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Col. Stotsenburg Killed.

Col. John M. Stotsenburg of the 1st Nebraska, formerly Commandant of Cadets at the State University, was shot and instantly killed while leading a charge on the insurgent intrenchments, last Sunday. He had just returned from Manila on a visit to his wife. As he came upon the field, he found the Nebraska men exposed to the fire from the insurgent trenches. The Nebraskans were ordered to charge. Col. Stotsenburg placed himself at the head of the regiment and fearlessly led them in the charge. An insurgent bullet struck him in the breast, close to the heart, and he fell dead about two hundred yards from the insurgent trenches. The troops pushed on and captured the trenches. The Nebraska boys were overcome with grief at the death of their colonel.

Col. Stotsenburg was born in Indiana Nov. 24, 1853. He graduated from West Point in 1881. He was appointed second lieutenant of the 6th Cavalry, and stayed with his regiment until December, 1897, when he was appointed professor of military science in the University of Nebraska. He became major of the 1st Nebraska Volunteers, May 9, 1898, and colonel of the same regiment Nov. 10, 1898. Considerable complaint was made when he was appointed colonel by Gov. Holcomb. Letters were written back by members of the regiment complaining of his strictness, and the legislature passed a resolution asking for his dismissal. Recent events have shown the good results of the discipline which the 1st Nebraska regiment was compelled to undergo. It has taken rank as the leading volunteer regiment in the service. It has been as steady and reliable as the regulars. They were placed in the most responsible position at the beginning of this Filipino war, because, as Gen. Otis said, "They can be depended upon." They have seen the hardest fighting and have suffered greater loss than any other regiment in the Philippines. John T. McCutcheon, in the Chicago Record, interviewed Col. Stotsenburg the day before his death. He says, "I had a conversation with Col. Stotsenburg yesterday. He was at Manila, where his wife is staying. He said he wished he was back in America. 'I am tired of fighting,' said he, 'and I am tired of seeing my men killed. More of the men in my regiment have been killed than in any other regiment in the Philippines. Since March 25th, fifteen of my brave boys have been killed and one hundred and twenty wounded, and there are but six hundred and fifty men in the regiment.'"

A memorial service in honor of Colonel John M. Stotsen-

burg was held in chapel Monday morning. After the singing of a funeral hymn and prayer, the chancellor told of the colonel's connection with the University, his enlistment in the volunteer army, and his death while gallantly leading his command. Colonel Stotsenburg's talk to the soldier boys in the chapel a year ago was called to mind. In that address he had dwelt on two important points: care of health and character. Colonel Stotsenburg always stood up for high and noble character. When the chancellor expressed regret, that resolutions so un-American as to condemn the character of a man who could not be heard in his own defense, a solemn cheer went up from the assembly.

Professor Kimball rendered Beethoven's "Funeral March," and Mrs. Holyoke sang, "Trust in the Lord."

Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn sent the following letter of condolence upon the death of her husband to Mrs. Stotsenburg: WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25, 1899.

DEAR MADAM: The sad intelligence that your husband, Col. John M. Stotsenburg, First Nebraska U. S. V., has been killed in battle is received by this department and occasions deep sorrow and regret, both personal and official. His great ability, dauntless courage, high character and unsullied honor made him a soldier to whom, in the hour of need, this department and his country looked for gallant deeds and effective service, and did not look in vain. He met death in the discharge of his duty. Adoration can say no more; Malice could say no less. He has achieved the highest honor it is possible for a soldier to attain. His life as a man, his record as a soldier closes with this inscription on the roll of fame: "John M. Stotsenburg, Colonel U. S. V., killed in battle at the head of his command while leading a charge on the intrenchments of the enemy."

He is a hero, and leaves to his children the priceless heritage of an heroic ancestor.

I did not have the honor of a personal acquaintance, but learned to know him by his services in the war, and correspondingly admired him. I wish I could command expressions which would convey to you, dear madam, the sympathy I feel for you and yours in this hour of your sorrow and trial. Comfort you, I cannot, but if there is a service I can perform for you, it will be esteemed a privilege to perform it.

Yours, in sincere friendship,

G. D. MEIKLEJOHN.