

William G. Cubberly



Born	26 November 1847 Butler County
Died	27 July 1919 (aged 71) Lyonsville, Fayette County Indiana
Place of burial	Union Cemetery
Allegiance	United States of America Union
Service/branch	United States Army
Years of service	1861–1864 1873–1884
Rank	Private
Unit	Company L, 8 th U.S. Cavalry
Battles/wars	Civil War Indian Wars
Awards	Medal of Honor



Two cavalry troops of the 8th Cavalry and two companies of the 14th US Infantry left Camp Verde, AZ in May 1868 to set up camp in the Tonto Basin near Powder River, site of much activity by hostile Indian parties. Upon making camp inside a 4000-foot valley, the two cavalry troops departed on a 2-day scout for passable trails, the infantry being unable to move out of the valley. Remaining with the infantry was a wagon train of supplies under the protection of 4 cavalry troopers including Private Aston and Private William Cubberly. On their own initiative, Aston and Cubberly, along with an old trooper named "Cap" Shere who was acting as a guide for the cavalry, left the safety of the camp to scout for a trail out of the valley. The three men passed 6 miles through hostile terrain and found a route out of the canyon that could be used by the infantry to escape its confines. Returning to the camp, the small party was attacked, and the horses of both Private Aston and Private

Cubberly were shot. Heedless of the danger, and the superior number and firepower of the enemy, they defended their position and then returned to guide the infantry out of the canyon. The President of the United States of America, in the name of Congress, takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to Private William G. Cubberly, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism on 30 May 1868, while serving with Company L, 8th U.S. Cavalry, in action at San Carlos, Arizona Territory. With two other men Private Cubberly volunteered to search for a wagon passage out of a 4,000-foot valley wherein an infantry column was immobile. This small group passed six miles among hostile Apache terrain finding the sought passage. On their return trip down the canyon they were attacked by Apache who were successfully held at bay.

General Orders: Date of Issue: July 28, 1868

Action Date: May 30, 1868

Service: Army

Rank: Private

Company: Company L

Division: 8th U.S. Cavalry Indian Campaigns
Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient. He served as a Private in the [United States Army](#) in Company L, 8th US Cavalry. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for action on May 30, 1868 at San Carlos, Arizona. His citation reads

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Private William G. Cubberly, Western Frontier Indian Campaign, Company L, 8th U. S. Cavalry Regiment. Cubberly, who was born in Reily Township, joined the 8th U. S. Cavalry May 18, 1867. The 20-year-old private earned the Medal of Honor May 30, 1868, in action near San Carlos, Arizona (now in Gila County, east of Phoenix between Globe and Safford on the banks of the San Carlos River). Cubberly and two other volunteers were searching for a wagon passage out of a 4,000-foot valley where an infantry column was trapped. The three soldiers traveled six miles through hostile Apache territory before finding the passage. On their return trip down the canyon, the soldiers were attacked by Apache group who were held at bay.

During the last year of the Civil War, Cubberly, then 16 years old, had enlisted in Company I, 167th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment. The 167th, raised in Hamilton in May 1864, was composed mostly of men from Butler County. The 167th -- one of several regiments enlisted for 100 days service -- performed guard duty in West Virginia

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last name: Cubberly

conflict: Civil War

rank: Private

branch: Army

unit/ship: 167 OVI

company: I

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Entry: 1864 05 02

Discharge: 1864 09 08

MIA/KIA: No

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