With the WESTERN ARMY

THE MARCH TO THE SEA.

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PREPARING AGAINST HOOD.

Gen. Thomas to Take Care of Tennessee and Kentucky Against Beauregard and Hood.

It must be borne in mind that the Military Division of the Mississippi, commanded by Maj.-Gen. W. T. Sherman, covered three Military Departments; namely, the Department of the Tennessee, commanded by Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard; the Department of the Cumberland, commanded by Maj.-Gen. George H. Thomas, and the Department of the Ohio, commanded by Maj.-Gen. John M. Schofield. These Departments included that great area of country lying west of the Alleghany Mountains and east of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, except the territory covered by the Department of the Gulf, with headquarters at New Orleans.

Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia was the broad field of operations of this great Military District, and such additional territory as might be entered and held by its arms.

From Oct. 19, 1863, when Gen. Grant assumed command of the Military Division, to November, 1864, all the troops of the three Departments had been under the general direction of Gen. Grant, and of Gen. Sherman after he was appointed to the command, and there had been thorough cooperation of the commanders.

The plan of campaign for this great army for the Fall and Winter of 1864, proposed by Gen. Sherman and approved by Gen. Grant, Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War, and President Lincoln, involved the division of the army, one section to cut loose from its base and prosecute an offensive campaign through the heart of Georgia and gain a foothold on the sea by the capture of some important Southern seaport; while the other section of the army, reinforced as it might be by new levies and troops from other fields of operations, should conduct a campaign against the army of Gen. J. B. Hood, then assembled in the northern part of Alabama.

Gen. Sherman of choice decided to command in person the troops which were to leave their base and march into the heart of Georgia. Gen. Howard, commanding the Department of the Tennessee, was to accompany him on this expedition.

This plan of course involved the necessity of turning the command of the troops in the Military Division over to some one else.

The importance that Gen. Sherman attached to the proposed campaign through Georgia is clearly shown by the fact that he decided to command the expedition in person. He, indeed, regarded this movement, if successful, as a death-blow to the Confederacy, and he had no doubt whatever of its success.

He felt certain that he could march with his army from Atlanta to Richmond; and thus reinforce the Army of the Potomac in its struggle with the Confederate army under Gen. Lee.

It was to Maj.-Gen. George H. Thomas, commander of the Department of the Cumberland, that the important and difficult duty of commanding the troops in the Military District fell.

Gen. Sherman delegated to Gen. Thomas full power over all the troops subject to his command, except the four corps with which he designed to move through Georgia and the Cavalry Division of Brig.-Gen. Kilpatrick. This gave Gen. Thomas the two divisions under Gen. A. J. Smith, then in Missouri, but en route to Tennessee; the Fourth and Twenty-third Corps, and all the garrisons in the Military Division, with full authority to handle these troops in such manner as in his judgment the exegencies of the military situation required.

The railroad south of Chattanooga was to be destroyed and that important fortified place was to be his southern outpost. The course of the campaign could not be absolutely determined or foreseen by Gen. Thomas. Gen. Hood, under the advice of Gen. Beauregard, it was known, was under orders from President Davis to conduct an offensive movement against the lines of communication and army of the Union north of him.

Gen. Hood was known to be an enterprising and courageous man. His Chief of Cavalry, Gen. N. B. Forrest, had shown himself to be one of the most intrepid and fearless cavalry officers of the war.

What these men should conceive and undertake to execute was really past finding out.

DISTRICT OF NORTHERN ALABAMA.

Gen. Thomas's campaign was, therefore, from the start destined to be what is known in military parlance, defensive-offensive. He had long lines of railroad and a number of important positions to hold and defend; it was not possible to withdraw garrisons from defensive positions and still retain important territory which had cost many battles and much blood to secure.

DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND.

Gen. Thomas's troops in the territory which would necessarily be the theater of military operations were very much scattered. The forces then most near the enemy assigned to post duty were in what was known as the District of Northern Alabama, commanded by Brig.-Gen. Robert S. Granger, with headquarters at Decatur, and consisted of the following-named organizations:

Decatur, Ala.—Col. Charles C. Doolittle.

3d Mich., Col. Moses B. Houghton; 4th Mich., Col. Jairus W. Hall; 29th Mich., Col. Thomas Saylor; 174th Ohio, Col. John S. Jones; 10th Ind. Cav. (detachment), Maj. George R. Swallow; 2d Tenn. Cav., Lieut.-Col. William F. Prosser; 2d Ill. L. A., Battery D, Capt. Charles S. Cooper; 1st Mo. L. A., Battery D (detachment), Serg't John Mattock; 1st Ohio L. A., Battery F, Lieut. Norval Osburn; 1st Tenn. L. A., Battery A, Capt. Albert F. Beach.

First Brigade, Third Division, Twentieth Corps.—Col. Charles C. Doolittle.

