

On the 19th inst. of Major Fitzgerald and his command, from the lagoons of the Gila and Colorado rivers. The Indians have been absent from here but a fortnight and three months, and in the performance of the duty assigned them, they, in common with the Infantry, have encountered privations of no ordinary nature, and we rejoice to have it in our power to say, that officers and men submitted to them without a murmur—thus proving that the morale of the troops is yet intact, notwithstanding the mis-administration of the War Department by Mr. Secretary Courad. When attacked by the Indians on the — of March, Major Fitzgerald's command consisted of but 24 privates—not 60, as erroneously stated by us. The effect of this severe conflict was, to drive the Indians up the Colorado. The troops followed to the distance of seventy miles, burning, on their way, numerous villages, destroying crops and firing upon the enemy as they crossed the river. Their course was telegraphed by the signal fires of the Indians all the way up—supposed to be due to the treachery of the Cocopas, who profess a friendship for the Americans.

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When Major Fitzgerald started from Camp Yuma, a train of wagons was about leaving for Ogden's landing, to bring up supplies. The Government animals on the Colorado are suffering a great deal from the want of forage. The green willows which edge the streams of that country are now their only subsistence. It is a matter of wonder how Maj. Fitzgerald succeeded in crossing the desert with the animals furnished him—sixty-seven miles of the route without water, and no transportation to carry it. Some of the mules were without a single drop of water for two days and three nights.

The energy of the Depot Quartermaster at this place, will, it is to be hoped, soon remedy most of the obstacles now encountered on the desert.

We regret to see that the up-country papers have announced a cessation of hostilities on the part of the southern Indians. All the officers of the army engaged in their suppression, unite in the expression of the opinion, that the Yumas are "some," and that a harassing border Indian war will, for a long time to come, continue to furnish them with ample professional employment.

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