

From the Mountains.

DETACHMENT FROM FORT GASTON.—Since last advices the Command have had an engagement with the Indians, in which one soldier was wounded and eight Indians killed. We are not informed of the particulars of the fight.

LIEUT. COLLINS' COMMAND.—We have the following note from one of the volunteers attached to this Command:

LARRABEE CREEK, JUNE 12th, 1861.

FRIEND WHIPPLE:—I find an opportunity of letting you know the news by the mail carrier, as he stops at our camp tonight. I suppose you have had the news up to the 27th of May, from W. I. Reed, and from his report you do not give us credit, by fourteen, of the amount killed.

May 30th was one of the greatest days in our campaign, from the fact that at one o'clock A. M. we started from our camp with Lieut. Collins at the head of the party, and after traveling until about 6 o'clock A. M. we came in sight of the ranches just as the Indians were going out a hunting. We commenced firing, and after a fight of half an hour we went to counting the dead, found twenty-five bucks killed and about ten wounded. We found no guns, but got twelve quivers full of arrows which the Indians had made use of very fast. Then comes June 2d and with it another fight, showing evident signs that but few escaped the lead or knife. Men were stationed in all directions. Here we counted twenty-three killed and some wounded, we then burned the ranches and started back to camp very sleepy.

June 8th had another fight killing seven. Some of the boys are out now and I have not heard from them; will write you next week by the mail or sooner. Lieut. Collins is a man that every body likes, and deserves our thanks for his many acts of courtesy. No more at present, but remain, yours, &c.,

E. E. TURNER.

