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. Where were the Confederates lying flat on the ground, and why were they lying there?

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5. What did General Hood order his men to do?____________________________________

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6. What did the Federals do after the Texas Brigade charged at them?________________

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7. What does Polley indicate is the difference between being “under fire” and battle?_____

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8. What was Polley’s first reaction when he learned that he was going into battle?________

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9. What did the Tennessee man say to the cotton-tail?______________________________

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10. How did Polley’s attitude change as he ran toward the Federals? ____________________________

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11. What was Polley strangely curious about as he charged? _________________________________

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12. How was Polley’s curiosity “fully gratified”? ________________________________

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12. What did Polley not want to distress Nellie’s gentle heart with? _______________________

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13. When will Polley return to Texas? ________________________________

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14. How does the tone of Polley’s description of the Battle of Gaines’ Mill in Hood’s Texas Brigade differ from the one in A Soldier’s Letters to Charming Nellie? 

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