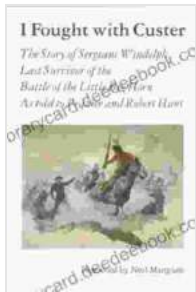


The Story of Sergeant Windolph Last Survivor Of The Battle Of The Little Big Horn



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The Battle of the Little Bighorn was a decisive victory for the Lakota, Cheyenne, and Arapaho warriors over the United States Army. The battle took place on June 25, 1876, on the Greasy Grass River in the Montana Territory. The US Army was led by Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer, who was killed in the battle along with 268 of his men. The Lakota, Cheyenne, and Arapaho warriors were led by Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, and Gall. The battle was a major turning point in the Indian Wars, and it marked the end of the US Army's attempts to subdue the Plains Indians.

One of the last survivors of the Battle of the Little Bighorn was Sergeant Charles Windolph. Windolph was a member of Company C, 7th Cavalry, and he was one of the few men who managed to escape the battle alive. Windolph's account of the battle is one of the most detailed and accurate accounts that we have, and it provides a valuable insight into the events of that tragic day.

Windolph was born in Germany in 1847, and he immigrated to the United States in 1868. He joined the US Army in 1871, and he was assigned to the 7th Cavalry in 1874. Windolph was a skilled soldier, and he quickly rose through the ranks. By the time of the Battle of the Little Bighorn, he was a sergeant.

On the morning of June 25, 1876, Windolph and the 7th Cavalry set out from the Rosebud River in pursuit of a large group of Lakota, Cheyenne, and Arapaho warriors. Custer had received reports that the Indians were planning to attack the settlements along the Yellowstone River, and he was determined to stop them. The 7th Cavalry marched for several hours, and they finally reached the Little Bighorn River late in the afternoon.

Custer divided his regiment into three battalions, and he ordered them to attack the Indian village from three different directions. Windolph was assigned to Company C, which was part of the battalion led by Major Marcus Reno. Reno's battalion was ordered to attack the village from the south, while the other two battalions attacked from the east and west.

Reno's battalion crossed the Little Bighorn River and charged into the village. However, they were met with a fierce resistance from the Indians. The Indians were armed with rifles and bows and arrows, and they were

well-positioned in the village. Reno's battalion was forced to retreat, and they took up a position on a hill overlooking the village.

Windolph was one of the few men who managed to escape the battle alive. He was wounded in the leg, but he was able to make his way back to the Reno battalion. Windolph and the other survivors of the battle were eventually rescued by General Alfred Terry, who arrived at the Little Bighorn River on June 27th.

Windolph's account of the Battle of the Little Bighorn is one of the most detailed and accurate accounts that we have. His account provides a valuable insight into the events of that tragic day. Windolph's story is a reminder of the bravery and sacrifice of the men who fought in the Indian Wars.

Legacy

Sergeant Windolph's legacy is one of courage and resilience. He was one of the few men who managed to escape the Battle of the Little Bighorn alive, and his account of the battle is one of the most detailed and accurate accounts that we have. Windolph's story is a reminder of the bravery and sacrifice of the men who fought in the Indian Wars.

Windolph died in 1931 at the age of 84. He is buried in the Custer Battlefield National Cemetery in Montana.

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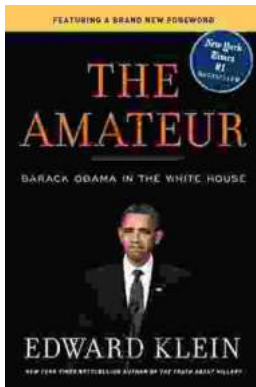
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