73d Ind., Lieut. Col. Alfred B. Wade; 18th Mich., Maj. Edwin M. Hulburd; 102d Ohio, Col. William Given; 13th Wis., Lieut.-Col. James F. Chapman.

Pulaski, Tenn.—Col. Thomas N. Pace.

106th, 110th and 111th U. S. Colored Troops (detachments), Capt. Daniel McTaggart; 9th Ind. Cav., Maj. Patrick Carland; 10th Ind. Cav., Lieut. Thomas Claiborn.

Second Brigade, Fourth Cavalry Division.—Lieut.-Col. William J. Clift.

5th Tenn., Maj. John F. Armstrong; 10th Tenn., Capt. Daniel W. Baker; 12th Tenn., Maj. John S. Kirwan.

Huntsville, Ala.—Capt. William P. Lyon.

13th Ind. Cav., Lieut.-Col. William T. Pepper; 1st Mo. L. A., Battery D, Lieut. George W. Kniss.

Columbia, Tenn.—Col. William B. Sipes.

Detachment First Brigade, Second Cavalry Division, Capt. William C. Garrett; Detachment Second Brigade, Second Cavalry Division, Capt. Lafayette Pickering; Detachment Third Brigade, Second Cavalry Division, Capt. Henry Henley.

DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE.

But of much greater importance was the District of Tennessee, Maj.-Gen. Lovell H. Rousseau, Commander, headquarters at Nashville.

The post of Nashville was commanded by Brig.-Gen. John F. Miller, with the following-named organizations of troops:

Infantry—3d Ky. (detachment), Lieut. Robert Gilmore; 173d Ohio, Col. John R. Hurd; 176th Ohio, Col. Edwin C. Mason; 179th Ohio, Col. Harley H. Sage; 17th U. S. Colored, Col. William R. Shafter; 44th Wis. (detachment), Capt. Oscar F. Brown.

Garrison Artillery—Maj. John J. Ely—Ind. Light, 12th Battery, Capt. James E. White; 1st Mich. Light, Battery E, Capt. Peter De Vries; 1st Ohio Light, Battery E, Lieut. Frank B. Reckard; 1st Tenn. Light, Battery C, Lieut. Joseph Grigsby; 1st Tenn. Light, Battery D, Capt. Samuel D. Leinart.

First Division, Artillery Reserve—Capt. Clermont L. Best—4th U. S., Battery F, Capt. Clermont L. Best; 4th U. S., Battery G, Lieut. Eugene A. Bancroft; 4th U. S., Battery H, Lieut. Charles N. Warner; 4th U. S., Battery I, Lieut. Frank G. Smith; 4th U. S., Battery M, Lieut. Samuel Canby; 5th U. S., Battery H, Edmund D. Spooner.

Defenses of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad—Maj.-Gen. Robert H. Milroy.

First Brigade—Brig.-Gen. Horatio P. Van Cleve—115th Ohio, Col. Thomas C. Boone; 1st Mich. Art. (D) 12th Ohio Battery, 8th Wis. Battery, Lieut.-Col. Walker E. Lawrence.

Third Brigade—Col. Wladimir Krzyzanowski—6th Ky., Lieut.-Col. Richard C. Dawkins; 58th N. Y., Capt. Michael Esembaux; 68th N. Y., Col. Felix Prince Salm; 106th Ohio, Lieut.-Col. Gustavus Tafel; 180th Ohio, Col. Willard Warner; 1st Ohio L. A., Battery K, Capt. Lewis Heckman; 9th Ohio Battery, Capt. Harrison B. York.

Tullahoma—59th Ohio (detachment), Capt. Elbert M. Sargent; 177th Ohio, Col. Arthur T. Wilson; 178th Ohio, Col. Joab A. Stafford; 12th Ind. Cav., Col. Edward Anderson; 2d Ky. Battery, Lieut. George W. Nell.

Unassigned Regiments, Fourth Division, Twentieth Army Corps—83d Ill. (eight companies), Maj. William G. Bond; 83d Ill. (two companies), Capt. James Moore; 45th N. Y., Col. Adolphus Dobke; 75th Pa., Lieut.-Col. Alvin V. Matzdorff; 78th Pa. (detachment), Lieut. Henry W. Torbett.

Springfield, Tenn.—Col. Thomas J. Downey—15th U. S. Colored Troops, Lieut.-Col. Cyrus F. Jackson.

Fort Donelson, Tenn.—Lieut.-Col. Elijah C. Brott—2d Ill. L. A., Battery C, Capt. James P. Flood.

Clarksville, Tenn.—Col. Arthur A. Smith—2d Ill. L. A., Battery H, Capt. Henry C. Whittemore.

Gallatin, Tenn.—Lieut.-Col. John Ball—11th Minn., Lieut.-Col. John Ball; 13th Ind. Battery, Capt. Benjamin S. Nicklin.

