

off with a loss of one killed and three wounded. So bold and frequent had been the Indian attacks on the military posts and escorts to working parties on the Northern Pacific that Colonel George A. Custer with the Seventh cavalry was transferred from the south to Fort Abraham Lincoln for the purpose of following and punishing these Indians, if they continued their attacks. An expedition was organized under Colonel D. S. Stanley and a supply depot established near Glendive Creek, where it empties into the Yellowstone, the point at which it was then expected the surveying parties of the Northern Pacific would run across the river. The troops comprising the "Yellowstone expedition" left Forts Rice and A. Lincoln about the middle of June, returning to their stations in September, after accomplishing the purposes intended, having had several engagements with the hostiles during this period. August 4th troops A. and B of the Seventh cavalry, commanded by Captain M. Moylan, had a fight with the Indians near Tongue River, Dakota, one soldier being killed. Later in the same day the main column of the Seventh, commanded by General Custer, were attacked by several hundred Sioux on the Yellowstone River. Four enlisted men were killed and Lieutenant Braden and three enlisted men were wounded.

Earlier this same day young Rain in the Face, had caught Dr. Monzinger, the veterinarian of the expedition, and Baliran, the sutler, and cruelly killed them. General Stanley, with the main force, coming upon the bodies of these men, was apprised of the proximity of the enemy and hurried reinforcements forward, which probably prevented more serious results, for Black/Moon's force was vastly superior to Custer's. During the succeeding winter Rain in the Face appeared at Standing Rock and boasted of the killing of these men, and word being carried to Fort Lincoln Captain Tom Custer was sent down to the agency and effected the arrest of the miscreant. He was confined at Fort A. Lincoln for some months, but finally escaped and participated in the great battles of 1876. He still (1904) resides at Eagle postoffice, on the Grand River, South Dakota.