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CIVIL WAR TO CIVIL RIGHTS: BATTLE OF PERRYVILLE



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Confederate Gen. Braxton Bragg retreated to Tennessee after the battle, allowing the Union to retain Kentucky.

Perryville was Kentucky's largest Civil War battle, involving more than 40,000 Union and Confederate troops. The battle resulted in more than 7,500 casualties. Some historians consider it to be an important turning point in the war because the Union army was able to stall Confederate advances and keep Europeans from recognizing the Confederate States of America. Had the Confederacy been able to maintain troops in Kentucky and the Union retreated, the war's outcome could have been drastically different.

"Harper's Weekly" covered the battle and reproduced a wood carving by Henry Mosler in its Nov. 1, 1862, issue, showcased above.

BOYLE COUNTY — As a border state, Kentucky was especially important to both the Union and the Confederacy.

On Oct. 8, 1862, Confederate and Union troops engaged in a battle along the hills west of Perryville, in Boyle County. The battle was the culminating event of the Confederacy's Kentucky campaign.

Scholars consider it to be a tactical victory for the Confederates. However,

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