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SKETCH

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DREUX'S LOUISIANA

CAVALRY, C. S. A.

BRIEF SKETCH

DREUX'S LOUISIANA CAVALRY.

The "JEFFERSON MOUNTED GUARDS" known to our war horses and since as "DREUX'S LOUISIANA CAVALRY" was organized in the Parish of Jefferson, on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1860, in honor of Captain from the date of its organization till the date of surrender, at Meridian, Mississippi, the 10th day of May, A. D. 1865, notwithstanding numerous voluntary offers had been successively offered by him. The command was originally attached to the 10th Cavalry Brigade of Louisiana Volunteers, State Militia.

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Brief Sketch of Drexel's Louisiana Cavalry

The "Jefferson Mounted Guards", known in war times and since as "Drexel's Louisiana Cavalry" was organized in the Parish of Jefferson, on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1860, mainly through the efforts of Guy Drexel, who was its beloved? Captain X from the date of its organization till the date of surrender at Meridian, Mississippi, the tenth day of May, A. D. 1865, notwithstanding numerous _____ had been _____ him. The command was originally attached to the First Brigade of Louisiana Volunteer State Militia.

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and was immediately dispatched on picket and scout duty, and so served until the day of the battle of Shiloh (6th of April, 1862,) when it was detailed to serve as escort to General G. T. Beauregard, the commander of the army and remained from that time forming escort and courier service to General Beauregard and succeeding Commanders of the Army of Tennessee their regular succession namely General Braxton Bragg, General W. J. Hardee, General Joseph E. Johnston, General John B. Hood. Subsequently, General Beauregard was placed in command of the Department of the West, facing all the territory between the Mississippi River and the Virginia Army, the command was detailed temporarily to the Army of Tennessee and placed to duty in the Department of the West. He left for the field. Just prior to the close of the war the command was assigned to duty under General Richard Taylor and went to Meridian, Miss. It was at the time of surrender in May, 1865. The command was always an independent command, never having been attached to any Regiment or Division; it took part in all and every movement of the Army of Tennessee as escort to the Commanding General and in the performance of the most responsible and arduous duty of couriers, often performing special and other duty on special and important details.

reason of the personal and intimate relations existing between the several Generals under whom the command served, many of the members became personally and well acquainted with them and this was especially the case of General Braxton Bragg, who prior to his taking his departure from the Army, directed Captain [] to assemble the command at headquarters, and desired to bid each member a

personal adieu. This was done and General Bragg passed down the line bidding each member by the hand, bidding each an affectionate adieu, calling a large number of the members by name. The members of the command were much attached to General Bragg, and were greatly grieved at his departure and as an evidence of their affectionate regard for their old leader forwarded to him at Richmond, Virginia, a magnificent sword. The following knowledgeable answer was received and evidences the kindly feeling and high esteem in which the command was held by the General.

Richmond, April 4th, 1864.

"My Dear Captain:

"Colon Urquhart has read me your note, and delivered the sword presented to me by the officers and men of my old command, as a token of their friendship and esteem. It is accepted in the spirit intended, and will be preserved as a mark of the confidence and esteem entertained by those who have served nearest to me in camp, on the march, and on the battle field. It possesses a peculiar value in coming from you, who have known me longest and best, and who have had greater opportunities than others could enjoy of observing me personally and officially; daily contact and intercourse. That should have won and reserved for esteem and friendship under circumstances when all the foibles and weaknesses our nature are necessarily exposed, is a use of unalloyed happiness. The token by which you have so handsomely expressed this will be preserved as a memorial, which I shall ever be proud. But the source of greatest pride to me, and which I record with singular pleasure, is the fact, that two years' service in the field with me, under the greatest privations and toils, exiled but

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your homes, with family ties and friendships sundered, and suddenly removed from the luxuries and even necessities which wealth had ever afforded you, not a complaint or murmur ever reached me; and I have yet to learn of the first offence or breach of discipline committed by one of the company. May God preserve you all, and in His good time restore us to our once happy homes, free from war and strife, is the daily prayer of your old commander and friend.

"BRAXTON BRAGG."

Captain Guy Dreux, Commanding Escort Company,
Louisiana Cavalry, Army of Tennessee.

