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on September 19, 1864, where he did meritorious work in rallying his company and aiding in the victory. Mustered out July 17, 1865, at Savannah, Georgia, he returned home and that year entered Cornell College, Mount Vernon, from which he was graduated in 1869. He then followed farming and stock raising near Stanwood, and took part in politics and public affairs. In 1895 the Vicksburg National Park Association was organized with General Stephen D. Lee president, Colonel C. C. Flowerree treasurer, and Captain Rigby secretary. Its purpose was to secure the authority of Congress for the establishment of the Vicksburg National Military Park. When the bill became a law Captain Rigby was appointed a member of the commission having the enterprise in charge, and became the resident commissioner. Much of the credit for the creation of the great memorial is due to him.

FRANK FRIDAY FLETCHER was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa, November 23, 1855, and died in Saint Luke's Hospital, New York City, November 28, 1928. Interment was in Arlington National Cemetery. His parents were James Duncan and Mary Powers Fletcher. He attended public school in Oskaloosa, including Gospel Ridge School, afterward known as Grant School. He entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1870 from which he was graduated in 1875. He was commissioned ensign in 1876 and was afterward promoted through the various grades to the rank of rear admiral in 1911. He was commander, at separate times, of the following vessels: the torpedo boat Cushing, the gunboats Kanawha and Eagle, the cruiser Raleigh, and the battleship Vermont. In 1913 he commanded the Third Division of the Atlantic Fleet, then the Second Division, and later the First Division. He commanded the naval force on the west coast of Mexico from February, 1913, to April, 1914, and on April 21, 1914, seized and occupied Vera Cruz. He was made commander of the Atlantic Fleet in 1914 and was promoted to admiral in 1915. He was a member of the War Industries Board of Council of National Defense in 1917, and was a member of the General Board of the Navy, and of the Joint Army and Navy Board. In his later years he resided in Washington, D. C. His service in the Vera Cruz affair is generally regarded as his most noted achievement. His tact and diplomacy supplemented his skill and ability as a naval commander.

GEORGE W. CROZIER was born near Port Royal, Juniata County, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1844, and died at the home of his son, Bruce Crozier, in Clinton, Iowa, May 20, 1929. Burial was at Knoxville, Iowa. He was with his parents in their removal to near Tipton, Cedar County, Iowa, in 1857, and to Marion County in 1859. He attended public school in his native state and Central University, Pella. He enlisted in Company A, Seventh Iowa Cavalry, December 6, 1864, and was mustered out December 12, 1865, at Omaha, Nebraska, at the expiration of his service.

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