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EXPLANATION OF PLATE XCVII

Compiled from map by Lieutenant T. Q. Donaldson, Seventh United States cavalry, kindly loaned by Dr J. D. Glennan, United States Army.

- A and I. Seventy-six men from A and I troops forming dismounted line of sentinels.
- B. Troop B dismounted and in line.
- C. Troop C mounted and in line (sorrel troop).
- D. Troop D mounted and in line (black troop).
- E. Troop E mounted and in line (bay troop).
- G. Troop G mounted and in line (gray troop).
- K. Troop K dismounted and in line.
- S. Indian scouts.
 - 1. Tent from which a hostile warrior shot two soldiers.
 - 2. Tent occupied by Big Foot and his wife and in front of which the former was killed.
 - 3. Tents put up for the use of Big Foot's band.
 - 4. Council ring in or near which were General Forsyth, Major Whitside, Captain Varnum, Captain Hoff, Captain Wallace, Doctor Glennan, Lieutenant Robinson, Lieutenant Nicholson, Lieutenant McCormick, and the reporters.
 - 5. Officers' tents, first battalion.
 - 6. Enlisted mens' tents, first battalion.
 - 7. Bivouac of second battalion on night of December 28, 1890.
 - 8. Four Hotchkiss guns and detachment of First artillery, under Captain Capron, First artillery, and Lieutenant Hawthorne, Second artillery.
 - 9. Indian village.
 - 10. Indian ponies.
 - 11. Dismounted line of sentinels.
 - 12. Captains Ilsley and Moylan.
 - 13. Lieutenants Garlington and Waterman.
 - 14. Captain Godfrey and Lieutenant Tompkins.
 - 15. Captain Jackson and Lieutenant Donaldson.
 - 16. Lieutenant Taylor, Ninth cavalry, commanding Indian scouts (S).
 - 17. Captain Edgerly and Lieutenant Brewer.
 - 18. Captain Nowlan and Lieutenant Gresham.
 - 19. Indian houses.
 - 20. Lieutenants Sickel and Rice.

Just beyond the limit of the map, toward the west, the ravine forms a bend, in which a number of hostiles took refuge, and from which Lieutenant Hawthorne was shot. Captain Wallace was found near the center of the council ring. Big Foot was killed two or three yards in front of his tent. Father Craft was near the center of the ring when stabbed. The Indians broke to the west through B and K troops. While in the council ring all the warriors had on blankets, with their arms, principally Winchester rifles, concealed under them. Most of the warriors, including the medicine-man, were painted and wore ghost shirts.