Here follows Roll of original command:

ROLL

OF OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND PRIVATES OF THE JEFFERSON MOUNTED GUARDS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS DREUX'S LOUISIANA CAVALRY,

at the date of their voluntary enlistment in the Army of the Confederate States of America, on the 15th day of March, A. D. 1862, showing what became of the members, whether they died in service, or were discharged or paroled; those opposite whose names is the word "Discharged" only, were so discharged after the expiration of their ninety days term of enlistment; and, those opposite whose names the word "Paroled", is written were paroled at the time of the surrender, at Meridian, Miss., on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1865, or were paroled elsewhere, as there stated.

Those opposite whose names appear an asterisk (*) are known to be living at this time, (Nov. 18, 1901.)

Captain, Guy Dreux, Paroled.

1st Lieutenant, Benjamin S. Toledano, Discharged.

2nd Lieutenant, H. P. Janvier, Discharged.

3rd Lieutenant, Joseph Chambers, served about one month, Discharged.

1st Sergeant, Jules J. Arnoult, Discharged.

2nd Sergeant, Armand Boisblanc, Discharged.

3rd Sergeant, E. G. Cloud, Discharged.

4th Sergeant, A. J. May, Discharged.

1st Corporal, Victor Livaudais, Discharged.

2nd Corporal, Ovide De Buys, elected 1st Lieutenant in 1862, Paroled.

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3rd Corporal, John Haller, Discharged.
4th Corporal, Hortaire Inbau, was Quartermaster Sergeant during the war, Paroled.
Commissary Sergeant, William E. Root, transferred to Quartermaster Department, Paroled.

PRIVATES.

Atchou, James, Paroled.
Besancon, Octave, Paroled.
Bienvenu, F. H., Discharged. *F. H.*
Bienvenu, Hypolite, Discharged.
Boarman, Christopher Columbus, Paroled.
Boisblanc, Edgar, discharged at Tupelo in 1862, re-enlisted in 1864, Paroled.
Boulett, N., Discharged.
Bouny, G., Discharged.
Boutte, Achille, Discharged.
Boyd, Samuel M., Discharged.
Briant, P. G., Discharged.
Brisset, Constant, (Officers' Cook), Paroled.
Cagnolatti, Adolphe, Killed in rear of Sherman's Army with J. D. Hill's scouts.
Chapotin, Charles, Discharged at Tupelo, Miss., 1862, re-enlisted at Shelbyville, Tenn., in 1864, Paroled.
Chopin, Amede, transferred to 13th Louisiana Regiment in 1863, where he became a Lieutenant.
Chevalley, Emile R., Discharged.
Daunoy, R. F., Discharged, served about one month.
De La Cruz, Raymond, Discharged.
Delaney, R. J., Discharged.
Denis, Henry, Discharged.
Drouet, Emile, Paroled.
Duffy, William L., was Commissary Sergeant during the war, succeeding Wm. E. Root, Paroled.
Elliott, Thomas Hugh, Paroled.
Fazande, St. Leon, Discharged.
Foley, T. H., Discharged.
Fortier, Michel Lucien, transferred to O. G. B., was killed at Averysborough, N. C.
Guillotte, Frederick, Discharged.
Gassaway, William J., transferred to Texas Regiment in 1865.
Gitzinger, Charles, Paroled.
Hagan, C. R., Discharged.
Henry, James G., Discharged.

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Hepburn, Samuel, Discharged.
Hotard, Francois Mathew, Discharged.
Hughes Edward A., transferred to Leeds Light Horse.
Inbau, Charles A., Paroled.
Labarre, Louis, Paroled.
Lafon, V., Discharged.
Lavergne, Philip, transferred to Quartermaster Department.
Leek, C. J., Discharged.
Livaudais, Victor, Discharged.
Logan, J. G., transferred to Quartermaster Department.
Maddox, John, Discharged.
Maher, John, Paroled.
McCall, Richard, Discharged.
Menetre, Emile George, Paroled.
Miller, Frederick, Died at Tulahouma, Tenn. in 1863.
Mills, William, Paroled.
Moore, Robert J., Paroled.
Pagaud, Joseph S., Discharged.
Parker, Henry, Discharged.
Piseros, L. J., Discharged.
Pollock, C. Thomas, Discharged.
Preston, Robert L., was elected 2nd Lieutenant at Corinth in 1862, Paroled.
Robert, Onezime, Paroled.
Root, William E., transferred to Quartermaster Department.
Sarpy, Leon, Paroled.
Sarpy, Lile, Discharged.
Sarpy, J. Octave, Discharged.
Sarpy, Paul, Discharged.
Shepherd, Richard B. H., was elected 2nd Lieutenant, Jr., Chattanooga in 1863, Paroled.
Shutz, Adam, Paroled.
Spahr, Charles, Paroled.
Summers, E. H., Discharged.
Trepagnier, Arthur, Paroled.
Trudeau, J. Emelien, Paroled.
Viering, Henry, Paroled.

