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HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF TENNESSEE,
July 29, 1864—4.30 a. m.

General JOSEPH WHEELER, *Commanding Cavalry*:

Your dispatch of yesterday, 6.30 p. m., just received. At same time one from General Jackson, dated near Campbellton, 28th, 9 p. m., stating that the force which crossed the river near that point was McCook's cavalry division. They were evidently making for the Macon and Western Railroad, moving via Fairburn. The commanding general directs that you send a force to co-operate with General Jackson, moving across to such point as you may deem best calculated to intercept the enemy. Use your own discretion in selecting force, and in general instructions given them. It is intended that you should exercise your own judgment in detaching this force from your command. General Jackson says:

I move in an hour to Fairburn, thence below to intercept or strike them in flank, and shall endeavor to protect railroad.

He has two brigades—Harrison's and Ross'—and will probably require assistance.

Very respectfully,

L. P. DODGE,
Aide-de-Camp.
 (For Brigadier-General Shoup.)

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF TENNESSEE,
July 29, 1864—2 p. m.

General WHEELER:

A raid from the left has struck the Macon railroad below Jonesborough about six miles. Troops have gone from here by rail. Important to prevent damage as far as possible. There is armed militia below on the road; should be advanced to prevent destruction north. Take such steps as your judgment suggests. Force unknown.

Very respectfully,

F. A. SHOUP,
Chief of Staff.

P. S.—Have not heard from Jackson this evening.

JULY 29, 1864—3.45 p. m.

Major-General WHEELER, *Commanding*:

Your dispatch of 9.20 a. m. received. The raid from our left has cut the Macon road below Jonesborough, as I have already informed you. The general thinks it is best not to order Humes or Ferguson direct, as you may have taken such steps as to produce a conflict of orders. Do what you think best. It is of great importance to prevent the destruction of the road. If you gain any information of moment send it toward Griffin and Macon. General Hood desires your return very much as soon as you can get through with those fellows in rear. He has most important service for you.

[F. A. SHOUP,
Chief of Staff.]

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF TENNESSEE,

*July 29, 1864—6.20 p. m.*General WHEELER, *Commanding Cavalry:*

Your dispatch of 1.15 p. m. just received. Jackson engaged the raid from the west at 3 p. m. Enemy said to be 3,000 strong. Infantry sent; 3,000 militia at Macon; some directed to be sent to Griffin. Send information south when important to them.

Very respectfully,

F. A. SHOUP,
Chief of Staff.

TWO MILES AND A HALF FROM FAYETTEVILLE,

July 29, 1864—10 p. m.

General WHEELER,

Commanding Cavalry Corps:

GENERAL: The latest reports represent the enemy moving toward Fayetteville. I am quite certain they are moving back to cross the Chattahoochee. I have Harrison's brigade in their front at Fayetteville, and am moving now with Ross' brigade to that place. Should enemy attempt to pass round the place I will gain their front or flank about Newnan. If you can follow and push them in rear it would be well.

Very respectfully,

W. H. JACKSON,
Brigadier-General.

HEADQUARTERS HUMES' CAVALRY DIVISION,

In the Field, July 29, 1864.

Maj. E. S. BURFORD,

Assistant Adjutant-General:

MAJOR: Mr. Bond, a soldier of the C. S. Army, under General Cobb, now on furlough, reports that about forty Yankees were seen this morning near Brushy Knob, about four miles from this place. They were going in the direction of Jonesborough. This fact he says was reported to him by reliable parties, but he did not see the Yankees himself. They took everything they could find from Mr. Martin, a citizen who lives near Brushy Knob, and left this morning.

I am, major, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. Y. C. HUMES,
Brigadier-General, Commanding.

P. S.—I have just sent a scout of 100 men, with orders to go four or five miles to reconnoiter.

HUMES.

*JULY 29, 1864—6.45 p. m.*General ARMSTRONG, *Commanding, &c.:*

General Hood desires you to keep your scouts active about the Etowah. Send some of them across the river. He wants to know what is going on about Sweet Water and in that region.

[F. A. SHOUP,
Chief of Staff.]

ATLANTA, July 29, 1864—5.45 p. m.

General W. H. JACKSON,

Commanding Cavalry, between Jonesborough and Lovejoy's:

An infantry brigade (700) went down by rail several hours ago. Humes' cavalry also ordered against your raiders should you need more force.

[J. B. HOOD,
General.]

HDQRS. CAVALRY CORPS, ARMY OF TENNESSEE,

Fayetteville, July 29, 1864—12 p. m.

Brigadier-General JACKSON:

GENERAL: Major-General Wheeler directs me, in reply to your dispatch of 10 p. m., to say that he finds the enemy have moved on through the town of Fayetteville and on the Newnan road; that he will press on rapidly on this road in pursuit of them, and desires you, as you suggested, to gain their front on the upper Fayetteville and Newnan road. He cannot hear of Harrison's brigade.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. E. WAILES,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

JULY 29, 1864—12.30 p. m.

Brigadier-General LEWIS,

Commanding, &c.:

You will proceed by rail to Jonesborough, or that vicinity, with your brigade, to intercept raid in that quarter. You will control the movement of your train through its proper officers.

[F. A. SHOUP,
Chief of Staff.]

JULY 29, 1864—1 p. m.

Colonel McMICKEN:

Is the railroad intercepted? Give the railroad authorities directions to give preference to General Lewis' train.

[F. A. SHOUP,
Chief of Staff.]

P. S.—The enemy has struck the road about six miles below Jonesborough.

JULY 29, 1864—2.45 p. m.

Lieutenant-Colonel McMICKEN,

Chief Quartermaster:

General Shoup directs that you use the utmost caution in issuing and consuming the corn now on hand, and that you instruct your quartermasters to this effect.

[L. P. DODGE,
Aide-de-Camp.]