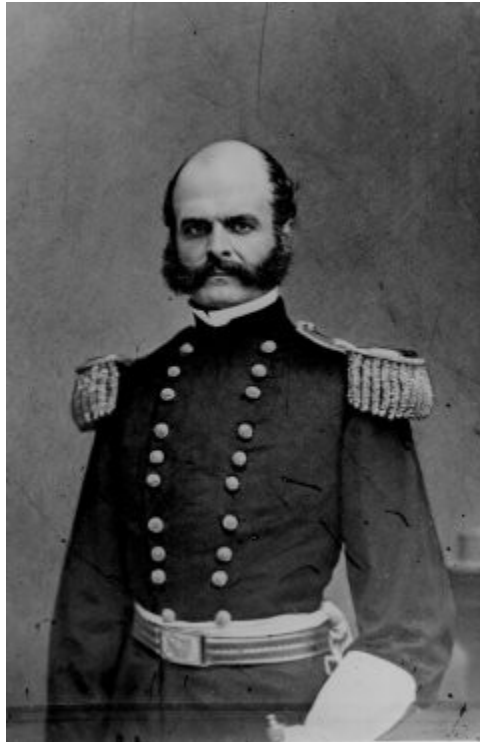


150 years ago in the Civil War

Nov 5 Lincoln replaced McClellan with Burnside as commander of the Army of the Potomac, after McClellan's failure to pursue General Robert E. Lee following the battle of Antietam.



Major General Ambrose E. Burnside (National Archives)

Nov 21 James A. Seddon replaces George W. Randolph as Confederate Secretary of War

Nov 28 Engagement at Cane Hill, Arkansas. Confederate tactical victory. Maj. Gen. Thomas C. Hindman detached Brig. Gen. John Marmaduke's cavalry from Van Buren north to occupy the Cane Hill area. Hearing of this movement, Brig. Gen. James Blunt advanced to meet Marmaduke's command and destroy it, if possible. The Union vanguard encountered Col. Joe Shelby's brigade, which fought a delaying action to protect their supply trains. Shelby gradually gave ground until establishing a strong defensive perimeter on Cove Creek where he repulsed a determined attack. The Federals withdrew to Cane Hill, while the Confederates returned to Van Buren. Although fighting well, Marmaduke's withdrawal was a setback for Hindman's plans for recapturing northwest Arkansas. Victory at Prairie Grove a few weeks later, solidified Union control of the region.