

## THE WAR IN MISSOURI.

### Defeat of a Rebel Band.

GREENVILLE, Mo., Aug. 25.—Major LIPPERT, of the Thirteenth Illinois Cavalry, with two hundred men strong, met with a body of three hundred and fifty Rebels yesterday, between Bloomfield and Cape Girardeau, and after a fierce engagement, routed them. Thirty men were killed, fifty wounded and sixteen taken prisoners. A number of horses, several wagons, a quantity of arms and ammunition, and their entire camp equipage, were taken.

The Rebels scattered in utter confusion through the woods, and it is not probable that they will again join together.

Parties of Union troops, thoroughly equipped for guerrilla chasing, are after other Rebel bands.

Gen. BLUNT has probably ere this engaged COFFEE'S forces, provided the latter gained sufficient courage to stop running after forming a junction with RAIN'S forces at Greenfield.

GREENVILLE, Mo., Aug. 20.—Since the battle at Lone Jack, Gen. BLUNT, with a formidable force, has been pursuing the combined Rebel band under COFFEE and QUANTERLL. It was expected that they would form a junction with RAINS at Greenfield and offer him battle, and all hoped that such would be the case, as Gen. BLUNT had sufficient forces to dispel any feeling of alarm as to the result being other than victory for the national army.

The guerrillas would also have had almost their entire force in the engagement, and with their defeat and dispersion would virtually end the guerrilla raids in Missouri.

But the Rebel RAINS was not at Greenfield, and the bands of COFFEE and QUANTRELL fled on. Arkansas alone promised safety, and that was gained as speedily as possible.

General BLUNT having found further pursuit useless, has sent his artillery and cavalry to Fort Scott. His infantry still remains in the vicinity of Greenfield, where all is at present quiet.

In Arkansas COFFEE and RAINS have formed a junction, and are recruiting and reorganizing, evidently for the purpose of further depredations. Gen. BLUNT'S force is so disposed that it can keep close watch and move speedily to any point required.

With the exception of small roving bands, the State at present may be considered free from Confederate forces, though they are only waiting for a favorable opportunity to again swarm over it.