

wounds August 20.

Captain Comba, who commanded the burial party, reported finding the bodies of eight-nine dead Indians on the field.

On August 13, fifty of Colonel Gibbon's bandly crippled force colunteered, under Captain Browning and Lieutenants Wright and Van Orsdale, to go with General Howard in pursuit of the hostiles, and Colonel Biggon proceeded with the wounded to Deer Lodge, Mont., ninety miles distant, where they arrived on August 16. Capt. R. Norwood, with Troop L, Second Cavalry, started from Fort Ellis, August 8, to join Colonel Gibbon in the field, but while en route was ordered to report to General Howard.

After leavint the Big Hold battle ground, the Nez Perces proceeded south, past the town of Bannock, murdering settlers and stealing stock as they went. They then crossed the main divide of the Rocky Mountains, east of Fort Lemhi, turned east and recrossed the Rockies again, near Henry's Lake, moved thence to the Madison River, up that stream to the Geyser Vasin and through that to the Yellowstone. This they crossed, and then moved, by an irregular course, to Clark's Fork and down that to its junction with the Yellowstone, closely pursued by General Howard's wearied troops and the detachment from Colonel Gibbon's command.

Early in the morning of August 20, at Camas Meadows, Idaho, the Nez Perces succeeded in capturing about one hundred mules from General Howard; Major Sanford, with two troops of the First Cavalry, and that of Captain Norwood, pursued with great energy, struck the Indians and recaptured about fifty of the animals. In this attack Lieut. H. M. Benson, Seventh Infantry, attached to Captain Norwood's troop, and six enlisted men were wounded; one enlisted man was killed.

Information of the direction the Nez Perces were taking having been