

CW/VFM-139: Order of Major-General William Rosecrans. Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 9, 1863.

Provenance

Found inside the following: Paris, Louis-Philippe-Albert d'Orléans, comte de. *History of the Civil War in America Vol. II*. Philadelphia: Porter & Coates, 1876.

Background

After successfully defeating Major General William Rosecrans and the Union Army of the Cumberland at the Battle of Chickamauga, the Confederate Army of Tennessee under General Braxton Bragg, pursued the scattered force and surrounded it in the city of Chattanooga, Tennessee in late September, 1863. With Union forces defending the city starving, Commander-in-Chief Henry Halleck called for Ulysses S. Grant to come save the situation and in doing so took the army away from Rosecrans and into the hands of George H. Thomas. The engineers seemed to have played a large role in opening up supply lines to the besieged city and this may be what Rosecrans is referring to in the letter.

Woodworth, Steven. *The Grand Spectacle: The Battle of Chattanooga*. Abilene, Texas: McWhiney Foundation Press (McMurry University), 1999.

Contents

- Email containing information about the items discovery.
- Copy of order by General William Rosecrans
- Transcription of the order from:

Scott, Lieutenant Colonel Robert N. *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, Series I, Volume 30, Part IV*. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1890. Page 214.

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