

*An Army Boy of the Sixties; a Story of the Plains.* By A. B. OSTRANDER. (Yonkers: World Book Company, 1924. Pp. 272. \$2.00.)

*After Sixty Years; Sequel to a Story of the Plains.* By A. B. OSTRANDER. (Seattle: Gateway Printing Company, 1925. Pp. 120. \$2.00.)

The books above listed are also published together in one volume, priced at \$4.00, and obtainable from the author at 227½ Belmont Avenue North, Seattle, Washington.

The first volume was issued in 1924 and gives vivid accounts of a private soldier's experiences on the Frontier of the Middle West ten years after the Old Oregon Country had almost forgotten Indian Fights and Fighters.

The author's army experiences began at Governor's Island, on Long Island, in March, 1864, as a drummer boy. A year later he was transferred to St. Louis, with General William T. Sherman in charge at headquarters. Ostrander, being a clerk in the office came in contact with Sherman, Sheridan, Thomas, Cooke and many other notable military chieftains. Another year saw him trailing far up into the Indian country to Fort Reno and then to Fort Phil Kearny.

During all of his service in this region the Sioux were on the warpath and at no time could any number of soldiers less than a company safely go outside the stockades much less out of sight of the fort. He tells of the hatred of the Sioux for Fort Phil Kearny which had been built in spite of their urgent protests in a part of their territory which had been guaranteed to them by treaty, and after two years of almost daily forays by the Indians Forts Reno and Phil Kearny were abandoned and at once destroyed by the Indians.

The book gives at first hand knowledge concerning the Indian war of that period and relates incidents of personal contact with army officers of high rank, and with many noted trappers and army scouts.

*After Sixty Years* is a story of the present day, giving an account of the author's recent trip into the region of the long ago, of his experiences in again traveling the old trails and visiting the old scenes of sixty years ago. The buffalo are all gone, the Indians are living quietly on their reservations; farms, grazing herds, thriving cities now line the paths where the Sioux roamed and warred undefeated when the boy Ostrander wore the army blue.

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