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JAMES O. SHEPPARD
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Quinby and Company

During the evening of June 11, 1864, the first day of the cavalry battle at Trevillian Station in Virginia, Sgt. Maj. James O. Sheppard became convinced that he would be killed the next day. He sought out a friend and made him promise to make sure that his horse was returned to his father in South Carolina. Just as he had anticipated, Sheppard was killed on June 12.

Sheppard was one of the thirty-six Citadel cadets who left that institution in June 1862 and, the next month, organized as the 16th Battalion, South Carolina Partisan Rangers. Twenty years old at the time, Sheppard had studied for two and one-half years before deciding to join the army along with his classmates. In the fall of 1862 other companies were added to create the 6th South Carolina Cavalry.

Sheppard was promoted from corporal to sergeant major during early 1863 while his company was still in South Carolina, where it fought with Federal gunboats and troops along the coast, but his application for a commission as lieutenant, which Johnson Hagood endorsed, was ignored. In the summer of 1864 the regiment was sent to Virginia, where the members of the Cadet Company, in which Sheppard served, participated in many of the major cavalry engagements of that theater, including the battle in which their sergeant major lost his life. *Photo courtesy of U.S.A.M.H.I.*

A write up on Liberty Hill, S.C. (McCormick Messenger Ap. 1, 1976)
James Oscar Sheppard son of George T. Sheppard ran away from the
academy (a male ¹⁰⁶ academy on Bethany church grounds taught by George Galphin)
and entered the war. He lost his life June 11, 1864 in the battle of
Travillian. He was a member of the company of Jefferson nullifiers
... that he was a grandson of James Sheppard. George & Eldred were
L. Tarbot & Riddle.

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