

it was impossible to tell.

I caused a white flag to be erected on the crest where I was located, (a prearranged signal between the soldiers and the police) and directed a few shots to be fired from the Hotchkiss into the woods mentioned. In answer a white flag was displayed from Bull's house, and Indians were seen leaving the woods going in the direction of the hills to the south, across Grand River.

The Hotchkiss gun was then turned upon the party on our right front, this with some fire from a dismounted line of "F" Troop caused them to retreat rapidly from their position up the valley of the Grand River to the North West.

Lieutenant Slocum with his troop dismounted, was ordered to advance immediately upon the house. Lieutenant Crowder with "G" Troop mounted, moved rapidly to the right along the high lands, covering the right flank of the dismounted line. As the dismounted line approached the house the police came out and joined the command.

The line was advanced through the timber dislodging a few hostiles who disappeared rapidly up the river through the willows.

The line after advancing through the willows some six hundred yards, fell back to the immediate vicinity of Sitting Bull's house leaving pickets at the furthest points gained by the advance. Lieutenant Crowder in the meantime observed the Indians gathering at houses up the river about two miles from Bull's camp, moved in pursuit of them. The Indians fell back from every point upon the approach of the troops, not showing any desire to engage in hostile action against the soldiers.

All the houses for a distance of about two miles were examined and all were found deserted, but showed signs of recent occupation.

Failing to come up with the Indians in this direction