

Attack by Indians - Government Train Captured - One Man Killed and One Wounded.

News reached us last evening that a small train of mules, on the way to Fort Gaston, guarded by five or six men, was attacked on Thursday morning near Oak Camp, about three miles from Minor's crossing of Redwood, by about forty Indians, armed with guns and pistols. The train, it appears, had camped on Redwood the night before in company with some other trains, and started on ahead on Thursday morning. The first notice they had of the attack was by being fired upon from ambush, the man ahead of the train being killed at the first fire. Some mules were killed from under the other men and they left to save themselves as best they could by flight. ~~Sgt. Buff, we learn, had a narrow escape of his life. He was fired at a number of times but received no further injury than a ball through his hat. One other man was wounded, having received a ball through his arm. The train, we believe, only consisted of five or six mules, and was loaded principally with the clothing and effects of Lieuts. Winchell and Stewart, who were recently ordered from Fort Baker to Fort Gaston. They were not with the train, having gone on to Gaston last week. The mules that were not killed were caught and led off by the Indians, and had not been recaptured at last accounts. By this have the Indians obtained three guns, three swords, including the fine sword presented to Lieut. Stewart by the members of Company A some time since, all the mules, camp equipage, clothing, blankets, etc.~~

What a fortunate circumstance was the abandonment of Fort Anderson. The depredations that have been committed in the immediate vicinity of that post within the past year is a strong argument in favor of the sagacity and military wisdom displayed by Col. Lippitt in moving Capt. Douglas from Anderson to Gaston. Why, just look at it! Within the past year Pratt's train has been robbed; Hyrick & Mitchell's place attacked, burned, robbed and three men killed; Albee's place burned, robbed and Albee killed; and now this last attack. All this, too, has happened within the immediate vicinity of Fort Anderson. See, then, how liable that place was to be attacked by Indians. Who now will say that Col. Lippitt did not act wisely in ordering the Company from Anderson to Gaston, where there was already two companies ready to protect them? The trifling circumstance of a U.S. mail passing over the route twice a week, or its being daily traveled by citizens, pack-trains, etc., is no argument in favor of his allowing the lives of his soldiers to be endangered by Indians.

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