

between Gen. Buell and Bragg to the Ohio River, participating in the battles of Perryville, or Chaplin Hill, and Crab Orchard, Ky. Immediately after Crab Orchard, Gen. Buell was relieved by Rosecrans, and the name of the army changed from the Army of the Ohio to the Army of the Cumberland, and the Fourth Regular Cavalry was assigned as escort to Gen. Rosecrans, and was recruited up to its maximum strength. On the 1st of December, 1862, young Kirwan was made a corporal in his company, and on the day after the battle of Stone River he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. On the 10th day of April, 1863, he was captured by the enemy, while leading a charge of eighteen men on the Louisburg Pike, about five miles south of Franklin, Tenn. Six of his men were killed, and he and the remainder of the squad were captured and sent to Libby Prison, Richmond, Va., where he remained two months, and being exchanged, again joined his company on the 19th day of June, just in time to participate in the advance on Shelbyville, Tullahoma and Decherd, Tenn. At Decherd he was detailed by the War Department to report to Andrew Johnson, military governor of Tennessee, for the purpose of drilling and organizing the different regiments of Tennessee cavalry then being organized for the Union. On the 1st of October, 1863, Mr. Kirwan was commissioned lieutenant of Company C, Twelfth Tennessee Cavalry, and on the 20th of the same month promoted to captain of the same company, and at short intervals promoted to the rank of major, lieutenant colonel and colonel of his regiment. In December, 1863, he was ordered to take command of the post at Charlotte, Dickson County, Tenn., and to clean out the bushwhackers in that vicinity, which he did, killing and wounding quite a number, and capturing 157, which he sent to Nashville to be tried by military commission. In 1864 he was busily engaged against the rebel generals, Forrest, Wheeler and Williams, and fought them at Elk Creek, Florence, Triune and Pulaski, in Alabama and Tennessee. In the fall of 1864 Col. Kirwan was ordered to relieve Col. Clift of the command of the brigade composed of the Fifth, Tenth and Twelfth Tennessee Cavalry, United States Volunteers, then stationed in front of Gen. Hood at Florence, Ala., and was placed as Third Brigade of Gen. Ed. Hatch's Division. Col. Kirwan fought Hood's army on its march on Nashville, at Campbellsville, Spring Hill and at Franklin, Tenn., where he lost many officers and men, among whom was Maj. Morgan Boland, a brave officer, who was mortally wounded while leading his regiment in a charge. Col. Kirwan was with the cavalry corps on Gen. Thomas' right wing at the battle of Nashville, December 15 and 16, and assisted in breaking the enemy's left wing and capturing eighteen pieces of artillery and 3,000 prisoners. He was also engaged in the pursuit of Gen. Hood to the Tennessee River, and fought his last battle on Christmas Day, 1864, at Robinson's Hill, Tenn. At Sugar River, Ala., Col. Kirwan was placed in command of 500 picked men to cut off Hood's rear guard and wagon train before it crossed the Tennessee River, when he did for what was left of it. He was then ordered, with the rest of the cavalry, to Gravelly Springs, Ala., and from there to Eastport, Miss., where he remained until the 1st of May, 1865, when