Troops on the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad—Col. Charles R. Thompson—12th U. S. Colored Troops, Lieut.-Col. William R. Sellon; 13th U. S. Colored Troops, Col. John A. Hottenstein; 100th U. S. Colored Troops, Maj. Collin Ford; 43d Wis., Col. Amassa Cobb; 14th Tenn. Cav., Co. A, Lieut. William Cherry; 1st Kan. Battery, Capt. Marcus D. Tenney.

Cavalry at Nashville—11th Ind., Col. Robert R. Stewart; 2d Mich., Lieut.-Col. Benjamin Smith; 3d Tenn., Maj. Benjamin Cunningham; 4th Tenn., Maj. Meshack Stephens.

The most important post in the District of Tennessee outside of Nashville was the city of Chattanooga. This place had been made a great depot for supplying the army operating against Atlanta, and was regarded as a strategic point of great importance.

GARRISON AT CHATTANOOGA.

Chattanooga had been contended for by both armies and had been held with great tenacity by Gen. Bragg, and now that it was in the possession of the Union forces it was proposed to hold on to it to the last extremity.

The following organizations were on duty at the Post and Garrison of Chattanooga, Tenn., Col. Caleb H. Carlton Commander:

Volunteer Infantry—29th Ind., Capt. Samuel O. Gregory; 44th Ind., Capt. Samuel F. Curtis; 68th Ind., Lieut.-Col. Harvey J. Espy; 8th Ky., Lieut.-Col. James D. Mayhew; 15th Wis., Lieut.-Col. Ole C. Johnson.

Regular Brigade—Maj. John R. Edie—15th U. S., 1st and 3d Battalions, Capt. John H. Young; 15th U. S., 2d Battalion, Capt. William S. McManus; 16th U. S. (detachment), Capt. Ebenezer Gay; 18th U. S., 2d Battalion, Capt. Henry R. Mizner; 19th U. S., 1st Battalion, Lieut. Walter O. Lattimore.

Artillery—Capt. William A. Hotchkiss—Ind. Light, 5th Battery, Capt. Alfred Morrison; Ind. Light, 8th Battery, Lieut. Jeremiah Voris; Ind. Light, 11th Battery, Capt. Arnold Sutermeister; 1st Mich. Light, Battery A, Capt. Almerick W. Wilbur; 1st Mich. Light, Battery K, Capt. John C. Schuetz; Minn. Light, 2d Battery, Capt. William A. Hotchkiss; 1st Mo. Light, Battery G, Lieut. Joseph L. Follett; 1st Ohio Light, Battery G, Capt. Alexander Marshall; 1st Ohio Light, Battery I, Lieut. Christian Weidman; Ohio Light, 20th Battery, Lieut. William Backus; Wis. Light, 3d Battery (detachment), Lieut. Joseph N. Wait; 1st Minn. Heavy, Co. A, Capt. Clinton N. Sterry; 1st Minn. Heavy, Co. C, Capt. John R. Davies.

Reserve Brigade—Col. Heber Le Favour—9th Mich., Lieut.-Col. William Wilkinson; 22d Mich., Lieut.-Col. Henry S. Dean.

U. S. Veteran Reserve Corps—Maj. Audley W. Gazzam.

Signal Corps—Lieut. John L. Hollopeter.

Unassigned Infantry—1st Ohio Sharpshooters, Capt. Gershom M. Barber; 1st U. S. Veteran Volunteer Engineers, Col. William E. Merrill; 14th U. S. Colored Troops, Col. Thomas J. Morgan; 16th U. S. Colored Troops, Col. William B. Gaw; 42d U. S. Colored Troops, Col. William W. Wright; 44th U. S. Colored Troops, Col. Lewis Johnson.

Unassigned Artillery—1st Ill. Light, Battery M, Capt. George W. Spencer; Ind. Light, 10th Battery, Capt. William A. Naylor; 1st Mich. Light, Battery I, Capt. Luther R. Smith; N. Y. Light, 13th Battery, Capt. Henry Bundy; 1st Ohio, Battery B, Capt. Norman A. Baldwin.

ARMY OF THE OHIO.

The Department and Army of the Ohio, commanded by Gen. Schofield, had a large force in Kentucky. The troops, which had not been engaged in the Georgia campaign, but actively occupied in other necessary operations, were, in November, 1864, stationed as follows:

Cleveland, Tenn.—1st Ohio H. A., Col. Chauncey G. Hawley.

District of Western Kentucky—Brig.-Gen. Solomon Meredith.

Columbus, Ky.—Col. James N. McArthur—161st N. Y., Lieut.-Col. William B. Kinsey; 3d Ill. L. A., Battery B, Lieut. Thomas E. Dawson; 4th U. S. Colored H. A., Lieut.-Col. Pete P. Dobozy.

Smithland, Ky.—Capt. Forrester L. Taylor—48th Ky., Co. G, Capt. John W. Bush.

