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Col E.W. Taylor: Commander R E Lee Camp Fort Worth

Your committee is again called upon to report the demise of another of our distinguished confederate heroes- Gen Joseph Wheeler, whose death occurred in New York on January 25 1896 after a weeks' illness of pneumonia at the age of 69 ^{yrs.} ~~being then~~. He was born in Augusta Georgia September 10 1836. He graduated at West Point in the class of 1859 and served the United States government from that date till the beginning of the great war between the states as second lieutenant of cavalry. Few if any of his age (being just twenty five year of age in 1861) on either side of the great strife displayed the rapid progress he made in advancement by natural talents during these four memorable years. He was first commissioned first lieutenant of Confederate artillery, then Col of infantry then brigadier general of cavalry then major general of a division and at the end he was lieutenant general commanding a corps. He was ever on the firing line where the death messengers sang their requiems and was wounded three times in close combat and as a further evidence of his unfaunted prowess he had as many as sixteen horses shot from under him. He rode with the great wizard of the saddle, Bedford Forrest who had twenty seven horses killed under him. Their names are forever linked together in the glory of the story of the fair young nation that fell. Gen Wheeler was aided by a band of ^{as} gallant spirits as ever rode to battle, eight of his personal staff met death on the field of honor while thirty two carried off honor able scars from fields of victory. The Confederate Congress time and again recognised his daring deeds of valor by spreading on its journals just meades of ^{his} praise. After the war, settling at Wheelers station in Alabama he became one of the most extensive cotton planters of that region of the South carrying on ^{in peace} the extensive range this work embraced with a ^{talent} ~~skill~~ equal to his ~~xxx~~ skill in war. From 1881 till 1899 he was a member of congress from that district in Alabama when he put off the white toga of peace to don the blue of the reunited States in war with Spain. The world knows that Joe Wheeler saved the flag from ~~xxxx~~ defeat at San Juan Hill. He was then the senior Major General and Senior officer on the field June 24 1898 and was the senior member of the commission which arranged the capitulation of Santiago which ended this short sharp and decisive war. Not wishing to draw idle rations in the service he was transferred at his earnest request to the Phillipiens and served there from August 1899 to June 1900. He was retired from the United service at the age of 64.

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in the death of our late comrade, Gen Joseph Wheeler we as his com-
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words of boasting to the effect that duty was the highest good.
That he carried this high test with him in his obligations as a civil-
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deeply sympathize with the relatives of our deceased comrade and
hope that the noble example he left us may ever remain a lasting
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