the head of Tongue River, where he parked his trains, mounted his infantry on mules and June 16th atarted on a scout to the head of the Rosebud. "In descending the Rosebud early on 425 / the morning of June 17th he ran upon a large force of warriors under Crazy Horse, perfectly prepared for battle. He was aiming for their village, supposed to be about eight miles down the Rosebud, but these Indians had not awaited the attack at their village, but came out boldly and attacked Crook's command. The fight was on both banks of the Rosebud and lasted into the night when the Indians withdrew, leaving thirteen dead wirriors. General Crook's loss was nine dead and twenty-one wounded; one of these, Captain Guy V. Henry, Third cavalry, was shot through the face. The ground where this fight took place was so rough, so covered with rocks, trees and bushes, that it was impossible to estimate approximately the force of the enemy, but General Crook was satisifed that the numbers and quality of his enemy required more men than he had, and being already encumbered with wounded, he concluded to return to his train on Goose Creek, which he reached on the 19th and sent back for reinforcements."

The foregoing is General Sheridan's mild report of the battle of the Rosebud, which was really a desperate all day encounter. As the reader will infer, General Crook was licked and was therefore unable to come to help Terry's column a few days later, when he was so seriously needed by General Custer.

The motives actuating the Indians in their warfare and the general policy underlying their methods of campaign are a little difficult to understand from the white man's point of view. Why Crazy Horse withdrew on the night of the 17th cannot be explained from any of the ordinary rules of warfare. In a long day's fighting he had had the best of it, had been aggressive, and there can scarcely be a doubt that had he renewed the attack in the morning, with such reinforcements as he could readily have called to his assistance, he could have annihilated Crook's column. Instead, however, of following up his advantage he stealthily withdrew in the night time, and as speedily as possible united hir forces with those of Black Moon and Sitting Bull on the Little Horn. His conduct can 426 / best be