

Indian Fight.

Another fight with the Indians took place on Tuesday morning, the 2d inst. on a ridge between Mud River and Redwood creek, not far from the point known as Snyder's ranch. Scouts from a detachment under Lieut. Geer, Co. A, C. M., came upon a band of Indians on the evening before, camped at the place above indicated. On making the discovery they retired unobserved and returned to camp. Lieut. Geer immediately started with his command and arrived in the vicinity of the place designated where the Indians were, before daylight, and disposed of his men as well as he was able from the nature of the ground, ready for an attack as soon as it was sufficiently light. The ground where the Indians were posted was covered thickly with chaparral which rendered it a difficult matter to approach it undiscovered. At daylight the attack was made. The Indians stood their ground for a while but finally broke for the brush, and most of them escaped. Three bucks were killed and two squaws and three children were taken prisoners. One of the Lieutenant's men received a very severe wound in the leg, just below the knee, breaking the leg and shattering the bone badly. It is thought that amputation may become necessary. A considerable amount of plunder was captured, such as blankets, clothing, etc., and one gun. After the affair was over Lieutenant Geer returned to camp, when guards were posted and the men requested not to venture beyond them. Early the following morning, private Wilson, known with some by the name of Sharp, from Mattole, we believe, started out alone to kill a deer, and had proceeded not more than three hundred yards beyond the guards when two gun shots were heard. Suspicion was aroused at once and a party hastened to ascertain the cause of the firing. They soon discovered their comrade stretched upon the ground and dead. Short as the time was between the hearing of the report of the gun and the discovery of the body of Wilson, the Indians had stripped it of its clothes and of course captured the gun of the murdered man. The party, when they approached the body were fired upon also, but happily none of the shots took effect, although the bullets whizzed past them in dangerous proximity. The Lieutenant started in pursuit of the Indians immediately, since which time we have not heard from him.

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