Worksheet: Charging into Battle with Hood’s Texas Brigade

1. How old is the “Genuine Soldier Boy of 1861”? _______________________________

2. How long did Joseph Polley serve in the Fourth Texas Infantry? ___________________

3. What was the name of the first battle Polley ever fought in? ______________________
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4. What did General Hood order his men to do? _________________________________
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5. What did the Federals do after the Texas Brigade charged at them? _______________
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6. What does Polley indicate is the difference between being “under fire” and battle? ______
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7. What was Polley’s first reaction when he learned that he was going into battle? _______
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8. What did the Tennessee man say to the cotton-tail? ____________________________
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9. How did Polley’s attitude change as he ran toward the Federals? _________________
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10. What was Polley strangely curious about as he charged? _______________________
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11. What did Polley not want to distress Nellie’s gentle heart with? _________________
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12. When will Polley return to Texas? _______________________
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