ROLL

OF OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND PRIVATES,

belonging to the command at date of surrender (or close of the war) at Meridian, Miss., on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1865, including those who joined the command after the re-organization and re-enlistments in 1862 and 1864, and what became of them, so far as possible to be ascertained, at this time.

"O. G. B." stands for Orleans Guard Battery, "Dreux's Battalion" stands for Charles Dreux's Battalion, whose members had served a year in Virginia.

Those opposite whose names appear an asterisk (*) are known to be living at this time, (Nov. 18, 1901.)

Captain, Guy Dreux, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
1st Lieutenant, Ovide De Buys, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
2nd Lieutenant, Robert L. Preston, March 15, 1862, Paroled.
3rd Lieutenant, Richard B. D. Shepherd, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
1st Sergeant, George W. Abbot, Corinth, 1862, Paroled.
*2nd Sergeant, James Edward Blanchard, from O. G. Battery, Paroled.
3rd Sergeant, William Mills, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
*4th Sergeant, Charles Gitzinger, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
Quartermaster Sergeant, Hortaire Inbau, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
Commissary Sergeant, William L. Duffy, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
1st Corporal, Benjamin Christopher Elliott, from Dreux's Battalion, Paroled.
*2nd Corporal, Emile Drouet, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
3rd Corporal, Paul Roman, from O. G. B., Paroled.
4th Corporal, Charles A. Inbau, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
Bugler, Thomas F. Cabler, from Battery, in 1862, Paroled.
Farrier, L. Nicholson, Paroled.

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PRIVATES.

Abrams, Jack J., joined in 1865, Paroled.
Albert, Arthur J., from Robertson's Battery in 1864, Paroled.
*Alford, James, joined in 1863, Paroled.
*Alford, John, from Clack's Battalion, Paroled.
Apken, Frederick, from Battery in 1864, Paroled.
Applegate, Mark H., from Crescent Regiment, Paroled.
Arnoult, L. D., joined in 1862, transferred to Louisiana Cavalry Regiment, Paroled.
Atchon, James, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
*Bachemin Alphonse Jack, from O. G. B., Paroled.
*Besancon, Octave, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
Boarman, Christopher Columbus, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
Boisblanc, Edgar, joined in 1864, Paroled.
Boisblanc, Hardy De, from O. G. B., Paroled.
Bond, Henry F., from Dreux's Battalion, Paroled.
Bounafon, Jules J. A., from O. G. B., Paroled.
Bougere, Aristide, from O. G. B., Paroled.
Bragg, Thomas, joined in 1865, Paroled.
*Brandin, James, from O. G. B., returned to O. G. B.
Brannin, Samuel D., from Arkansas in 1862, wounded and discharged.
Brannon, James, Transferred.
Brewer, James Morgan, joined in 1862, died at Holly Springs, Miss. June, 1862.
Brissett, Constant, Paroled.
*Brown, Henry Clay, from Dreux's Battalion, transferred to Engineer Corps July 28th, 1864, Paroled May 11th, 1865.
Brown, Robert L., joined in 1864, Paroled.
*Buisson, Anatole, from O. G. B., Paroled.
*Buisson, Benjamin, joined in 1864, Paroled.
Buisson, Jules, joined in 1864, Paroled.
*Buisson, Theodule, from O. G. B., Paroled.
Cagnolatti Adolph, March 15th, 1862, killed in rear of Sherman's Army with J. D. Hill's scouts in 1864.
Cannon, Joseph John, joined in 1862, taken prisoner and exchanged, Paroled.
Carmouche, Emile H., from O. G. B., Paroled.
Chapotin, Charles, March 15th, 1862; June, 1862; re-enlisted in 1864, Paroled in 1865.
Chapotin, Henry, joined in 1864, Paroled.
Charbonnet, Joseph Alfred, from O. G. B., Paroled.
*Charbonnet, James Alonzo, from O. G. B., Paroled.
Comeau, L. Octave, from O. G. B., Paroled.
Crevon, Edward D., joined in 1864, Paroled.

