

fault, is where the General is addressing his men, in which he is made to say among other things, "Unbutton your shirt collars, tighten your belts, &c." I have no recollection of any such orders, and from Gen. Dodge's usual coolness and discretion upon such occasions, I should think he would hardly give such orders. Again, I think his memory is at fault, when he quotes the General as saying, "Charge 'em, boys—*damn them*, charge 'em," and "There, by G—d, I killed him myself," &c. At another point I think his memory is more at fault than usual. That is upon the charge, where he would make it appear (if I read correctly) that he "advanced into the midst of the Indians, discharged his gun, turned the breech, and struck at a warrior he saw lying under the bank before him, but seeing another very industriously snapping at him, he then fell back, re-loaded and advanced side by side with the gallant Wells;" evidently conveying the idea that he had done all this before the gallant Wells had got up at all. Now, all who were there well know that the gallant Wells was among the first upon the bank, and was shot instantly upon his charge upon the bank. The charge was simultaneous, by every member of the detachment, and there could not have been more than a few seconds difference between any of the men's arriving upon the bank. All behaved well; in fact bravely—Lieut. Bracken with the rest—but I have yet to learn that he behaved any better than any one else; in fact, I am certain there was no room for invidious distinction.

I write this with no unkind or unpleasant feelings towards Lieut. Bracken; but simply that justice may be done, history be correct, and that Lieut. Bracken's request (contained in a note appended to his account of the affair), together with the request of a number of other persons, may be complied with.

The Indian that was shot in attempting to make his escape across the pond, as spoken of by Lieut. Bracken, was shot by W. W. Woodbridge, the Adjutant of Gen. Dodge's squad, with a pistol. I was standing near him at the time. The number of scalps taken