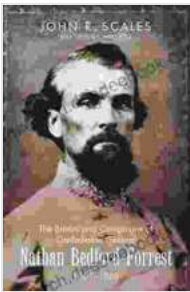


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Nathan Bedford Forrest was one of the most successful Confederate generals during the American Civil War. He was known for his aggressive tactics and his ability to win battles against overwhelming odds. This article will discuss the major battles and campaigns of Forrest's career in 1861.



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Fort Donelson

Forrest's first major battle was the Battle of Fort Donelson in February 1861. Fort Donelson was a Confederate stronghold on the Cumberland River in Tennessee. Forrest was placed in command of a cavalry brigade and ordered to defend the fort. The Union Army under Ulysses S. Grant attacked the fort on February 13th. Forrest and his cavalry fought bravely, but they were outnumbered and outgunned. The fort surrendered on February 16th.

Shiloh

Forrest's next major battle was the Battle of Shiloh in April 1861. Shiloh was a two-day battle fought in Tennessee. Forrest commanded a cavalry brigade in the Confederate army. The Confederates were initially successful, but the Union Army rallied and eventually forced the Confederates to retreat. Forrest and his cavalry covered the Confederate retreat and helped to prevent a complete rout.

Perryville

Forrest's third major battle was the Battle of Perryville in October 1861. Perryville was a one-day battle fought in Kentucky. Forrest commanded a cavalry brigade in the Confederate army. The Confederates were defeated at Perryville, but Forrest and his cavalry again covered the Confederate retreat.

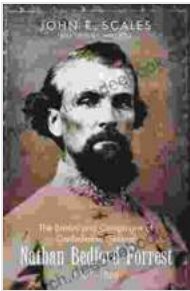
Murfreesboro

Forrest's fourth major battle was the Battle of Murfreesboro in December 1861. Murfreesboro was a two-day battle fought in Tennessee. Forrest commanded a cavalry brigade in the Confederate army. The Confederates were defeated at Murfreesboro, but Forrest and his cavalry again covered the Confederate retreat.

Stones River

Forrest's fifth major battle was the Battle of Stones River in December 1861. Stones River was a two-day battle fought in Tennessee. Forrest commanded a cavalry brigade in the Confederate army. The Confederates were defeated at Stones River, but Forrest and his cavalry again covered the Confederate retreat.

Forrest's performance in these battles earned him a reputation as one of the most skilled cavalry commanders in the Confederate army. He was known for his aggressive tactics and his ability to win battles against overwhelming odds. Forrest would go on to serve with distinction for the rest of the war.



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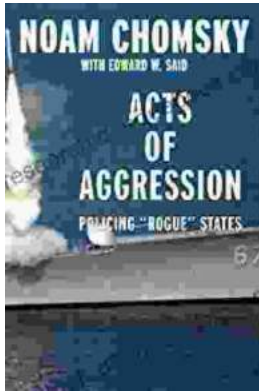
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