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Bozeman, Montana.

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Mr. W.S. Campbell,  
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Dear Mr. Campbell;

Upon receipt of your letter of June 4th I wrote to Theo Goldin, of Wisconsin Veterans Home, Wis. as to the time of the Battle of the Little Big Horn, Asking as to his recollection in the matter.

Mr. Goldin was with the Custer Battalion until they were near the scene of the final fight. He was sent back to Reno with some message with instruction to remain with Reno until later contact was made.

He writes as follows:-

" According to my best recollection Godfrey was right in fixing the time for the division of the command about noon, or possibly a little bit earlier, followed almost immediately by the forward movement of Benteen's squadron, then by that of Reno and Custer.

For some distance after climbing out of the valley, as I recall it, we moved at a fast walk then the speed was increased to a trot and later to a faster ~~gallop~~ pace, Reno being well out in front.

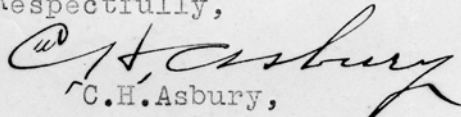
I was with Custer's column until about the point where Wier was later turned back by the Indians who had already finished Custer's command. That fight was a short one. I returned to Reno with a message of some sort and was with his column on the retreat where my horse fell with me and I did not have time to see whether he was shot or just stumbled and fell and it was while I was hiding in some drift wood along the river bank, possibly a hundred yards or so below where Reno crossed that I heard three volleys in rapid succession which was the first firing of any description heard from down stream.

Soon after this I saw the Indians leaving Reno and dashing off down stream and took advantage of their departure to get across the river and join Reno just as Benteen's squadron came up. Some time later, after the arrival of the packs, we made the forward movement until we encountered Wier falling back when the entire command fell back ~~to the~~ to the position we occupied during the remainder of the fight.

As I now recall it was getting quite late in the afternoon and it was not long until it grew dark. This leads me to feel that it must have been quite well along in the after noon when the fight on Custer Hill took place "

You will note that at that time the sun did not set until about 7.30 and it was probably not dark until near 8.30.

Very Respectfully,

  
C.H. Asbury,