

of those who did cross, six at once turned to the right in pursuit of Dakota ponies, a considerable number of which they captured. The leader of the scouts, Bob-Tailed Bull, rode far out on the left of Reno's line; the second leader, Soldier, in spite of his efforts to keep up, had been left far behind with his worn-out pony.

Godfrey says: "The Indians...made a dash toward the foothills on the left flank where the Ree scouts were. The scouts ignominiously fled, most of them abandoning the field altogether," and we are further informed by other writers, taking their cue from Godfrey, that they never stopped until they reached the base at Powder River.

What are the facts? Varnum and Hare said they disappeared from the line at the time, but of those thirteen, Bob-Tailed Bull, Bloody Knife, and Little Brave were killed, all "cowardly Rees," while Goose, another Ree, and White Swan, a Crow, were badly wounded, the latter desperately, and ALL of the thirty-three, except the four Crows who were with Custer, assembled on the hill after Reno's retirement from the bottom, and several stayed with the command all through the fight. The others, by the advice of Stabbed, late in the afternoon, left the field with a small herd of Dakota ponies they had captured, for the four Crow scouts with Custer came back, and communicated with them, saying that the soldiers were defeated and were being driven all over the country. One of the four, Curley, came alone, and joined his Ree friend, Black Fox, the two leaving before the others. There were two groups of these scouts, those who stayed being directly with Reno's command, the others, who left, had come up from the direction of Reno's first crossing, and were close to and in touch with the soldiers at the southeast side of their position on Reno's Hill.

GODFREY UNFAIR TO RENO

In the pamphlet Godfrey says: "During this advance the troops began to cheer in answer to the 'whoops' of the hostiles, and Reno yelled, 'Stop that noise!'" In the original he omits this interesting incident, but officers with Reno stated at the Court of Inquiry, that the horses became much excited, and that the Major Cautioned the men to hold them in, and one soldier said that he warned them that there was "enough fighting ahead for all." This remark by Godfrey seems rather petty, hardly worth making, but as an officer, might it not be suggested to him that cheering might prevent orders being