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Sacramento Daily Union, Volume 5, Number 643, 15 April 1853 — " More Troops for the North."
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The *Shasta Courier* uses this caption to an article in which it expresses the belief that an arrival of the kind would mitigate the grievances complained of from Indian depredations. To one familiar with the tardy movements of Government troops, such a reliance forces an involuntary smile. If our recollection serves us, a military force has, for the last six or seven months, occupied a position in Scott's valley, or some other point in the Northern mining region. And what have they yet done? Two Indians were captured, and because the civil authorities refused to take upon themselves the responsibility of their execution, were turned loose again. As an offset to so redoubtable an achievement, the life of a valuable officer was

sacrificed, because of some imprudence in the division of his command.

Observation during a residence of several years in a frontier country—peopled all over with Government forces—has taught us that their movements—or rather, want of movements—may be classified into a number of heads, something resembling the following:

1st, An order is issued for two companies to take up their line of march for a specified locality. 2d. A month afterwards the march commences. 3d. Two weeks are consumed in accomplishing it. 4th. When they arrive at

accomplishing it. 4th. When they arrive at the place of destination fortifications are to be built. 5th. A considerable length of time is consumed in their construction. 6th. It is

now discovered that the store of provisions is exhausted. 7th. Six weeks are consumed in receiving others. 8th. A change of officers takes place. 9th. Three weeks elapse before a successor arrives. 10th. It is discovered that the force is not large enough. 11th. More

troops are written for. 12th. Another month is occupied in the correspondence. 13th. The commissary department is a second time impoverished of stores. 14th. In this time the Indians have run off all the stock in the neigh-

borhood, and committed murders without number. 15th. Instead of sending out the soldiers to chastise them, they are kept parading, musket on shoulder, around the walls of the garrison, to prevent the birds from carrying it by storm! 16th. An expedition is resolved upon, when it is discovered that the horses have been all stolen. 17th. After the lapse of several weeks others are procured. 18th. Matters are at last arranged. 19th. Beating drums and blowing fifes apprize the Indians of the fact, and they escape to their mountain fastnesses. 20th. the troops advance a days travel into the bowels of the land. 21st. Not even the track of an Indian is seen. 22d. It is discovered that but two days rations were provided, and they return. 23d. After their terrible and fatiguing exploit, the troops are ordered into quarters, and the campaign for the season has ended!