

Historical Marker - Michigan Light Artillery Regiment / Batteries F and G (Marker ID#:S723C)



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Michigan Light Artillery Regiment

During the Civil War more than three thousand men served in Michigan's First Regiment of Artillery. The twelve batteries saw action in both major theaters. Unlike in infantry regiments, the six-gun artillery batteries served as detached units. Light artillery was mobile. Six-horse limbers pulled an ammunition caissons and guns that delivered devastating fire using solid shot, explosive shell, case or canister. On May 28, 1861, the Coldwater Light Artillery, Michigan's first unit, mustered in; its last battery formed up in 1864. In late August 1862 the six-gun battery F and a two-gun section of battery G, under Lieutenants Lanphere, Hale, Paddock and Brown, fought against superior Confederate numbers in their first battle, here at Richmond.

Significant Date:

Civil War and After (1860-1875)

Registry Year: 2011 **Erected Date:** 2012

Marker Location

Address: 101 Battlefield Memorial Highway

City: Richmond

State: KY **ZipCode:** 40475

County:

Township:

Lat: 37.67269660 / **Long:** -84.25327062

Web URL:

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Batteries F and G

Batteries F and G of Michigan's First Light Artillery went into action here on August 29, 1862. They were the only Union artillery on the field of battle. Despite inadequate training and ammunition, they provided accurate fire that helped drive back the Confederates "with admirable effect." Early on August 30 the batteries defended the initial Union battle line. During successive Union withdrawals, the guns served as rallying points or as the rear guard. Seven of eight guns were brought off the field in the last Federal withdrawal. In the final chaotic retreat, lacking infantry support and ammunition, all seven fell into enemy hands. Reported losses were 7 killed, 12 wounded and 65 captured. The two batteries later fought during the Vicksburg and Atlanta campaigns and at the battle of Nashville.