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### AMERICAN AND BRITISH OFFICERS

#### THEIR EXPOSURE IN BATTLE

It is a Requirement of Army Tactics Rather Than a Tradition—Some Stirring American Examples.

#### EDWARD E. CLARK.

Continental army officers recently have been busy criticizing the British battle system which ordains that on the firing line when the men have sought what shelter the conformation of the ground affords the officers shall remain erect and exposed. The European military critics speak of this daring habit of the queen's officers as though the custom were confined wholly to the British army. Many a hard-fought field on the western frontier and the battles of Cuba attest that the American officer is guided on the field by the same feeling and the same rule of conduct that prompts the Englishman to make of himself a conspicuous target for the Boer bullet. To one unacquainted with the field tactics of European armies the wonder is how an officer lying prone behind a rock on the mizzle-swept firing line is able "constantly to direct and encourage his men," as reads the "tactical injunction" to the officers of armies of all English speaking people. The majority of the officers of the United States army of middle age and younger. West Pointers and civilian appointees alike, received their early soldierly sustenance from Emory Upton's Blue Book. There was no paragraph in the whole volume, from "the position of a soldier" to "the evolution of a brigade," that was so thoroughly crammed into the brains of the cadets in the section rooms at West Point as was that which in terse language said that for the encouragement and heartening of his men it was the duty of an officer to expose himself at all times of danger. The same rule is laid down in the United States army drill regulations which have recently succeeded the old tactics of Upton.

The position of the captain on the firing line is ten paces to the rear of the center of his men, who seek what shelter they can while the captain stands erect. An officer of the United States army was once court-martialed for cowardice because it was said he sought the shelter of a tree while his command was skirmishing with the enemy. If the American captains and lieutenants had sought shelter during the preliminary skirmishes before

Santiago the British military attaché on the field never would have had the chance to write so sympathetically in his report of the death of the second lieutenant of dismounted cavalry who, while his little command was under the shelter of the rocks, stood erect watching the enemy through a field glass. His men begged him to lie down, but he stood there uttering words of encouragement until a Maudslayi bullet gave him his death wound. Had continental firing-line methods been followed at El Carney the same British officer attaché would never have told the story of that heroism of the field where amid the flying bullets Co. A. R. Chaffee, standing erect and calmly smoking a cigar, succeeded to the non-combatant Englishman that he lie down. "A bit of advice I noticed," afterward wrote the military attaché, "that the imperturbable colonel did not deign to follow himself."

Down in the mountainous and desert Apache country in the year 1885 Powhatan H. Clarke, a Louisiana lad just out of West Point, rode at the head of twelve black troopers of the Tenth cavalry into a narrow, rocky defile. There had been no sign of an Indian. When well into the gorge from the rocks in front, behind and above came a shower of bullets. The enemy was invisible. With carbines unstung the little band of troopers made its way back to the open. The first sergeant, shot through both thighs, dropping from his mount just as the entrance to the defile was reached. Clarke led his men at a dead run for a distance of 150 yards. Then they were dismounted and thrown into a skirmish line. The trained horses lay down upon the desert sand and the men used them as shelter. Clarke, however, standing erect in the center of the line. The instant that the lieutenant had dismounted and given the order for deploying, the men with straining eyes, saw him on foot dart forward along the path over which they had just come. He was running like a deer straight for the gateway of the gorge. His troopers as one man started to follow him, but he waved them back to their shelter and kept on. Clarke's pathway toward the defile was marked out all the way with spiteful little sand puffs as the bullets from the rifles of the hidden savages pattered about him. He reached the objective point unharmed. Once there he lifted his wounded black sergeant to his shoulder and staggered back across the 150 yards of open to his command. The way back was made through a perfect fusillade. The escape from injury was a marvel. For this deed Powhatan H. Clarke afterward wore the coveted medal of honor, and he wore it pined on his blouse when six years afterward he met his death in the Northwest in the sight of the same troopers whom he had led in Arizona.

General Nelson A. Miles would not

be wearing his medal of honor today if he had followed out the plan which the officer critics of the continental armies declare to be the proper one for the English officers in South Africa. In the early part of May, 1883 the general, then colonel of the Sixty-first New York volunteers, was in command of skirmishers. A line of abatis had been built, and the New Yorkers, with their Massachusetts commander, were behind it holding off a horde of the enemy. Things were getting warm for the federal force. In order to encourage his men Miles kept jumping on to the abatis, thus making himself the only human mark which the enemy could see. Miles ran along the abatis inspiring his men by his voice. He simply was following out the instructions which every American army officer receives. Miles fell finally, so badly wounded that for a long time it was thought he could not recover.

In the late '70s during the campaign against the Nez Percés, it became necessary in order to dislodge the Indians to send some troops up the shelving side of a mountain that was utterly without cover and was slippery with ice. It looked like certain death for all the command engaged. Before the start was made Lieutenant Frank D. Baldwin, a staff officer, volunteered. In order to put heart into the men, to go up the icy incline alone to show the command that it could be done. He started, and the savages opened on him from every crag and peak. The men did not let him get far before they were following in his footsteps, but the whole savage fire centered on Baldwin. That impalpable protecting arm which seems sometimes to be thrown around heroes saved him. He would have been given a medal of honor had not one already been pined on his blouse just outside a pocket which contained a certificate of merit for personal gallantry on the battlefield.

#### WHERE BRYAN IS APPRECIATED.

Philadelphia Times. Whatever may be thought of Brother Bryan is other parts of Uncle Sam's domain, outside Nebraska, it is evident that he is running well in the Philippines. He is just the man for the Filipinos. Not only is he champion of their cause, but he has just the style of rhetoric they like. It is not surprising to find how highly they esteem the orator of the cross of gold, picturing him in Filipino history "in equal glory with Aguinaldo." This is

indeed a proud tribute to the Nebraska statesman.

"Ideal, Bryan and Aguinaldo are the glorious trinity of our political redemption," exclaims the eloquent editor of the Independencia of Manila. It may be disappointing to Atkinson not to find himself included in this glorious group, but the rhetorical exigencies would admit but three, and even Atkinson should rejoice that Bryan's services are thus fitly recognized.

A Filipino publication which reaches us by way of Hong Kong speaks with appropriate eloquence of "the vain attempt to subdue this heroic nation, made by McKinley and his coterie of distinguished political harlots, wind-galled politicians, Algeries, Merritts, and that Vatican hiring and inquisitor, E. S. Otis, and other jobbers." No doubt the writer of this charming pamphlet shares in his colleague's enthusiasm for Bryan, and if that distinguished gentleman would only go out to the scene of strife and run for president of the Philippines, it is likely that

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Aguinaldo himself would give him a few lines.

This is really Bryan's opportunity. In spite of his eloquence, the Filipino cause does not flourish in the United States and the glorious liberator has not met due appreciation. In Luzon he would find immediate recognition. His views upon finance accord more closely with those of the Filipino than with those commonly received in this country. And Aguinaldo would join heartily in his denunciation of trusts. The harvest is ripe for his reapings and he should take the field at once. If McKinley's hirings should succeed meanwhile in their nefarious design of "benevolent assimilation," he could at least count on the Filipino delegates and might add to that of Nebraska the electoral vote of Luzon. It is a great chance that ought not to be missed.

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