

with eight pieces, and after an engagement of ten minutes the gunboats were set on fire and consumed.

The batteries then opened on the transports and barges, all of which were set on fire and destroyed.

The engagement was terrible. The enemy opened with forty howitzers from their fort and gunboats, but not a man quailed under the storm of shell. The cannoners had their rammers shot in two and their clothes and boots shot off.

Since last Sunday Gen. Forrest has captured and destroyed fourteen transports, four gunboats, twenty barges, thirty-two pieces of artillery, over twenty thousand tons of freight, and over three million dollars worth of stores.

Our loss has been only ten men wounded.

Johnsonville is still burning. The immense amount of freight on shore, covering several acres, will all be consumed, as it is now burning, and the enemy cannot extinguish it, as our batteries command the banks.

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General S. Cooper, Adjutant and Inspector General.—

Gen. Forrest reports that on the 5th instant he was then engaged fighting the enemy at Johnsonville, having already destroyed four gunboats, of eight guns each, fourteen steamers and twenty barges, with a large quantity of quartermaster and commissary stores on the landing and in warehouses, estimated at between seventy-five to one hundred thousand tons. Six gunboats were then approaching, which he hoped to capture or destroy.

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