.

Gen. Forrest acting under orders, advanced towards Franklin with Morton's artillery and immediately engaged a portion of Hatch's Federal cavalry between the Lewisburg and Columbia Pikes. Their cavalry were immediately re-enforced with infantry, but were nevertheless, driven steadily across the Harpeth River.

Gen. Buford's cavalymen dismounted, waded across the river and fighting became extremely severe at this part of the line. (JM)

Nov. 30th – In the varying fortunes of the day the guns of Morton's artillery did effective work from several points of vantage, directing their shots mainly toward the batteries on Figuer's Hill and toward the left of the line rather than the town. (JM)

Now that I've got you interested in the rest of the story, pull one of the Forrest books off your shelf, hopefully one of the first hand accounts such as Jordan & Pryor, or John Weyth or John Morton's book and read the conclusion of those five tragic hours, November 30, 1864.

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