

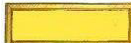









Earn Your Rank

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The 7th US Cavalry was formed in _____ (Congratulations Corporal!). It was

organized at Fort _____ (Congratulations Sergeant!). In Kansas, the 7th US

Cavalry protected stagecoaches and crews working on the _____ (Congratulations

Second Lieutenant!). It was a long hot summer for those men, some became sick with a
deadly disease called _____ (Congratulations First Lieutenant!). In the fall of 1868,

Lieutenant Colonel George Custer led the 7th US Cavalry into Indian Territory. They were
headed towards the Antelope Hills and the Washita Valley. Custer was the leader of about
_____ (Congratulations Captain) men. Included in this group were a number of

_____ (Congratulations Major!) and guides. Before reaching the Washita

River, Custer left his slow-moving supply _____ (Congratulations Lieutenant

Colonel!) behind. Custer wanted his men to travel light, taking little more than a _____

(Congratulations Colonel!), ammunition, and a few _____ (Congratulations

Brigadier General!), such as hardtack. Once the 7th US Cavalry arrived near the Cheyenne
village, Custer split his men into _____ (Congratulations Major General!), each

consisting of several companies.