TRANSCRIPT
OF
RECORD OF
CAPT. A. C. FORSE
1st. U. S. CAV. AT THE
BATTLE OF CLEARWATER

Capt. Forse was at the time of the battle of CLEARWATER, First Lt. of "E" Troop, 1st. Cav. Capt. Wm. H. Winters Com'dg. said troop was sent with a howitzer to a prominent point from which it was thought the Indians in the river bottom could be shelled. Shortly after starting, Capt. Winters left the troop, went to Maj. Mason, now Col., and requested him to have some support sent, which was done. Capt. Geo. H. Burton's Co. of the 21st. Inf. being sent.

Before reaching the point designated, a citizen rode up to him and asked if there were soldiers in the cannon ahead. He said "no". Then the citizen said it is filled with Indians. Capt. Forse halted the troop, preparatory to dismounting and deploying, when Capt. Winters returned and finished what he began. Capt. Burton joining on our left.

It was then the fight commenced. From that time until the final charge of the 2nd. day, he did not leave the skirmish line, except a few moments the first night when I went for some crackers and ammunition. He was in every charge, including the final charge, and went over the bluffs with the right of the troop attached to the
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Upon Capt. Morse's return to the battle field after the final charge, he found the troops had been detailed to escort the wounded to Grangerville; Surgeon G. M. Sternberg, M. Department, attending.