Continuation of Major Frank Keck's History of the Tenth, as Published in the New York Sun.

The Tenth, as the need for fighting grew less, took on more of the functions of mounted police and yet, such was the pride of tradition, war service was the ideal that was always uppermost in the minds of every member. Many of the original recruits remained as long as the Government would let them, for they hated to retire. So it was that the Tenth in peace had in reserve its deadly efficiency, and it went into the Spanish war with veteran officers and many a grizzled sergeant who was himself a tower of strength.

rang through the country the call for Tenth has never had full recognition us to take up arms against the power from the public for its work in Cuba, of Spain. I was a captain in the although no meed of official praise Seventy-first New York and, when has ever been withheld, as the records war was declared, was made junior of the war department show. major. Standing a few days ago in The achievements of the Tenth were the armory of the Seventy-first, talk- the admiration of foreign military obing with the officers and watching the servers who accompanied our expedisigns of preparation for departure to tion, and they were impartial witnessthe border, there came to me vividly es. They did not hesitate to assert the scenes of haste and anxiety and their belief that the dismounted Colwork which preceded the fighting on ored troopers were the very backbone Cuban soil. If in spite of two years' of the American atttack. talk about preparedness, the militia Certain it is that the Tenth got is not now equipped for service in the the rough riders out of a bad hole at field, what was it in 1898, when the Las Guasimas. Their timely arrival National Guard set forth with anti- avoided a greater disaster to the quated arms to meet a foe on foreign Rough Riders in the first land engagesoil?

Not so with the Tenth, which is ever ly at Fort Keogh in Montana. It went military annals of the world. That

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to Chickamauga and then to the exploit was a big moment of Amer- for the mortality among commissioned camps in Florida. reported, that the country about San- ing conditions. tiago was too rough for horses, sent the Tenth to battle as dismounted cav-

M, which made a daring landing in Cuba under Second Lieut. C. P. Johnson and joined the army of General Gomez, the revolutionary leader, but the Tenth as a whole ceased to be centaurs. To the well disciplined and adaptable troopers this was no drawback, for every unit of the command has initiative which overrides routine and custom.

The movement of the American forces in Cuba was beset by many difficulties. It is not my purpose, at this late day, to write in any spirit of carping criticism; yet I feel that, owng to the spectacular leadership It seems only yesterday that there of one volunteer organization, the

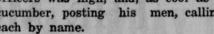
ment near Santiago.

The charge of the Tenth up the ready for fight or frolic. When or- steep and tangled slope of San Juan ders came for it to move it was most- Hill will always have a place in the

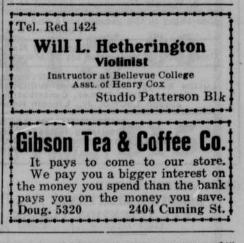
ican history. One of the strong feat- officers was high, and, as cool as a When the time came for it to join ures of the conduct of the Tenth at cucumber, posting his men, calling our forces which were to invade Cuba an Juan was its fine sense of disci-leach by name. it left all animals behind. The lack pline, of self-control, and its exhibiof transportation and the fact, then tion of repression under the most try-

It kept raw troops from firing on their comrades in the distance, for alry. There were horses with troop the Tenth was used to wars of ambuscade. What an example of obedience was that when, for an hour and a quarter, one of its troops stood within sight of the Spaniards at a spot where the enemy had the exact range and never fired a shot so that they might not risk the lives of other American soldiers.

> Note the sight, too, of a gray haired sergeant of the Tenth leading troops,



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