

were relieved by the arrival of Brevet Lieut. Col. B. F. Smith, Major, 27th Infantry, with two companies of infantry and some artillery.

"Unfortunately Major Powell's party had just received the new breach-loading rifles', as Major Smith reports; 'had they been armed with the old muzzle-loading arms they must all have been massacred before relief could have reached them."

"Major Powell modestly claims sixty Indians killed and one hundred and twenty wounded. It is but just, however, to state that reliable citizens and others, well informed as to result and indications, assert their firm conviction that not less than three hundred Indians were killed or disabled. Major Powell by his coolness and firmness in this most creditable affair, has shown what a few determined men can effect with good arms and strong hearts, even with such temporary defensive arrangements as are always at hand, and that it is safer, leaving out the question of duty and professional honor, to stand and fight the Indians than to retreat from them. Had this party attempted to fall back, every one would have perished. As it was, it lost one officer and two enlisted men killed.

"Lieutenant Jenness, a most excellent officer, fell while affording to his men a fine example of coolness and daring in the performance of his duty."

In connection with the above report, the following information is contained on the muster roll of Company "C", 27th Infantry, under date of August 2, 1867:

"On the morning of August 2nd, 1867, after the usual details had been made and leaving twenty-six men at the corral, they were attacked by some three thousand Indians who made repeated charges, but were each time repulsed with heavy loss.