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At the battle of Kennesaw, on June 27, 1864, their colonel, W. H. Martin, observed that the woods in front of his position were on fire and the wounded Federal soldiers lying in them would be burned. He tied a handkerchief around his ramrod, and, mounting the parapet, he waved this miniature flag of truce and shouted to the enemy: "Come and remove your wounded; they are burning to death. We will not fire a gun until you get them away. Be quick." Confederates and Federals mingled in the work of rescue, and a Federal major was so impressed that he drew from his belt a brace of pistols and presented them to Colonel Martin, saying: "Accept them with my appreciation of the nobility of this deed. It deserves to be perpetuated to the deathless honor of every one of you concerned in it; and should you fight a thousand other battles, and win a thousand other victories, you will never win another so noble as this."



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