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command a infantry regiment at Philippi when the first shots were fired in Virginia at Grafton. General George A. Porterfield was commanding a small force of about 800 rebels at Phillipi. these inexperienced soldiers abandoned their post on the road (from Grafton) that ran along the heights, that dominated the town of Philippi on the night of 2nd June 1861. These troops were soaked from heavy rains and sought shelter not knowing the Union army was approaching till a early morning 0430AM (3 Jun 1861) bombardment of the town send these troops running for their lives south. They did not stop till they reached Beverly nearly 40 miles away. William Jackson finally caught up to them at Huttonsville 5 miles south of Beverly. It was here that he started his war. He became very active and drilled his undisciplined men in to tough soldiers that was a characteristic of his for the rest of the war.