

Exhibit 1:

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The recent Indian Fight in Queen's River Valley

A week ago to-day, rumors had come in, of a considerable engagement between the Government troops and a band of Indians in Queen's River Valley—140 miles northeasterly from this place. No satisfactory account could be obtained, as to the result of the engagement. By the kindness of an attentive friend in Dun Glen, we are enabled to give a full account of a fight in which Captain Payne and Lieutenant Littlefield, and the men in their commands at the time, nobly acquitted themselves, and earned the praise of all who appreciate valorous deeds performed in a good cause:

On the morning of September 12th, 18 men of Company E, 1st Nevada Cavalry, under command of Capt. Payne and Lieut. Littlefield, left camp—1 o'clock. Reaching the summit of a high mountain overlooking Queen's River Valley, at a point about 20 miles northwest of Buffalo Springs, they discovered Indian camp fires. The command was at once divided—Capt. Payne taking 9 men and Lieut. Littlefield the other 9; and both, by different routes, moving for the Indian camp. About daylight, each squad got within about a mile of the camp, without giving alarm. The order to attack was given almost simultaneously by Payne and Littlefield. The camp was surprised; and, not stopping to learn the strength of the attacking party, the red skins broke and ran; but fought well as they retreated. Many were well armed, and soon gained the backs of their horses, which proved wet and in good condition. One horse, which had often before attracted notice, was again conspicuous on this occasion—a white animal, that defied all efforts to approach his rider.

One soldier, named Billings, was shot through the outer portion of the left leg, with a rifle ball; and succeeded in killing the Indian who inflicted the wound. B. is all right, his wound rapidly healing. Thirty-five Indians bit the dust, right there; and it is a reasonable presumption that several were mortally wounded. It will be remembered, that immediately after the gallant fight under Segeant Thomas, in Paradise Valley, only 18 dead Indians were found; but in the course of a few days six more were found near the battleground, and a few days ago Lieut. Osmer found what is mortal of another red warrior, taking his rest near by. It is proverbial, too, that these wild Indians can walk off with an astonishing amount of lead. These facts considered, it is not extravagant to estimate the mortality in the valley of Queen's river, the morning of the 12th, at 50 heads.

After getting fairly opened, it became a free fight. Private VanValkenburg got permission to go in to where the game was thicker, and soon ticketed for glory five misguided red brethren who thought they were taking him prisoner. The fight lasted several hours, and extended over a wide space of country.

Among the spoils taken are five horses, several guns, a large and varied lot of ammunition, many bows and arrows, with numbers of sharp iron or steel arrow-heads; hundreds of yards of rabbit nets; upwards of two tuns of seeds; and a large quantity of dried berries, of excellent quality—which latter the soldiers find very good for 'duff.' There was also found a preparation for poisoning arrows—supposed to consist of beef's liver impregnated with the virus of the rattlesnake. Several saddles were taken, one of which has been recognized as that belonging to Jackson, who was killed by Indians when on his way to Idaho, in company with Ewing, Rule, Butler, and others. Another trophy was a lot of dentist and blacksmith tools.

Shortly after the fight, an Indian was seen crossing the valley, attempting to get away. The boys commenced closing in on him; he made a rush toward Lieut. Littlefield, yelling 'Go way! Go way!' Littlefield so far dishonored the command as to put out the fellow's light. The horse this Indian rode proved to be one stolen a few weeks ago from Mr. Fairbanks.

This expedition was admirably planned, and conducted to perfect success. The officers and men have earned the gratitude of their countrymen. We take especial pleasure in acknowledging the gallant part taken by Lieut. Littlefield—knowing that he expected no such acknowledgment from us, after the abuse we have received from his lickspittles.



