

**Good News from Lieut. Collins' Command.—Battle with Indians.—Twenty-Five Indians Killed!**

John Rher came in from Van Duzen Fork Tuesday morning,—from him we learn that the detachment of U. S. troops under Lieut. J. B. Collins, from Fort Humboldt, have had two engagements with hostile Indians, each of which resulted in damage to the enemy.

On Sunday morning last, Lieut. Collins with twenty-three men attacked a ranch of Indians, and in a brief but brisk fight, killed twenty and wounded three others. On the next morning an attack was made, also led by Lieut. Collins, on a large village when five Indians were killed and three badly wounded. The number of warriors in this rancheria were estimated at near 150, but they fled after the first charge, leaving the troops in possession. Several articles were found here that were taken from Larabee's at the time the white woman was killed and the house burned,—plainly showing where the murderous wretches came from. In this brush a soldier by the name of Casey was dangerously wounded by an arrow. Dr. Guild left Fort Humboldt as soon as the news reached there, to render the wounded man surgical aid.

We are told that the officer in command acted with great good judgment and coolness in these two affairs, and that the men under him behaved well. The Lieut. is an efficient and spirited officer and deserves great praise for the gallant manner in which he has opened the campaign. It will afford us genuine pleasure to chronicle similar achievements during the present Indian war so auspiciously begun.

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CAPTAIN:—Private Casey of your Com-  
pany was badly wounded this morning,  
in an engagement with the Indians, near  
Mad river, about 20 miles from here. He  
was shot with an arrow, about two inches  
below the right shoulder blade and near  
the back bone. I pulled the arrow out,  
but the stone head was so deeply embed-  
ded that it broke short off, and of course  
remains in him. He was carried  
from the ranch, where the fight took place  
to where he now is on a litter; complains  
of suffering much pain, and is really so  
bad that I could not move him here. Will  
you please send medical attendance for  
him?

I had a fight with the Indians yester-  
day not far from where I again attacked  
them this morning, and killed between  
fifteen and twenty, to-day five were kill-  
ed and three wounded.—The Indians are  
very troublesome and almost continually  
killing cattle. Respectfully,

J. B. COLLINS,

Lieut. 4th Intfy. Comd'g Detachment.

