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Brographies of the 7th cavalry
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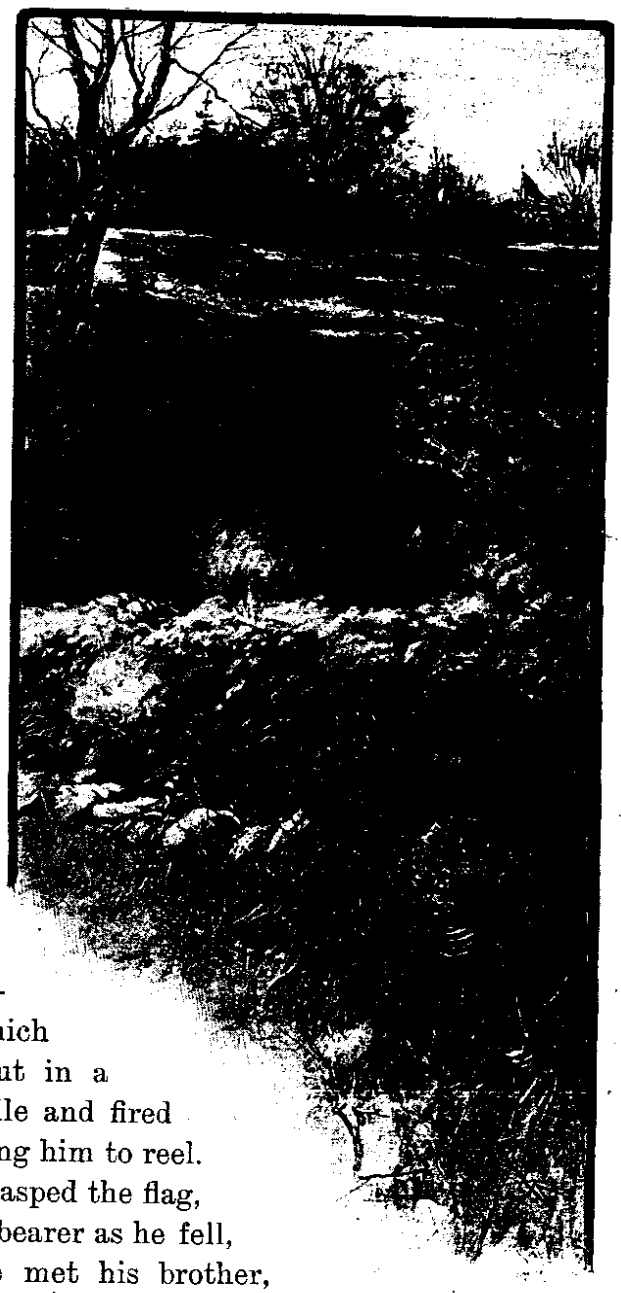
CUSTER, THOMAS WARD, Captain

