

To say that in three hours or more of stiff fighting twenty eight seasoned soldiers and frontiersmen, in a fixed position and with muzzle rests, could only kill six Indians of the solid masses hurled against them, is utterly unbelievable.

As for the Indians, this effort was a prelude to an all-out attack on, and the destruction of Fort Phil Kearney itself. The fight therefore was doubly important to them. To imply therefore that having only a total of six killed, the Indians failed to ride over and destroy the men in the corral at the first rush, is a devastating blow at the oft-mentioned courage and determination of Red Cloud's warriors.

Sincerely,

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