Paducah, Ky.—Col. Joshua J. Guppey—29th Ill., Lieut.-Col. John A. Callicott; 26th Ky., Capt. Francis M. Page; 1st La., Maj. John R. Parsons; 34th N. J., Lieut.-Col. Timothy C. Moore; 30th Wis., Maj. John Clowney; 3d Ill. Cav. (detachment), Lieut. Samuel L. Shellenberger; 9th Ind. Cav. (detachment), Lieut.-Col. Christian Beck; 7th Tenn. Cav. (detachment), Lieut.-Col. Isaac R. Hawkins; 8th U. S. Colored H. A., Col. Henry W. Barry.

MILITARY DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY.

Military District of Kentucky—Bvt.-Gen.-Maj. Stephen G. Burbridge.

First Division—Brig.-Gen. Nathaniel C. McLean.

First Brigade—Col. Clinton J. True—35th Ky., Col. Edmund A. Starling; 40th Ky., Lieut.-Col. Mathew Mullins; 13th Ky. Cav., Col. James W. Weatherford.

Second Brigade—Col. Charles S. Hanson—37th Ky., Maj. Samuel Martin; 39th Ky., Lieut.-Col. Stephen M. Ferguson; 109th U. S. Colored Troops, Col. Orion A. Bartholomew; 1st Ky. Cav., Col. Silas Adams; 1st Ky. L. A., Battery C, Capt. John W. Neville.

Fourth Brigade—Col. Robert W. Ratcliff—11th Mich. Cav., Col. Simon B. Brown; 12th Ohio Cav., Lieut.-Col. Robert H. Bentley.

Lexington, Ky.—Col. Samuel W. Price—40th Ind., Col. Thomas H. Bringhurst; 49th Ind., Col. James Keigwin; 79th Company, 2d Battalion, U. S. Veteran Reserve Corps, Capt. Sylvester B. Phillips; 1st Ky. L. A., Battery E, Lieut. Llewellyn E. P. Bush; 1st Wis. H. A., Co. B, Lieut. Charles W. Hyde.

Camp Nelson, Ky.—Brig.-Gen. Speed S. Fry—43d Ind., Co. F, Capt. James B. Dyer; 47th Ky., Col. Andrew H. Clark; 49th Ky., Col. John G. Eve; 114th U. S. Colored Troops, Maj. Andrew J. Hogan; 116th U. S. Colored Troops, Col. William W. Woodward.

Second Division—Brig.-Gen. Hugh Ewing.

Second Brigade—Col. Cicero Maxwell—48th Ky. (nine companies), Col. Hartwell T. Burge; 52d Ky. M't'd Inf., Col. John H. Grider; 12th U. S. Colored H. A., Lieut.-Col. Walter S. Babcock.

Not Brigaded—115th U. S. Colored Troops, Col. Robert H. Earnest; 2d U. S. Veteran Reserve Corps, Co. H, Capt. Adolphus von Dachenhausen; 22d U. S. Veteran Reserve Corps, Co. D, Lieut. George W. Moore; 11th Company, U. S. Veteran Reserve Corps (2d Battalion), Lieut. Gottlob Hummel; 40th Company, U. S. Veteran Reserve Corps (2d Battalion), Capt. Patrick Dwyer; 56th Company, U. S. Veteran Reserve Corps (2d Battalion), Lieut. John Stephenson; 67th Company, U. S. Veteran Reserve Corps (2d Battalion), Capt. John W. Bradburn; 68th Company, U. S. Veteran Reserve Corps (2d Battalion), Lieut. Usher F. Kelly; 77th Company, U. S. Veteran Reserve Corps (2d Battalion), Lieut. James Hart; 83d Company, U. S. Veteran Reserve Corps (2d Battalion), Lieut. Samuel H. Morrison; 84th Company, U. S. Veteran Reserve Corps (2d Battalion), Lieut. Samuel H. Morrison; 141st Company, U. S. Veteran Reserve Corps (2d Battalion), Lieut. Noah W. Yoder; 157th Company, U. S. Veteran Reserve Corps (2d Battalion), Capt. John W. Bradburn.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE.

The Mississippi River had been opened and was now held by troops of the Army of the Tennessee, in cooperation with the gunboat fleet of the navy.

A number of important positions along that river had been strongly fortified and were now held in force by the troops of that Department.

Following is a list of the organizations assigned to that duty:

DISTRICT OF WEST TENNESSEE.

District of West Tennessee—Maj.-Gen. Cadwallader C. Washburn.

District of Memphis—Brig.-Gen. Ralph P. Buckland.

First Brigade—Col. George B. Hoge—108th Ill., Capt. Sylvester V. Dooley; 113th Ill., Capt. Robert B. Lucas; 120th Ill., Lieut.-Col. Spencer B. Floyd; 7th Mo., Capt. Thomas Russell; 1st Ill. L. A., Battery G, Lieut. Gustave Dachsel; 6th Ind. Battery, Lieut. Louis Kern; 2d Mo. L. A., Battery G, Capt. William Arthur.

