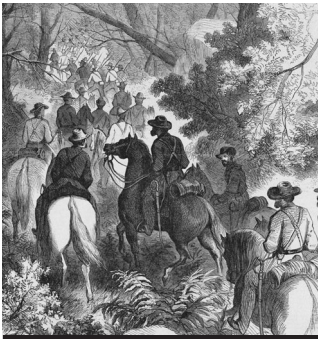
A Sesquicentennial Moment

Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 1862



Union forces were scrambling to retain valuable livestock during the fall of 1862.

A letter to the editor published in the *Wheeling Intelligencer* on Oct. 2, 1862, and signed by "W" says "the usual quietness" of Glenville was somewhat disturbed on Sept. 28, 1862, when about 100 well-armed rebel cavalry stole Union horses and cattle.

Two Union regiments sent after the rebels found them on Bone Creek near the county line between Gilmer and Doddridge counties "just preparing to eat supper," the letter says.

"Our boys were so fast upon them that none but the pickets had time to fire a gun. Lieut. Hart says that he never witnessed such 'skedaddling' as was done at this 'battle.'"

The writer also noted that Confederate troops had stolen Union horses near Philippi the week before.

"It appears to be a part of the programme of the bushwhackers in this section of country to steal all the horses they can possibly get hold of for the purpose of sending them off to Secessia," a term used to describe the Confederacy.

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