

Soos then camped 15 mi east?

Hayfield Fight
On Big Horn River - nearly west of where
Custer fell. Fort C. F. Smith - $2\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 miles ^{or NE} east of it was the site -
Aug. 1 - 1867 (one day before Wagon Box Fight near Ft.
Phil Kearney - (90 mi south) - NE. camp of haycutters.

Crow Indians were then at peace with the Sioux -
But also with the white soldiers. 2 days before fight the Crows
warned haymakers that many Soos were there & wd attack
them first next day - Haymakers had had small fights almost
& thought Crows trying to scare them.

Crows told white men that Sioux & Cheyennes dis-
agreed abt which fort to attack - 1 part wished to destroy
Smith's fort; others preferred Kearney (bc of previous
success there?) 1 part went south & attacked ^{white} men
at Phil K. (abt $\frac{1}{2}$ went So, $\frac{1}{2}$ went west to Big Horn River)

Indians started west to fort & ran into haymakers -
Haymakers corral ^(100 x 100 ft) - logs on ground, posts, stumps,
piece of willow boughs - corral for stock at night & for defense.
Inside were ~~tents~~ wagon bed with canvas covers on for
& 3 tents - wagon across the gate. 1 cook tent
outside corral SW corner - Big Horn River to North -
small creek "Warrior Creek" ^{30 ft} $\frac{1}{16}$ south, near gate.