First Brigade U. S. Colored Troops—Col. Edward Bouton—55th U. S. Colored Troops, Maj. William B. McCord; 59th U. S. Colored Troops, Lieut.-Col. Robert Cowden; 61st U. S. Colored Troops, Col. Frank A. Kendrick; 68th U. S. Colored Troops, Col. J. Blackburn Jones; 2d U. S. Colored L. A., Battery F, Capt. Carl A. Lamberg; 2d U. S. Colored L. A., Battery I, Capt. Louis B. Smith.

Fort Pickering—Col. Ignatz G. Kappner—3d U. S. Colored H. A., Lieut.-Col. James P. Harper; 7th U. S. Colored H. A., Col. William D. Turner.

Unassigned—8th Iowa, Lieut.-Col. William B. Bell; 63d U. S. Colored Troops (detachment), Capt. Henry S. Hay; 6th Tenn. Battery (dismounted), Col. Fielding Hurst; 14th Ind. Battery, Capt. Francis W. Morse; 1st Mo. L. A., Battery M, Capt. John H. Tiemeyer; 7th Wis. Battery, Lieut. Arthur B. Wheelock.

Cavalry Corps—Brig.-Gen. Benjamin H. Grierson.

District of Vicksburg—Maj.-Gen. Napoleon J. T. Dana.

Garrison of Vicksburg—Maltby's Brigade, Brig.-Gen. Jasper A. Maltby—124th Ill., Lieut.-Col. John H. Howe; 58th Ohio, Lieut.-Col. Ezra P. Jackson; 1st Regiment, Mississippi Marine Brigade, Maj. David S. Tallerday; 72d Ill., Maj. William James, Jr.; 8th Ohio Battery, Capt. James F. Putnam; 26th Ohio Battery, Capt. Theobold D. Yost.

Unattached—5th U. S. Colored H. A., Col. Herman Lieb; 64th U. S. Colored Troops, Col. Samuel Thomas.

Cavalry Forces—Col. Embury D. Osband—5th Ill., Col. John McConnell; 11th Ill., Col. Lucine H. Kerr; 3d U. S. Colored, Maj. Jeremiah B. Cook; 2d Wis., Maj. Nicholas H. Dale.

Artillery at Vicksburg—Maj. Charles Mann—2d Ill. Light, Battery L, Lieut. Charles H. Felton; Ohio Light, 7th Battery, Capt. Silas A. Burnap.

Post and Defenses of Natchez—Brig.-Gen. Mason Brayman—8th N. H., Lieut.-Col. George A. Flanders; 48th Ohio, Col. Job R. Parker; 4th Ill. Cav. (five companies), Capt. John F. Wallace; 58th U. S. Colored Troops, Col. Simon M. Preston; 63d U. S. Colored Troops, Lieut.-Col. Albion L. Mitchell; 70th U. S. Colored Troops, Col. James T. Organ; 71st U. S. Colored Troops, Col. Williard C. Earle; 6th U. S. Colored H. A., Maj. John P. Coleman.

Fourth Division, Sixteenth Corps—Brig.-Gen. John P. Hawkins.

First Brigade—Col. Van E. Young—48th U. S. Colored Troops, Lieut.-Col. Moses H. Crowell; 49th U. S. Colored Troops, Lieut.-Col. Cyrus Sears; 53d U. S. Colored Troops, Col. Orlando C. Risdon.

Second Brigade—Col. Hiram Scofield—47th U. S. Colored Troops, Lieut.-Col. Ferdinand E. Peebles; 50th U. S. Colored Troops, Col. Charles A. Gilchrist; 52d U. S. Colored Troops, Col. George M. Ziegler; Powell's detachment, U. S. Colored Troops, Lieut. C. W. G. Hyde.

Goodrich's Landing, La.—Col. A. Watson Webber—51st U. S. Colored Troops, Lieut.-Col. Alfred E. Buck; 66th U. S. Colored Troops, Col. William T. Frohock; 2d U. S. Colored L. A., Battery D, Capt. William M. Pratt.

Milliken's Bend, La.—Col. Julian E. Bryant—46th U. S. Colored Troops, Lieut.-Col. Will Lyon; 2d U. S. Colored Light Artillery, Battery C, Capt. Robert Ranney.

These forces were designed for the defense of their respective posts and for field duty against the frequent cavalry raids of the enemy.

It was not contemplated that of this large force of efficient soldiers any great number could be used in a campaign against Gen. Hood's army.

For extensive field operations on Nov. 15, 1864, Gen. Thomas had two strong corps of infantry with their complement of artillery and a large force of cavalry then being reorganized.

FOURTH CORPS, ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND.

The Fourth Corps of the Army of the Cumberland, commanded by Maj.-Gen. David S. Stanley, consisted of three divisions of three brigades each and a brigade of artillery.

Following is a list of the troops of this splendid corps:

First Division—Brig.-Gen. Walter C. Whitaker.

