

Extract from report of Captain J.M.J. Sanno 7th U.S. Infantry,
under whose direction the remains of 111 Officers, enlisted men,
and citizens, killed by Indians Dec. 21st, 1866, were removed from
the Cemetery at old Fort Phil. Kearney Wyoming, to the Custer Bat-
tle-field Montana, National Cemetery.

Extract

To the Post Adjutant,
Present.

Fort Mc. Kinney, Wyoming Oct. 29, 89

I have the honor to report that Orders No. 157 c.s. Fort
Mc. Kinney, Wyo., Oct. 13th, 1888 have been complied with, also that the
instructions contained in communications from Department Headquar-
ters relating to the removal of the remains of Officers, Soldiers
and Citizens buried in the Cemetery at old Fort Phil. Kearney have
been carried out as far as it was in my power to do so. x x

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The accompanying papers, it is believed will furnish all
the information in regard to the disposition and location of the
bodies so that there may be no difficulty of identification in
future.

No trouble, whatever was experienced in discovering the
remains; in fact the Cemetery was in very ^{good} condition considering
that it is not enclosed except by an earthen embankment. The
mounds served to indicate nearly the exact position of the bodies,
and with a single exception all were buried from 5 to 7 feet deep.
Scarcely any of the wooden material underground was completely
decayed.

The boxes containing those killed on Dec. 21st 1866 were
still of sufficient strength so as to be lifted out. The remains
of Col. Petterman and Captain Brown were identified by their names
on the coffins. x x x x x

Beyond an iron fence 8 feet high, which encloses a gran-
ite monument erected to the memory of those who fell in combat

with the Indians on June 25th, 1876. The semblance of graves scattered over a wide area and in almost every direction, just as the victims were found or human bones were afterwards covered with earth, and the grave of Lieut. J.J. Crittenden to the extreme left of the field, is all the evidence of a regular cemetery which presented itself on the Custer Battle Field, hence I was at a loss to select a place for the re-interment of the Fort Phil Kearney remains. The accompanying plat will show the point finally determined upon, and which appeared to me to be the most appropriate.

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Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J.M.J. Sanno,

Captain 7th Infantry.

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M E M O R A N D A.

- No. 77 Remains of Colonel W.F. Fetterman name on coffin, Clothing in good state of preservation.
- " 78 Remains of Captain Brown, name on coffin, Uniform well preserved
- " 79 Lieutenant of Infantry, Uniform and shoulder straps in good condition, believed to be the remains of Lieut. Jenness, 27th Infantry.
- " 80 Coffin neatly covered with tin, body in good state of preservation as well as clothing, Cavalry Officers buttons on blouse plaited white shirt, paper collar, black silk neck-tie sandy moustache and whiskers, appeared to have been scalped. Easily recognized by an acquaintance, and believed to be the body of Lt. H.S. Bingham 2nd. Cavalry the body was disinterred and put into a box 6' x 22" x 12" .
- " 81 Shot through the head nothing to indicate soldier or citizen
- " 82 Uniform clothing indicates an enlisted man.
- " 83 Uniform in good state of preservation gilt shoulder knots, evidently band leader, Samuel Currey 18th Infantry.
- " 84 Clothing indicates an Infantryman young.
- " 85 Shot through the head, Clothing indicates an Infantryman.
- " 86 Nothing to indicate citizen or soldier.
- " 87 Clothing indicates an Infantryman.
- " 88 Evidently a young man, nothing to indicate citizen or soldier.
- " 89 Apparently a large man, young, had on buck-skin pants nothing to indicate he was a soldier.

- No. 90 Middle aged man nothing to indicate soldier or citizen.
- " 91 Citizen dark hair passed middle age.
 - " 92 Citizen, young man, shot through the body arrow in spinal column No.91 and 92 buried in same grave side by side.
 - " 93 Nothing to indicate soldier or citizen.
 - " 94 Apparently middle aged citizen.
 - " 95 Enlisted man and apparently young.
 - " 96 Apparently a citizen, young, arrow in rib.
 - " 97 Infantry Sergeant, belonged to the 20th Corps. Army of the Cumberland badge, pinned on coat. believed to be the remains of Sergeant G.R.Bowers Co.E. 18th Infantry killed by Indians Dec.6th 1886.
 - " 98 Citizen, young, frock coat gilt buttons covered with cloth. four arrows in body.
 - " 99 Enlisted man, light hair young.
 - " 100 Wrapped in a rubber blanket, arrow in rib, middle aged, nothing to indicate citizen or soldier.
 - " 101 Nothing to indicate citizen or soldier, shot through the head, young, dark hair, evidently killed in the pine woods.
 - " 102 Middle aged enlisted man.
 - " 103 Nothing to indicate citizen or soldier, middle aged red hair.
 - " 104 A very shallow grave, skull missing, only a few bones, nothing to indicate an enlisted man.
 - " 105 Apparently a young boy, light hair Infantry field musician.
 - " 106 Enlisted man, young.
 - " 107 Shot through head, wrapped in rubber blanket nothing to indicate soldier or citizen.
 - " 108 Enlisted man.
 - " 109 Nothing to indicate citizen or soldier.
 - " 110 Nothing to indicate citizen or soldier.
 - " 111 Infantryman, middle age, sandy hair.

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1st Endorsement.

Fort Mc.Kinney, Wyoming Territory,

November 3rd., 1888.

Respectfully forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General, Department of the Platte.

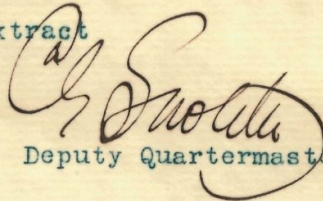
James F. Randlett,

Major 9th Cavalry

Commanding Post.

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A true extract


Deputy Quartermaster General U.S.A.