

WARD, William Thomas, soldier, b. in Amelia county, Va., 9 Aug., 1808; d. in Louisville, Ky., 12 Oct., 1878. He was educated at St. Mary's college, near Lebanon, Ky., studied law, and practised in Greensburg. In 1847 he joined a regiment of Kentucky volunteers, was commissioned as major, and served in Mexico till July, 1848. He was elected to the Kentucky legislature on his return, and was a representative in congress from 1 Dec., 1851, till 3 March, 1853. He was appointed a brigadier-general in the National army on 18 Sept., 1861, organized a brigade of volunteers in Kentucky, commanded all troops south of Louisville and was engaged in the pursuit of Gen. John H. Morgan in 1862, was attached to the Army of the Ohio in November, commanded at Gallatin, Tenn., and served through Gen. William T. Sherman's campaigns, relinquishing the command of a division in the Cumberland at the beginning of the Atlanta campaign to assume that of a brigade in the 20th corps. His men effected a lodgment in the enemy's fortifications at Resaca, and he was severely wounded in the arm and side, but would not leave the field. He was also in the battles before the fall of Atlanta, and in the march to the sea commanded a division, performing effective services in the fights that preceded the surrender of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's army. He was brevetted major-general on 24 Feb., 1865, and mustered out on 24 Aug., after which he practised law in Louisville, Ky.