First Brigade—Col. Isaac M. Kirby—21st Ill., Lieut.-Col. Warren McMackin; 38th Ill., Lieut.-Col. William T. Chapman; 31st Ind., Maj. James R. Hallowell; 81st Ind., Lieut.-Col. William G. Wheeler; 90th Ohio, Maj. Nicholas F. Hitchcock; 101st Ohio, Lieut.-Col. Bedan B. McDonald.

Second Brigade—Lieut.-Col. James C. Evans—96th Ill., Maj. George Hicks; 115th Ill., Col. Jesse H. Moore; 35th Ind., Lieut.-Col. Augustus G. Tassin; 21st Ky., Maj. Jesse D. Hoskins; 23d Ky., Lieut.-Col. George W. Northrup; 40th Ohio, Lieut.-Col. George W. Northrup; 45th Ohio, Lieut.-Col. John H. Humphrey; 51st Ohio, Lieut.-Col. Charles H. Wood.

Third Brigade—Col. Louis H. Waters—75th Ill., Lieut.-Col. William M. Kilgour; 80th Ill., Capt. James Cunningham; 84th Ill., Lieut.-Col. Charles H. Morton; 9th Ind., Col. Isaac C. B. Suman; 30th Ind. (detachment), Capt. Nelson P. Boydston; 36th Ind. (detachment), Lieut. John P. Swisher; 77th Pa., Col. Thomas E. Rose.

Second Division—Brig.-Gen. George D. Wagner.

First Brigade—Col. Emerson Opdycke—36th Ill., Lieut.-Col. Porter C. Olson; 44th Ill., Lieut.-Col. John Russell; 73d Ill., Maj. Thomas W. Motherspaw; 74th Ill., Capt. Thomas J. Bryan; 88th Ill., Lieut.-Col. George W. Smith; 125th Ohio, Capt. Edward P. Bates; 24th Wis., Maj. Arthur McArthur, Jr.

Second Brigade—Brig.-Gen. William Grose—100th Ill., Lieut.-Col. Charles M. Hammond; 40th Ind., Maj. Anthony E. Gordon; 57th Ind., Lieut.-Col. Willis Blanch; 28th Ky., Maj. George W. Barth; 26th Ohio, Maj. Norris T. Peatman; 97th Ohio, Capt. George S. Davis.

Third Brigade—Brig.-Gen. Luther P. Bradley—42d Ill., Maj. Frederick A. Atwater; 51st Ill., Capt. Albert M. Tilton; 79th Ill., Col. Allen Buckner; 15th Mo., Col. Joseph Conrad; 64th Ohio, Lieut.-Col. Robert C. Brown; 65th Ohio, Maj. Orlow Smith.

Third Division—Brig.-Gen. Thomas J. Wood.

First Brigade—Col. John A. Martin—89th Ill., Lieut.-Col. William D. Williams; 8th Kan., Lieut.-Col. John Conover; 15th Ohio, Col. Frank Askew; 49th Ohio, Maj. Luther M. Strong.

Second Brigade—Col. P. Sidney Post—59th Ill., Lieut.-Col. Clayton Hale; 41st Ohio, Lieut.-Col. Robert L. Kimberly; 71st Ohio, Col. Henry K. McConnell; 93d Ohio, Lieut.-Col. Daniel Bowman; 124th Ohio, Lieut.-Col. James Pickands.

Third Brigade—Col. Frederick Knefler—79th Ind., Capt. John G. Dunbar; 86th Ind., Col. George F. Dick; 9th Ky., Col. George H. Cram; 17th Ky., Col. Alexander M. Stout; 13th Ohio, Maj. Joseph T. Snider; 19th Ohio, Lieut.-Col. Henry G. Stratton.

Artillery Brigade—Capt. Lyman Bridges—Bridges's Illinois Battery, Lieut. Lyman A. White; 1st Ohio Light, Battery A, Lieut. Charles M. Scovill; Ohio Light, 6th Battery, Capt. Cullen Bradley; Pennsylvania Light, Battery B, Capt. Jacob Ziegler.

TWENTY-THIRD CORPS.

The Twenty-third Corps of the Army of the Ohio had three divisions present, composed of eight brigades, with 19 batteries of artillery.

Following is a list of the organizations of the corps, commanded by Maj.-Gen. John M. Schofield:

Engineer Battalion—Capt. Oliver S. McClure.

U. S. Signal Corps—Capt. William G. McCreary.

Second Division—Brig.-Gen. Joseph A. Cooper.

First Brigade—Col. George W. Gallup—130th Ind., Col. Charles S. Parish; 14th Ky., Lieut.-Col. Rhys M. Thomas; 25th Mich., Lieut.-Col. Benjamin F. Orcutt; 96th Ohio, Lieut.-Col. John E. Cummins; 3d Tenn., Maj. Rhadamanthus H. Dunn; 6th Tenn., Lieut.-Col. Edward Maynard.

