(Photo of FLIPPER.)

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I joined the Tenth is 1878 and was assigned to Captain Nolan's
A. Company. I felt well received by the officers and the men.
Both Captain Nolan and Colonel Grierson praised me for my
leadership during the Victorio War. The future seemed good.
And then I made a mistake. I went riding with one of the few
eligible young ladies on the post. The young lady was white.
The atmosphere at Fort Concho changed immediately. Lieutenant
Charles Nordstrom was quiet incensed, he had previously shared
the young ladies undivided attention. When A. Company
transferred to Fort Davis I was appointed post commissary and of
course I was arrested for embezzling two thousand dollars. I
was jailed in the post guardhouse. Degrading. They cleared me
of the embezzling charge but I was convicted of conduct
unbecoming an officer. What my conduct was - was unbecoming a
black man. Colonel Shafter, Lieutenant Nordstrom, and Lieutenant
Louis Wilhelm framed me. I fought these charges the rest of my
life but was not granted a new trial. Black officers like
myself were semi-deprived. Lead to water but not allowed to
drink. Just ask Colonel Charles Young.

(Light out, FLIPPER, lights up, YOUNG.)

(Photo of YOUNG.)

                         YOUNG
I graduated from West Point in 1889 and was assigned to the
Tenth Cavalry Regiment. My career spanned three decades. I
served as commander of the Ohio Volunteers that went up San Juan
Hill. During the border warfare with Mexico, I served under
Gen. "BlackJack" Pershing when we went after Pancho Villa.
Then suddenly right before World War One, I was dropped from
active duty. I couldn't understand it! High blood pressure, was
the excuse. I attempted to prove the charge absurd by riding my
horse from Ohio to Washington and back. Even with that, the
charge stuck. I believe they did this to remove me from
leadership during the war...the war to make the world "safe for
democracy." Of course, three days before the Armistice and the
war ended, I was again placed on active duty.

(Fade out, YOUNG. Lights up, WARD.)