

THIRTY-FIVE INDIANS KILLED.—The
Yreka Union of July 16th, says: From
Lient. Saunders, who arrived in town on
Monday last, direct from Pitt River Val-
ley, we learn the particulars of a skirmish
between twenty-five regulars under com-
mand of Lient. Crook and a large body
of Indians, supposed to have numbered
about one hundred and fifty. The fight
occurred in the mountains about twenty-
five miles from the fort, where they were
taken by surprise. Lient. Crook observ-
ing their camp fires at a distance, advanc-
ed with great caution, being the only mode
of getting into a fight with them. They
surrounded the Indian sentinel, who, on
giving the alarm, was instantly shot, and
the soldiers then charging on the vanche-
ria, completely routed and killed thirty-
five of them, besides wounding as many
more. The Indians fled to the rocks and
mountains in the vicinity, dragging their
wounded with them, so that no exact es-
timate could be ascertained as to the num-
ber left dead. Many of the bodies of the
Indians were discovered to be shot through
and through—three men of Lient. Crook's
command were slightly wounded. The
above fight took place on the 2d of July,
in a very rough country, where the Indians
could escape without effective pursuit.—
The fort is located six miles this side of
the ferry, and is christened with the name
of "Fort Crook." Lient. Crook estimates
the number of Indians in the valley at
five hundred warriors. The Indians are
also said to watch the road, and should
they meet a single person they would un-
doubtedly murder him. Lient. Saunders
says the person hanging to a tree at the
junction of Fall and Pitt rivers, is an In-
dian, not a white man, as before reported
to us, and the Indians have a superstitious
fear of approaching the dangling body.
On the 4th of July, a man named Dick-
man, formerly employed by George Heard,
at Sheep Rock, in Shasta Valley, was
killed by Indians near the ferry.—An ar-
row struck him on the shoulder and pen-
etrated downward into his lungs. We
were shown a sample of their arrows by
John Loag. The head is made of brittle
glass, such as is found among the rocks
on Shasta Butte, with a sharp point, and
free from poison. No fire arms have yet
been discovered in the possession of these
Indians.