Second Brigade—Col. John McQuiston—107th Ill., Lieut.-Col. Francis H. Lewry; 80th Ind., Lieut.-Col. Alfred D. Owen; 129th Ind., Col. Charles A. Zollinger; 23d Mich., Capt. Benjamin W. Huston; 111th Ohio, Lieut.-Col. Isaac R. Sherwood; 118th Ohio, Maj. Edgar Sowers.

Third Brigade—Col. Silas H. Strickland—91st Ind., Col. John Mehringer; 123d Ind., Maj. Irvin Robbins; 20th Ky., Lieut.-Col. Thomas B. Waller; 27th Ky., Lieut.-Col. John H. Ward; 50th Ohio, Lieut.-Col. Hamilton S. Gillespie.

Artillery—Ind. Light, 22d Battery Capt. Edward W. Nicholson; 1st Mich. Light, Battery F, Lieut. Marshall M. Miller; Ohio Light, 19th Battery, Lieut. Frank Wilson.

Third Division—Brig.-Gen. Jacob D. Cox.

First Brigade—Brig.-Gen. James W. Reilly—11th Ky., Col. S. Palace Love; 12th Ky., Lieut.-Col. Lawrence H. Rousseau; 16th Ky., Lieut.-Col. John S. White; 100th Ohio, Lieut.-Col. Edwin L. Hayes; 104th Ohio, Col. Oscar W. Sterl; 8th Tenn., Capt. William K. Byrd.

Second Brigade—Col. John S. Casement—65th Ill., Lieut.-Col. William S. Stewart; 65th Ind., Lieut.-Col. John W. Hammond; 124th Ind., Maj. Henry S. Gibson; 103d Ohio, Capt. Henry S. Pickards.

Third Brigade—Col. Thomas J. Henderson—112th Ill., Lieut.-Col. Emery S. Bond; 63d Ind., Col. Israel N. Stiles; 120th Ind., Lieut.-Col. Reuben C. Kise; 128th Ind., Lieut.-Col. Jasper Packard; 5th Tenn., Maj. David G. Bowers.

Artillery—Ind. Light, 15th Battery, Capt. Alonzo D. Harvey; Ind. Light, 23d Battery, Lieut. Aaron A. Wilber; 1st Ohio Light, Battery D, Capt. Giles J. Cockerill.

Fourth Division—Brig.-Gen. Jacob Ammen.

First Brigade—Col. William Y. Dillard—34th Ky., Maj. Milton T. Callahan; 2d N. C. (mounted), Lieut. Edward M. Long; 11th Tenn. Cav., Maj. James H. Johnson; 1st Mich. L. A., Battery M, Lieut. Augustus H. Emery; 1st Tenn. L. A., Battery B, Capt. William O. Beebe.

Second Brigade—Brig.-Gen. David Tillson—3d N. C. (two companies), Capt. George W. Kirk; 2d Tenn., Capt. S. C. Honeycutt; 4th Tenn., Lieut.-Col. Michael L. Patterson; 16th Ky. Cav., Maj. George F. Barnes; 10th Mich. Cav., Maj. Cicero Newell; Colvin's (Ill.) Battery, Capt. John H. Colvin; Elgin (Ill.) Battery, Capt. Andrew M. Wood; Henshaw's (Ill.) Battery, Lieut. Azro C. Putnam; Wilder (Ind.) Battery, Capt. Hubbard T. Thomas; 1st Mich. L. A., Battery L, Capt. Thomas Gallagher; 21st Ohio Battery, Capt. James H. Walley; 22d Ohio Battery, Lieut. Harvey Burdell; 2d Ohio H. A., Col. Horatio G. Gibson; 1st U. S. Colored H. A., Lieut.-Col. John A. Shannon.

CAVALRY COMMANDS.

The command of the entire cavalry of the Military Division of the Mississippi was, as has been seen, assigned to Brevet Maj.-Gen. James H. Wilson. This in the first instance included the division of Gen. Kilpatrick, but as his division was selected to accompany the army under Gen. Sherman, it performed no service under Gen. Wilson's orders.

Gen. Wilson's command was composed of organizations belonging to each of the three Departments of the Military Divisions, and a list of these troops is given below:

Organization of Troops of the Cavalry Corps, Military Division of the Mississippi, commanded by Brevet Maj.-Gen. James H. Wilson, U. S. Army.

ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND.

First Division—Brig.-Gen. Edward M. McCook.

First Brigade—Brig.-Gen. John T. Croxton—8th Iowa, Col. Joseph B. Dorr; 4th Ky., Lieut.-Col. Robert M. Kelly; 2d Mich., Lieut.-Col. Benjamin Smith; 1st Tenn., Lieut.-Col. Calvin M. Dyer.

Second Brigade—Lieut.-Col. Horace P. Lamson—2d Ind. (battalion), Lieut. Bennett Depenbrock; 4th Ind., Maj. John Austin; 1st Wis., Maj. Henry Harnden.

