

ARTILLERY OF FORREST'S CAVALRY

Banister, Sergeants; William Green, Pat Murray, Z. Connally, Pat Hoben, A. D. Stewart, Peter Lynch, Pat Flaherty, George G. Henon, W. E. Holden, Albert B. Fall, Corporals; Barney Barnes, Farrier; J. S. Parker, Wheelwright; P. N. Richardson, Saddler; W. D. Madden, Blacksmith; Max Genning, Wheelwright.

In July the company was ordered to Bowling Green, Ky., and transferred from State to Confederate troops, and, as was customary, the name was changed to that of Porter's Tennessee Battery, after the name of its commander. John W. Morton was made Senior First Lieutenant of the battery, and a number of the citizens of Nashville, wishing to express their appreciation of the dignity thus bestowed upon a Nashville boy, united in the presentation of a handsome sword, bearing the initials "C. S. A." beautifully embossed on one side of the blade, with a Confederate flag. The reverse side was engraved, "Lieutenant J. W. Morton," while the handle guard bore another "C. S. A."

This sword was made at the first arsenal or gun factory established by the Confederacy. It was located on College Hill, in Nashville, and here the flintlock guns were changed to percussion locks and other guns prepared for service. At this time this was the only arsenal in the Confederacy, and it was kept busy day and night making, changing, and repairing arms.

Lieutenant Morton donned his sword with the highest resolves to devote it to deeds of valor, and wore it faithfully into action at Fort Donelson, where he was captured and sent to Camp Chase. The sword was taken from him when he reached the prison, with the promise that it would be returned when the Lieutenant should be exchanged; but after the battle of Shiloh he was sent to Johnson's Island. He could not, of course, claim his