Day, Harry, joined in 1862, Captain's Orderly, Paroled.
 De Blanc, Edgar, from O. G. B., Paroled.
 De Buys, H. M., joined in 1864, and died in 1865.
 *Dolhonde, Leonce P., from O. G. B., returned to O. G. B.
 Dowty, Zack J., from Crescent Regiment, Paroled.
 De Gruy, G. V., from O. G. B., Paroled.
 Dreux, Jules G., joined in 1862, transferred to Quartermaster Department.
 *Dronet, Edward, joined in 1862, Paroled.
 Dugue Henry D., joined in 1862, Paroled.
 *Duhurst, George, from Miles Artillery, discharged and re-enlisted, Paroled.
 *Duplantier, Armand, from O. G. B., Paroled.
 Dupre, Edmond, from O. G. B., Paroled.
 Dupre, Oscar, from O. G. B., Paroled.
 *Eliardi, Peter, from O. G. B., taken prisoner in 1863, Paroled at Fort Delaware, June, 1865.
 *Elliott, Thomas Hugh, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
 Elliott, Thornton Shaw, joined in 1864, Paroled.
 Fasnacht, Hubert, from Clack's Bat., killed in rear of Sherman's Army, with J. D. Hill's scouts, in 1864.
 Fortier, Mielé Lucien, joined in March, 1862, transferred to O. G. B., killed at Averysborough, N. C.
 Fortier, Polycarpe, joined in 1863, re-enlisted in 1864, discharged at Dalton, Ga., June 17th, 1864.
 *Foulon, Eugene, from O. G. B., Paroled.
 Fremont, Charles, from Clack's Battalion, killed in rear of Sherman's Army, with J. D. Hill's Scouts, in 1864.
 Fremont, Frederick, from Clack's Battalion, Paroled.
 Carey, David, from Clack's Battalion, Paroled.
 Gassaway, Benjamin, joined in 1864, transferred to a Texas Regiment in 1865.
 Gassaway, William J., joined March 5th, 1862, transferred to a Texas Regiment in 1865.
 Guillot, Alexander, from O. G. B., died at Sparta, Tenn.
 Guillotte, Edward J., joined in 1864, Paroled.
 Hall, William, joined in 1862, Paroled.
 Hamilton, Edwin William, from Clack's Battalion, Paroled.
 Hanglin, Frank, joined in 1862, taken prisoner never returned.
 Haydel, A. A., from O. G. B., Paroled.
 *Henning, Frank, from Clack's Battalion, Paroled.
 Hester, Abraham, joined in 1863, Paroled.
 Hester, Charles H., joined in 1863, Paroled.

