

we knew the Indians were encamped, and while on the March we were overtaken by Captain Rendlebroke, with two companies of the 4th Cavalry from Reno I.T. Captain Rendlebroke assumed command, After reaching Sand Creek we all went into Camp, with the exception of the cattle men, who said they would get a lunch and go and look for the Indians. They had not gone from Camp more than half an hour, before we heard rapid firing, in the direction in which they had gone. We all saddled up. "G" Co. under Lieut Wood, being the first to get out and mine next and then Captain Guuthers. Lieut Wood with "G" Co. went out to where the Indians and Cow boys were fighting and there engaged with them. After Lieut Wood had been fighting for some time, Capt. Rendlebroke ordered me to move my company out to a hill, and to support Lieut Wood if he needed it. I moved my company to the point indicated by Captain Rendlebroke, and formed a skirmish line, and as Lieut Wood commenced pulling back, I opened fire on the Indians. Capt. Guuther's and Captain Morse's companies, were not moved from camp. As night set in, Lieut Wood and myself went over on South Fork of Sand Creek (passing over the trail of the Squaws and Stock) where we found the Indians in Rifle pits, we skirmished with them until about 5 P.M. When we moved about 3 miles to water and encamped for the night. The next morning the 23rd finding the Indians had left their Rifle pits and also leaving about 30 ponies and some sheep behind. We traveled west, made camp at 1 P.M. after marching 10 miles to the previous days camp, got supplies from Dod at 4 P.M.

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On the 24th broke camp at 7 A.M. marched 21 miles and camped at a lake about 2 hours, then marched 9 miles and camped on Crooked Creek. On the 25th broke camp at 6:30 A.M. and took the trail, and followed it North to the Arkansas River, where we found it crossed just above Cimmaron Station. We were here joined by Lieut Col. Lewis, (who assumed command) with two companies of the 4th Cavalry from Fort Elliott, Texas, under command of Captain Mauck, 4th Cavalry, and also one company of the 19th Infantry under Captain Bradford. The following morning, the 26th. took up the trail, and followed it as long as we could see. We continued in chase North, until we reached Punished Woman's Fork. which place we arrived at