

John Wesley Powell Artillery Officer

United States Soldier - Explorer

Captain Powell commanded an Illinois artillery battery at the Battle of Shiloh. He was severely wounded at what became known as "the Hornet's Nest" on April 6, 1862, causing his right arm to be amputated. Powell survived the war and led the first navigation of the Colorado River in 1869 to explore the Grand Canyon.

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