



# Courage Under Fire

In their first opportunity to see actual battle, the 55th and 59th US Colored Troops covered the federal retreat when Union forces were overpowered at Brices Cross Roads. Nearly half of the Union soldiers who died there were from black regiments, but they saved many lives through their courageous defense.

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