

Civil War 150 years ago, October, 1862

Summary: following Lee's withdrawal from Maryland the Eastern Armies needed to recover from their heavy losses at Antietam. The action shifted to the Western Theater. Key action was the Union victory at the Battle of Perryville that secured Kentucky for the Union.

Oct 1 Skirmish near Sharpsburg, Maryland

Oct 3 Battle of Corinth, Mississippi

Oct 4 Newly appointed Post Master General William Denison joins cabinet

Oct 8 Battle of Perryville (Chaplin Hills), Kentucky

Oct 10 Davis asked Virginia to draft 4,500 blacks to complete fortifications at Richmond

Fighting at Harrodsburg and Danville Cross Roads, Kentucky

Oct 11 Skirmish near Helena, Arkansas

Oct 15 Skirmish at Neely's Bend on the Cumberland River in Tennessee

Oct 18 Garrison captured at Lexington, Kentucky in Morgan's Raid

Oct 22 Skirmish at Fort Wayne, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma)

Oct 24 Union Maj. Gen. William Rosecrans replaces Maj. Gen. Buell as commander of Army of OH

Oct 29 Skirmish at Island Mound, MO--first time U.S. Colored Troops fight as organized unit