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Augusto Rodríguez emigrated to the United States in the 1850s, where he came to serve as lieutenant in the 15th Connecticut Regiment. He protected the Union capital in the defenses of Washington, D.C., and courageously led his men in battle at Fredericksburg and Wyse Fork. At the close of the war Rodriguez left the army but continued his life of service fighting fire in the city of New Haven.