

Another Indian Fight—Two Soldiers Wounded.

We are informed that some days since a body of Indians were discovered occupying a strong position and protected by well constructed log houses, four in number, pierced with loop holes so arranged as to guard approach from all directions. These houses were some 16x22 feet in size, and within which was a spring of water. The location as described to us is about five miles from Angel's Ranch, toward Redwood creek, and about one mile south of the old Trinity trail, leading from Arcata to the Trinity river. As soon as this intelligence reached Fort Gaston, Lieut. Middleton was detailed with thirty-five men to attack them. He arrived upon the ground on the morning of the 25th, and immediately engaged the Indians. After two hours fighting, and having one of his men wounded, and finding it impossible to dislodge them, he withdrew his men out of range, and awaited reinforcements. Some time during the night following Capt. Oasley and Lieut. Beckwith arrived with more men and a mountain howitzer, and in the morning the attack was renewed, the howitzer throwing shells, several bursting in the houses, causing the Indians to set up a howl that made the mountains ring. The ammunition for the howitzer having been exhausted, more was sent for, meantime the fighting ceased. During the fight on the second day private Smith, Co. B, was wounded. Night coming on again the men were stationed at different points, with the view to prevent the escape of the Indians. During the night Col. Whipple arrived with a supply of shells for the howitzer. But before morning the Indians had escaped, packing all but two of their dead and wounded. Four rifles were captured besides any amount of Indian camp equipment. The night was very foggy to which fact may be attributed their escape. One hundred and twenty-five men have been put upon their track. It is not known what loss the Indians suffered, but it must have been severe as several shells burst in the houses. The houses and everything in them were destroyed. Private Leonard, who was wounded the first day, belongs to Company C.

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