
Officer of May 11, 1865, on the expedition carried out and 250 men of colored infantry - 500 mounted cavalry moved all night from Bragg's Blantings to Manassas, attached to rebel at Palmetto Ranch, scouting during part of the night. Enemy facing north, cavalry, infantry, few prisoners. Lt. Col. Broun returned to Wilder.

Rancho for vigil, rest. Major 200 men joined expedition, and attack on Palmetto Ranch. Rebels driven out the second time. Enemy left desolate. Ranch burned. Short skirmish - enemy driven several miles. Federals advanced to where Palmetto Ranch. At 4 p.m. enemy reinforced returned - too many to attack. Fell back suffering. Fighting lasted 3 hrs. "The last valley of the war, it is believed, was fought by the 62nd U.S. Colored Infantry about 8 miles of the 13th of May 1865, between the Whiskey Ranch and the color chateau Rep. - In several instances our men were fired upon from the Mexican side of the Rio Grande upon the occupation of Brownsville a few days earlier, it was reported, upon what appeared to be good authority that during the engagement a body of cavalry charged the Rio Grande from Malaconos to Palmetto Ranch with a force of 200 rebel cavalry."