HOW THE SIXTEENTH FOUGHT

Captain Noble Tells the Story of His Regiment's Campaign in Cuba—Charge Up San Juan Hill—Mauser Bullets Did Not Stop the Boys

Captain C. H. Noble of the Nineteenth Infantry, who returned a short time ago from the Cuban campaign, is rapidly regaining his health, after his exposure and hardships in the service of his country. After the hardships he underwent in the Cuban campaign, he was one more than glad when he was placed in the cars for the transport to return to the United States, and his fellow officers, who were left on the island, have written him that they envy him the opportunity he has of being at home, and that they are anxious to be with him, which they expect will be the case before long, when the Nineteenth shall be ordered home from Cuba. Captain Noble was one of the officers who had been ordered to Cuba from the Nineteenth Infantry, and he was with the regiment when it left Tampa for the Cuban campaign. He was in the battle of the Guasimas, a major's command, being with the Second battalion of the Nineteenth, composed of Company A, for a while, and afterward in the engagement of the 1st of July, when the Nineteenth was with Colonel Carroll's command, Captain Noble was in charge of Company A, and he was with the regiment when it was in the battle of the 1st of July, and the Nineteenth was with Colonel Carroll's command. The Nineteenth did not take part in the battle of the 1st of July, but was ordered to the front to support the Sixth cavalry, which was engaged with the Spanish forces, and the Nineteenth was under fire for the first time in the battle of the 1st of July.

HE LED THE REGIMENT

During the Cuban campaign Captain Noble had a number of instances in which he was responsible for regiments being placed in charge of the command of the troops, a major's command being left behind, and Captain Noble being left in charge of Company A. But in all cases he acted in the capacity of a major, and received the compliments of his superiors for the manner in which he did his duty. Captain Noble was with Colonel Carroll's command, and Captain Noble was with Company A, but in the battle of the 1st of July, when the Nineteenth was with Colonel Carroll's command, Captain Noble was in charge of the regiment, and he led the regiment into action. The Nineteenth did not take part in the battle of the 1st of July, but was ordered to the front to support the Sixth cavalry, which was engaged with the Spanish forces, and the Nineteenth was under fire for the first time in the battle of the 1st of July. At 2 o'clock on that morning all bands were up. The regiment was ordered to the front, and it proceeded to the El Pozo house, where the Gatling battery was stationed.

The battle had not begun, but we knew that the Spaniards being in such a fortress as Santiago was about to be attacked, and we knew that we would have to go up a general fire. Shortly afterward toward the San Juan hill, a city for quite a distance up the road on the left side of which the regiment was so thick that it was impossible to go through, much less possible for the regiment formed three abreast. At about the time it struck this line, and the men were exposed to the fire of the enemy, they had their mettle put to the test.

The regiment was attacked by a volley from the Spanish forces, and the men passed under the line which was about 15 feet wide, their ammunition was exhausted, and they were compelled to retreat. The men were in a very hot place, and they were compelled to retreat to the road, and the men were in a very hot place, and they were compelled to retreat to the road, and the men were in a very hot place, and they were compelled to retreat to the road, and the