

Charles H. Montrose, Private

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Born

1853; St. Paul, Ramsey County, MN

Entered Service

St. Louis, MO. June 21, 1876

U.S. Army; Company I of the 5th Infantry

Indian Campaign

Cedar Creek, MT. Dates: October 21, 1876- January 8, 1877

Died

October 13, 1913

Cremated at Fresh Pond Crematorium, Middle Village, New York City, New York

Ashes retained by family.

Presentation Date

April 27, 1877

Citation

Gallantry in Action

Charles Montrose was born in St. Paul, MN but was residing in St. Louis, MO when he entered the Army at the age of twenty-two. Pvt. Montrose was part of the reinforcements sent to battle the Lakota Sioux (Chief Sitting Bull) after the losses at the Battle of Bighorn (Custer).

Talks between Colonel Nelson Appleton Miles Commander of the 5th Infantry Regiment, Companies A, B, C, D, E, F, H and I and Chief Sitting Bull broke down. The Battle of Cedar Creek (aka Big Dry Creek or Bidg

Dry River) ensued whereby the Indians were essentially driven north to Canada. By early spring of 1877 due to the continuous military campaigns and intensive diplomatic efforts most of the remaining bands had surrendered.

Pvt. Montrose was one of thirty Medal of Honor recipients from the eight Companies at the Battle of Cedar Creek. Pvt. Montrose received his Medal on April 27, 1877.

Pvt. Montrose left the Army July 17, 1877.

SOURCES

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