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A wedding at the Stones River battlefield:

FROM MURFREESBORO.

To-day we had a novel wedding. The bridegroom was private J. N. Hamilton, of the 15th Indiana volunteers, and the bride Miss A. Bonn [?] a volunteer nurse from Chicago. The ceremony took place on the bank of Stone [sic] river - on the very place where the 15th Indiana fought so nobly in the battle of Dec. 31st, 1862. The nuptial knot was tied by Rep Post Chaplain at Murfreesboro'. A large circle of friend and acquaintances was present and just as the ceremony was over, and the newly married couple were receiving the well wishes and congratulations of their friend, Gens. McD. McCook and T. L. Crittenden drove up in a carriage, but too late to witness the ceremony. They were not too late however, to exact a kiss from the blushing bride. After they had received the usual amounts of wishes for their future, the whole party made a tour to that portion of the field on which Gen. Wagner's brigade fought, (the extreme left) and which Bragg said was impenetrable. The party then returned to town.

This I believe, is the first "wedding on the battlefield" of the war and also the first wedding of the kind in the army of the Cumberland.

Yours Truly,
"HOLDFAST:"

Nashville Daily Press, May 16, 1863.