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Folder 1 - Map data

envelope → Data and rough notes intended by Camp for use in making map of field of LBH. Not now important as we have the map.

Godfreys Map Published in Century in 1892 was made by Lieut.

J. E. Wilson 5th Infantry detailed by commanding officer of Fort

Custer. He was a Sgt. of Engineers with Lieut. Maguire of Engineers and was on the field after the battle in 1876.

2nd Lieut 5 Inf. March 1882 Resigned Jan 6, 1896

2nd Lieut. 5 Inf. Dec. 29, 1890 Died Apr. 14, 1896

Tr. to 5 Infantry July 20, 1891

Map In putting down markers for men killed in Reno's Valley fight

O'Hara (M) will be on skirmish line, Bloody Knife (Ree) and Lorentz

(M) in the timber and about 2/3 way to river will be the bunch through

which Benteen saw the Indians charging. Sullivan (A) in river;

Clear (K) and Lieut Hodgson (B) on east bank etc.

James Boyle (G) with packs June 25. Martin and Hageman killed at

edge of water on east side of LBH. Ridges on east side part way up bluff.

Benj. Wells killed at bend of river directly north of McIntosh. Seafferman

in piece of brush just outside of timber at left of line of retreat. Botzer

killed near timber on line of retreat. Considine and rest strung along

between timber and river. Dose at elev. 84 where I thought Briody lay

Revision North and South branches of Sundance creek come together
1/4 mile from river.

Take compass bearing from point of timber to McIntosh marker. No
use as marker has been moved

Benteen's charge was from the south end of his hill in a direction S 32 E
toward the gully from which the Indians were issuing. Indians were
collecting in this gully covering extreme bearings of direct S to S 48 E
and could charge over all the ground between ridges running up to
Benteen's line on both their right and left.

A Company's line on night of June 26 was 140 yards from south end of
Benteen's line course S 32 W on first bench down the hill. A circular
trench still marks the position. B Company's position night of June 26
was 200 yards W 8S of A's position on a point at the same bench with a
little draw between the two

Bearings July 28. N End of Benteen's line to sharpshooters hill N 45 W. To
Edgerly Peak N 58 W. To Weir's hill N 68 W. To DeWolf marker N 64 W.
Sharpshooters hill is 1280 feet long and the course is N 44 W. It holds
its height pretty much this whole length. It consists of four bumps a
little higher than the average height of hill. The second bump from the
south is 100 feet from the first and the other two about 500 feet apart.

Inq. Crow Look for ravine which was 300 or 400 yards in advance of skirmish line. This has probably been cut away by erosion of the river at bend, but look and see if there is not a coulee in foothills opposite this point. Yes, a little farther north than present bend of river.

Altitudes. Crow Agency Sta. 3041

Monument base is 3320

River bed just below Ford B 316⁰

River bed at foot of Greasy Grass Hill 3155

Top of Greasy Grass Hill 3245

Inq Crow Locate all the cut banks along the river. Several between retreat and Ford A one being 900 foot north of Ford A one just north of where Reno retreated up and several just south. River hugs the bank all along here

Inq. Crow Look for the island under Reno hill. If still there there will be large cottonwood on it. It was under Benteen's line as shown by bend in Geo. C ____? map

Inq. Crow Again take bearing from Weir hill to Edgerly peaks (N 43 W) and satisfy myself that Custer could not have seen further than the Blackfoot village but might have seen Ogalalla camp over toward hills. This is correct. He could see no further to right than a course N 71 W which is a full half mile to left of Ford B. From Weir Hill one can see the custodian's house but not the battlefield. From point under Sharpshooter

Hill Custer could not see even this much of the camp and this is probably the last point from which he looked before starting down south coulee.

Inq. Crow. Pace off length of two sides of timber from which Reno retreated. About 800 feet on west side.

Inq. Crow. Measure distance between tops of two Edgerly peaks. 650 feet. Also distance to peak from which Indians shooting at D Company on its advance. Probably 1200 feet.

Custer battlefield altitude cemetery at Ft. Keogh monument 3190 Ft 42 in. 4:45 pm 3200 change Baron. Bearing from flagpole in cemetery to monument is N 61 E. Distance cemetery fence to monument 915 feet. Altitude base of monument 3250 at 4:50 pm.

Inq. Crow Follow South Branch coulee on Custer's Trail and down Medicine Tail coulee until I come in sight of lower part of village and then determine point where Custer halted command and sent Martin back. 3431 feet from bend and 6184 feet from river.

Map Say that distances given are those on the measured trail. On this map the direct distance from point to point will, of course, scale less than these

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