Hildenbrand, Henry, from Clack's Battalion, Paroled.
 Hill, Fletcher, joined in 1864, Paroled.
 Hill, Frank, joined in 1864, Paroled.
 Hill, Thomas, joined in 1864, Paroled.
 Hubbard, Ralph D., from O. G. B., Paroled.
 *Hurlbutt, Levi G., joined in 1865, Paroled.
 Johnson, Frank, joined in 1862, transferred to O. G. B.
 Johnson, William H., Discharged, British subject.
 Jordan, Henry Clay, from Clack's Battalion, Paroled.
 Jordan, John, joined in 1863, Paroled.
 Kaiser, John, from 11th Louisiana Regiment, Paroled.
 Keep, O. J., Discharged.
 *Kerner, Eustace, (Youse), from Clack's Battalion, Paroled.
 King, James E., joined in 1865, (from Alabama), Paroled.
 *Klinder, Christian Augustus, from Clack's Bat., Paroled.
 Labarre, Louis, March 15th, 1862, re-enlisted in 1864, Paroled.
 Labarre A. L., joined in 1864, Paroled.
 Labarre, Charles, joined in 1865, Paroled.
 Labarre, Pascallis, joined in 1865, Paroled.
 Lamu, Emile, from Crescent Regiment, Paroled.
 Lauve, Alphonse, from O. G. B., returned to O. G. B.
 Lauve, Numa O., from O. G. B., returned to O. G. B.
 Le Breton, Charles, joined in 1864, Paroled.
 Lobit, Henry, from O. G. B., returned to O. G. B.
 *Lorio, Nezime, joined in 1862, Paroled.
 Maher, John, joined March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
 Marquette, Alphonse, from O. G. B., Paroled.
 *Marquez, Frank, from O. G. B., returned to O. G. B.
 McConnell, Terence, from Crescent Regiment, Paroled.
 *McVicar, William, from Dreux's Battalion, taken prisoner in 1863, paroled from Fort Delaware, in June, 1865.
 Mendez, A. Louis, from O. G. B., Paroled.
 *Menetre, Emile George, joined March 15th, 1862.
 Miller, Frederick, joined March 15th, 1862, died from injuries received at Tulahome, Tenn.
 Miskell, John, joined in 1863, Paroled.
 Monroe, Charles H., joined March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
 *Montegut, Gabriel, from O. G. B., returned to O. G. B.
 Montreuil, Dupuy, joined in 1863, Paroled.
 *Montreuil, Jules, from O. G. B., Paroled.
 Moore, Robert J., joined March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
 Murphy, James, from Miles Art., 1862, Teamster, Paroled.
 Neeb, William, from Clack's Battalion, killed in rear of Sherman's Army, with J. D. Hill's scouts.

Reggio, Armand N., from O. G. B., Paroled.
 Reggio, Charles E., from O. G. B., Paroled.
 Robert, Onezime, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
 *Rose, Daniel, from Clack's Battalion, Paroled.
 Root, William E., March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
 *Royer, Charles Ernest, joined in 1862, Paroled.
 Sarpy, Leon, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
 Sarpy, Paul, from O. G. B., returned to O. G. B.
 Saulet, Alfred, from O. G. B., Paroled.
 Schutz, Adam, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
 Sheehan, Michael J., from Crescent Regiment, Paroled.
 Spahr, Charles, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
 *Strehle, Frederick, from Clack's Battalion, Paroled.
 Tabary, Paul A., from O. G. B., Paroled.
 *Taylor, Joseph Dewey, from Clack's Battalion, Paroled.
 Thompson, William L., joined in 1863, transferred to Robert-
 son's Battery.
 *Thurston, Thomas Gates, joined in December, 1862, Paroled.
 Touzanne, Septime, joined in 1862, killed at Franklin, Tenn.
 Trepagnier, Arthur, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
 Trudeau, J. Emelien, transferred to Quartermaster Depart-
 ment, Paroled.
 Verloin, Jules, joined in 1864, Paroled.
 *Verret, Jules, from O. G. B., returned to O. G. B.
 *Viering, Henry, March 15th, 1862, Paroled.
 *Vignaud, James A., from O. G. B., never paroled; on sick
 leave.
 Villere, Oscar, joined in 1863, Paroled.
 *Vreeland, Walter Raleigh, from Crescent Regiment, Paroled.
 Wakefield, O. joined in 1864, Paroled.
 Walke, Robert K., from Crescent Regiment, Paroled.
 Walsh, Isaac, Teamster, Paroled.
 Water, Joseph F., Transferred.
 *Weimer, Anthony, from Clack's Battalion, Paroled.
 Wickes, Albert B., from O. G. B., returned to O. G. B.
 Wilkins, Alfred A., joined in 1863, Paroled.
 Williams, Joseph, from Clack's Battalion, Paroled.
 Winslow, Henry C., Paroled.
 Worsham, W., Paroled.

Alfred Hypolite, (Free man of color), body servant of
 Hortaire Inbau, who left New Orleans with the command,
 and who remained true and faithful to his master, till
 and returned home with him after the surrender. "Alfred"
 was held in high esteem by all the members of the com-
 mand, for his gentlemanly bearing and manly character.
 He died many years ago. We desire to pay this slight
 tribute to his memory.