

**Indian Matters at Mattole.**

The detachment of troops under Lieut. K. N. Geer, stationed at Mattole, has been doing good work within the last two or three weeks. The remainder of the gun party, so called, which has been the scourge and terror of the citizens located in the district of country lying between Eel river and Mattole, has been, it is believed, with a single exception, wiped out. The particulars of the first of these recent successes, as we have gathered them, are about as follows: Mr. A. A. Hadley, of Upper Mattole, was hunting cattle and while thus engaged discovered a band of Indians, which numbered in all, three bucks and five squaws. Each buck was armed with a rifle. Mr. Hadley rode to the military camp for assistance, which was immediately rendered. Sergeant Harris, guided by Mr. Hadley, arrived at the Indian camp, but not until they had left it. They had not gone beyond view, but were out of reach. Our men took immediate steps to intercept them and partially succeeded. When they came upon them the second time the Indians were so scattered that it was impossible to surround them. They however did well. The ringleader of the party, an Indian, whom it is known has killed as many, if not more, white men than any other in this part of the country, was killed, and his gun, an excellent rifle, captured. They also took two squaws prisoners.

—A short time after this occurred Lieut. Geer discovered traces of the remnant of this band near the place formerly occupied by Mr. Barkdale, where they had killed a beef, and taking their trail, followed it until they came upon them somewhere in the vicinity of Rainbow Ridge. It was very foggy at the time the Lieutenant had traced out their hiding place, which materially assisted him in arranging his men for the attack. The Indians were completely surprised and the affair resulted in the killing of one buck and one squaw, and the capturing of six squaws and two guns. It is believed there is only one of this gun party left, and that the extra gun captured by Lieut. Geer belonged to him. —This is no doubt the band of Indians which recently robbed Hawley's house and killed R. M. Williams' horses on Bear river ridge; burnt the grain on Eagle prairie, and in fact, the band which has committed most of the depredations between Eel river and Mattole.

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