Third Brigade—Col. Louis D. Watkins—4th Ky., Col. Wickliffe Cooper; 6th Ky., Maj. William H. Fidler; 7th Ky., Col. John K. Faulkner.

Artillery—18th Ind. Battery, Capt. Moses M. Beck.

Second Division—Brig.-Gen. Kenner Garrard.

First Brigade—Maj. James F. Andress—4th Mich., Capt. L. Briggs Eldridge; 7th Pa., Capt. Charles L. Green.

Second Brigade—Col. Beroth B. Eggleston—1st Ohio, Lieut.-Col. Thomas J. Patten; 3d Ohio, Col. Charles B. Seidel; 4th Ohio, Lieut.-Col. Oliver P. Robie.

Third Brigade—Col. Abram O. Miller—98th Ill. M't'd Inf., Lieut.-Col. Edward Kitchell; 123d Ill. M't'd Inf., Lieut.-Col. Jonathan Briggs; 17th Ind. M't'd Inf., Lieut.-Col. Jacob G. Vail; 72d Ind. M't'd Inf., Maj. Adam Pinkerton.

Artillery—Chicago (Ill.) Board of Trade Battery, Capt. George I. Robinson.

First Brigade, Fourth Division—Lieut.-Col. Jacob M. Thornburgh—2d Tenn., Lieut.-Col. William F. Prosser; 3d Tenn., Maj. Benjamin Cunningham; 4th Tenn., Maj. Luther M. Blackman; 1st Tenn. L. A., Battery A, Capt. Albert F. Beach.

Second Brigade, Fourth Division—Lieut.-Col. William J. Clift—5th Tenn., Maj. John F. Armstrong; 10th Tenn., Maj. William P. Story; 12th Tenn., Lieut.-Col. Charles C. Hoefling.

ARMY OF THE OHIO.

Cavalry Division—Col. Israel Garrard.

First Brigade—Col. Horace Capron—14th Ill., Maj. Haviland Tompkins; 16th Ill., Maj. Charles H. Beers; 5th Ind., Maj. Moses D. Leeson; 8th Mich., Maj. Edward Coates.

Second Brigade—Col. George S. Acker—9th Mich., Lieut.-Col. William B. Way; McLaughlin's Ohio Squadron; 7th Ohio, Lieut.-Col. George G. Miner; 9th Ohio, Col. William D. Hamilton.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE.

Cavalry Corps, District of West Tennessee—Brig.-Gen. Benjamin H. Grierson Commanding.

First Division—Brig.-Gen. Edward Hatch.

First Brigade—Col. Oliver Wells—3d Ill., Lieut.-Col. Robert H. Carnahan; 7th Ill., Maj. John M. Graham; 12th Mo., Lieut.-Col. Richard H. Brown.

Second Brigade—Col. Datus F. Coon—6th Ill., Maj. Charles W. Whitsit; 9th Ill., Col. Albert G. Brackett; 2d Iowa, Maj. Charles C. Horton; 1st Ill. L. A., Battery K, Lieut. Isaac W. Curtis.

Second Division—Col. Edward F. Winslow.

First Brigade—Col. Joseph Karge—7th Ind., Capt. James H. Carpenter; 1st Miss. M't'd Rifles, Maj. Samuel O. Shorey; 4th Mo., Col. George E. Waring, Jr.; 2d N. J., Lieut.-Col. P. Jones Yorke; 19th Pa., Lieut.-Col. Joseph C. Hess.

Second Brigade—Col. John W. Noble—3d Iowa, Maj. John C. McCrary; 4th Iowa, Lieut.-Col. John H. Peters; 10th Mo., Capt. Frederick R. Neet.

District of Tennessee—9th Ind., Col. George W. Jackson; 10th Ind., Col. Thomas N. Pace; 11th Ind., Col. Robert R. Stewart; 12th Ind., Col. Edward Anderson; 13th Ind., Col. Gilbert M. L. Johnson.

Unassigned—15th Pa., Col. William J. Palmer; 4th U. S., Lieut. Joseph Hedges.

This was the great engine of war that Gen. Thomas was to wield against the combined forces of the enemy, who, under the leadership of officers of undoubted capacity and courage, proposed to give the Union forces a taste of offensive warfare such as the Confederate forces had suffered in Georgia during the previous Spring and Summer.

Gen. Thomas possessed the admirable faculty of inspiring all officers and men who served under him with absolute confidence. His composure, his constant steadiness of purpose, his conservatism and complete preparation for an event gave such courage and confidence to his men that they always felt absolutely sure of success when he laid the plans and gave the orders to move.

Gen. Thomas was fortunate in his subordinates. Schofield, Stanley and Wilson, with their Division and Brigade Commanders, were equal to any demand that might be made upon them.

Besides this, in the absence of Gen. Sherman, Gen. Thomas had the benefit of direct corresp