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DEATH OF COL. W. H. LEWIS

The community was shocked Sunday last, to learn of the death of Lieut. Col. W. H. Lewis, Commandant of Fort Dodge, who died of wounds received in an engagement with Indians, on the 17th ult, thirty miles south of Fort Wallace. Col. Lewis was a man highly esteemed by both citizen and soldier, and news of his death was received with profound sorrow.

Col. Lewis graduated at West Point, July 1st, 1849. His whole military life of over 29 years was spent on the frontiers, and was always active and aggressive.

He was appointed Lieut. Colonel of the 19th Infantry, in December, 1873, and held the position of commander of this Post for some time.

Having a thorough knowledge of the frontier his loss at this critical time is very sincerely regretted.

The deceased left no family. The remains were taken to Fort Leavenworth and buried with military honors.