

### Military Exploit.

A month or more ago application was made to Col. Lippitt for protection from hostile Indians by the people of Elk Camp and vicinity. Duly authenticated representations were laid before that officer, which convinced him of the importance of having a small force stationed there; he accordingly ordered a detachment of fifteen men from Fort Ter-wer to take position near Elk Camp, and guard the settlers from savage incursions, as also to give such protection to travelers as might be required. This action of Col. Lippitt was highly commended by all conversant with the circumstances and locality; the order was duly respected, and the detachment reported on the spot. Subsequent to the attack at Daby's Ferry, an Indian one night applied at the house of a resident, a mile or two distant from the soldiers' encampment, for permission to remain all night. This was granted, and the Indian was shown into the attic to sleep. The man who occupied the house quietly slipped out and informed the officer in command of the detachment of the presence of an Indian at his house, and three soldiers were detailed to take him into custody, which was accomplished early next morning. Upon searching the prisoner it was found that he had powder, bullets, and caps upon his person, clearly indicating that he also had a gun not far off. He at first refused to say where his gun was, but finally consented to lead the way to the place he had left it—near by in the edge of the woods—where it was found. Looking a little further it was discovered that a deer had been shot the evening before past by, and there was but little doubt

in the minds of the white men present,  
but that the prisoner had shot the steer;  
indeed, we think our informant said the  
Indian confessed as much.

The Indian was recognized as a "Red-  
wood," and one of the most desperate  
scamps in the country. He was ques-  
tioned as to his knowledge of the capture  
and whereabouts of little George Dan-  
skin. His reply was that he knew about  
the matter. "The boy was a prisoner,  
strictly guarded by fifteen Indians; he  
was well, but constantly cried to be tak-  
en home."

When the news of this capture reach-  
ed Arcata, a hope was aroused that this  
Indian might be made use of in recover-  
ing the lost child. Accompanying this  
intelligence, however, came the rumor  
that the soldiers were discussing the pro-  
priety of allowing the Indian to go; for,  
as he claimed to be a Hoopa, to retain  
him might "exasperate" that tribe. A  
messenger was immediately sent from  
Arcata to prevent this folly, and Capt.  
Douglas dispatched a file of men to bring  
the Indian to Fort Anderson; but before  
either messenger or soldiers arrived at  
Elk Camp, the prisoner had made his es-  
cape! The Indian had been allowed to  
walk a short distance from camp,—but  
guarded by six soldiers with loaded mus-  
kets—when, seizing a favorable moment,  
he started upon the run for the brush.

The soldiers sung out to the runaway to  
stop, and levelled their firearms at him,  
but every place missed fire! and so the  
"son of the forest went upon his way re-  
joicing and was seen no more." He is  
no doubt quite a hero with his dusky  
brothren, and to their immense satisfac-  
tion relates the story of his capture and  
escape, casually testifying to the daring  
intrepidity and fascinating vigilance of  
the little band of C. V.'s stationed at Elk  
Camp.

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| Curious<br>of 1861. | municate, but will wait till an opportuni-<br>ty offers to send it by a safe hand. I am | A STRANGE STORY.—The following<br>wonderful story is told by a correspond- | THE MOST<br>HEARD IN A |
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