Killed with the Custer battalion on June 25. Born on March 15, 1845, in New Rumley, Ohio. He enlisted on September 2, 1861 as a Private, Company H, 21st Ohio Volunteer Infantry and engaged in the battle of Stone's River, December 31, 1862-January 3, 1863. In the escort of Maj. Gen. James Negley from April 2 to December, 1863, and participated in the battle of Chickamauga September 19-20, the battle of Jonesboro and the skirmish at Missionary Ridge on November 24, where he was in the escort for General Grant. He re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer on January 1, 1864, and engaged in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain in 1864. From June 23 to August, 1864, he was detailed in the escort of General Palmer and he was later in the escort of General Thomas. In the engagements under General Sherman in the campaign from Chattanooga to Atlanta, and on to Galesville, Alabama. Mustered out as a Corporal on October 23, 1864, to accept a commission as Second Lieutenant, Company B, 6th Michigan Cavalry with rank from July 11, 1864. From November 8, 1864, he served as aide-de-camp to his brother, Maj. Gen. George Custer until he was mustered out of volunteer service. Participated in the battle of Waynesboro March 2, 1865, and the battle of Dinwiddie Courthouse on March 31 and at Five Forks and Namozine Church and Sayler's Creek. Received the Medal of Honor for his distinguished conduct at Namozine Church and a second Medal of Honor for his gallant conduct at Sayler's Creek. After the Civil War he served in Texas until mustered out on April 24, 1866. He received appointment as Second Lieutenant, 1st Cavalry, effective from February 23, 1866, and resigned on July 27, 1866, to accept a First Lieutenancy in the 7th Cavalry to rank from July 28, 1866. He was Acting Quartermaster on December 8, 1866, and served as regimental quartermaster from December 3, 1866, until March 10, 1867. He received the brevets of First Lieutenant, Captain and Major for his services at Waynesboro, Sayler's Creek and Namozine Church. Participated in the arrest of Rain-In-The-Face at Standing Rock Agency, Dakota in January, 1875. Promoted to Captain December 2, 1875. Departing from Fort Abraham Lincoln, Dakota on May 17, 1876, Captain Custer participated in the Sioux expedition in command of Company C. His remains were interred on the battlefield and exhumed in July, 1877 and re-interred in Grave 1488A, Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, August 3, 1877.

CALHOUN, JAMES, First Lieutenant

Killed with the Custer battalion on June 25 while in command of Company L. Born on August 24, 1845, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Entered military service from Ohio as a Private on January 14, 1864 in Company D, 14th Infantry. Promoted to First Sergeant on February 1, 1865; served with the 14th Infantry until October 24, 1867. On July 31, 1867, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, 32nd Infantry, at Camp Warner, Oregon. He served in the field in Arizona and at Camp Grant until July, 1869. On April 19, 1869, he was transferred to the 21st Infantry (when the 32nd Regiment was consolidated with the 21st). Lieut. Calhoun requested transfer to the 7th Cavalry. On October 29, 1870, during the reorganization of the army, he was placed on the list of supernumeraries and was unassigned and awaiting orders until January 1, 1871, when he was assigned to the 7th Cavalry. Promoted to First Lieutenant effective January 9, 1871, while at Bagdad, Kentucky. He was enroute, with a detachment of recruits, to join the 7th Cavalry in February, 1871, and was on

He dismounted, and giving his horse to an orderly went up to the top of the ridge, then ran to the line of the rifle pits as rapidly as possible. His course was through an open field, gently sloping toward the rebel works, so that he was in full view of the enemy, who at once opened a sharp musketry fire on him. He reached his goal amid a shower of bullets, and dropped in among the surprised occupants of the rifle pit without much formality. Having obtained the information he desired, he made his run back as speedily as possible, amid another shower of bullets. He was the only man in the Union lines visible to the Confederates at the time, and they gave him their undivided attention.



HE REACHED HIS GOAL AMID A SHOWER OF BULLETS.

REWARDED TWICE

First Lieutenant Thomas W. Custer, of Company B, Sixth Michigan Cavalry, distinguished himself at Namozine Church, April 2d, and at Sailor's Creek, Va., April 6th, by the capture of a battle-flag at each place.

At Sailor's Creek Lieutenant Custer leaped his horse over the enemy's line of works and fearlessly dashed up to the rebel colors. When close to the color-bearer he received a shot in the face which knocked him backward on his horse, but in a moment he was again upright in his saddle and fired at the color-bearer, hitting him and causing him to reel. Immediately Custer reached out and grasped the flag, wrenching the standard from the color-bearer as he fell, and dashed back to his lines. Here he met his brother, General G. A. Custer, and called out to him: "The rebels have shot me, but I've got their flag." Instantly he set spurs to his horse to charge again, but the general, realizing the severity of his brother's wound, checked him, and told him to go to the rear and have it dressed. This the lieutenant refused to do, whereupon General Custer ordered him under arrest and to the rear, where it was found that the bullet had entered his cheek and passed out behind the ear.