

## “EARN YOUR RANK”

Increase your rank from Private to Brigadier General by using the key below to help answer the following questions.

**Key: Wagons, 700, Cholera, Antelope Hills, Rations, Riley, Battalions, 1866, Railroads, Civilian**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry was formed in the year \_\_\_\_\_. Much of the organization of this regiment  
(Private)

took place at Fort \_\_\_\_\_. While in Kansas, the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry provided protection to  
(Corporal)

stagecoaches and crews working on the \_\_\_\_\_. It proved to be a long, hot  
(Sergeant)

summer for these men, especially when cases of \_\_\_\_\_, a deadly illness were reported  
(2nd Lieutenant)

in the ranks. By the fall of 1868, Custer and the 7<sup>th</sup> were in Indian Territory, bound for the  
\_\_\_\_\_ and the Washita Valley. In Custer’s command were about \_\_\_\_\_  
(1st Lieutenant) (Captain)

men. Included in this group were a number of \_\_\_\_\_ employees, mainly scouts and  
(Major)

guides. Before reaching the Washita River, Custer left his slow moving supply \_\_\_\_\_  
(Lieutenant Colonel)

behind. Custer wanted his men to travel light, taking little more than a blanket,  
ammunition, and a few \_\_\_\_\_, such as hardtack. Once the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry arrived near  
(Colonel)

the Cheyenne village, Custer split his men into \_\_\_\_\_, each consisting of several  
(Brigadier General)

companies.

### Answer Key

The 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry was formed in the year 1866. Much of the organization of this regiment took place at Fort Riley. While in Kansas, the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry provided protection to stagecoaches and crews working on the Railroads. It proved to be a long, hot summer for these men, especially when cases of Cholera, a deadly illness were reported in the ranks. By the Fall of 1868, Custer and the 7<sup>th</sup> were in Indian Territory, bound for the Antelope Hills and the Washita Valley. In Custer’s command were about 700 men. Included in this group were a number of Civilian employees, mainly scouts and guides. Before reaching the Washita River, Custer left his slow moving supply Wagons behind. Custer wanted his men to travel light, taking little more than a blanket, ammunition, and a few Rations, such as hardtack. Once the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry arrived near the Cheyenne village, Custer split his men into Battalions, each consisting of several companies.