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Roosevelt's Rough Riders' Loss Due to a Gallant Blunder

Playa del Este, June 25.—Lieutenant-Colonel Roosevelt's Rough Riders, who were ambushed yesterday, advanced at daylight without any particular plan of action as to how to strike the enemy.

The men marched noisily through the narrow road in the woods, talking volubly, when suddenly they struck the Spanish lines.

Fierce fire was poured into their ranks and there began a great fight in the thickets.

Nothing of the enemy was visible to our men, who displayed much gallantry. In fact, their bearing was superb, and could not be finer.

They suffered a heavy loss, however, due to the remarkably wrong idea of how the Spaniards bushwhack. It was simply a gallant blunder.