

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI,

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, July 2, 1869.

General Orders,)
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 No. 25.)

Subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, the name of the Post established on the right bank of Medicine Bluff Creek, near its junction with Cache Creek, in the Indian Territory, heretofore known as "Camp on Medicine Bluff Creek," and also as "Camp Witchita," is hereby changed to Fort Sill, in commemoration of the name and services of the late Brigadier General Joshua W. Sill, U. S. Volunteers, who was killed at the battle of Stone River, Tennessee, December 31, 1862.

By command of Major General Schofield:

S. F. Chalfin,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Official:

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI,

Saint Louis, Mo., December 15, 1869.

General Orders,)
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 No. 54.)

The gallantry, skill and perseverance of 1st Lieutenant H. B. Cushing, 3d U. S. Cavalry, (commanding,) 2d Lieutenant F. Yeaton, 3d Cavalry, and the non-commissioned officers and soldiers (thirty-one in number,) of Troop "F" of the same Regiment, during a recent pursuit of and engagement with a band of hostile Indians who had stolen a large herd of cattle on the "Rio Hondo," New Mexico, deserve especial mention and commendation from the Major General Commanding.

Lieutenant Cushing's command started from Fort Stanton, N. M., in pursuit of the robbers at 5 p.m. on the 14th ult., marching that night and the following morning to Casey's Rancho on the "Rio Hondo," (where the cattle had been stolen,) and taking the trail of the Indians near that point, followed it hotly over an exceedingly broken and difficult country--the march impeded by storms of rain and snow--