

WARD

Yeah, they saved Carr's behind again when his group and a company of Buffalo soldiers under General Penrose was herding cattle, our meat supply...Both groups got caught in a terrible blizzard. Carr was suppose to find Penrose and get him badly needed supplies but Carr and his men was buried by the snow. Wild Bill Hickok was scoutin' for the buffalo soldiers...he went out and met up with two buffalo soldiers that was sent out to find Carr. Well, it all worked out but they suffered something awful. Four of Carr's men froze to death and they lost over 200 head of cattle. The Buffalo soldiers suffering from frostbite had to scrounge up hides from the dead animals for foot gear to replace their boots that had fallen apart. They made in back to Fort Lyon on February 19th. Penrose too was impressed with the will of the black man.

(Lights up, PENROSE. Photos of Buffalo soldiers on screen.)

PENROSE

(Reading a letter.)

Officers and soldiers of the Tenth U.S. Cavalry. You started from this post on an important mission under many disadvantages. Your horses were in poor condition, and you were to march, without forage, to penetrate a raw, and before unknown country. Hardly had you started when you encountered severe storms of rain and snow, accompanied by intense cold; you were without suitable and necessary shelter for such inclement weather; your horses perished day by day, you yourselves suffering from intense cold, many with frostbitten hands and feet; but through these hardships and difficulties you pushed nobly on, undaunted, undismayed, anxious to meet the enemy.

Respectfully,

W.H. Penrose
Captain and Bvt. Brig. General U.S.A.
Late Commander Indian Expedition from
from Fort Lyon, C.T.

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Of the 419 Medal of Honor awarded during the Indian wars, 13 was awarded to negroes. Sergeant Emanuel Stance was the first black indian fighter to earn the Medal of Honor. Stance was in Company F. Ninth Cavalry stationed at Fort McKavett, Texas. Stance was a tiny joker...short round...when in come to courage he was tall as a Georgia pine.

(Lights up, STANCE.)