

Ki-de-de-de! which might be compared with our Hip, Hip, Hurrah! The women in Pawnee villages chanted Ki-de-de-de! as an encouragement to the warriors when they left for a battle, and it was also used as an exclamation of Victory.

For reference to the battle of Summit Springs -- in its entirety beyond the scope of this work, see statement on inside front cover.

Frank North kept a diary in 1869, covering that expedition; and the notes made at the time grow in historical importance with the passing of time. So far as I personally know, his was the only diary kept of those events:

"Saturday, July 10, 1869.—This morning moved at 6 A.M. and followed Indian trail 35 miles. Passed three of the Indian camps ... We move early in the morning with three days' rations on pack mules and light out for the Indians. Will have a fight sure.

"Sunday, July 11 (day of the Summit Springs fight). —Marched this morning at 6 A.M. with 50 of my Pawnees and 200 whites, with three days' rations. Followed trail until 2 P.M., and came up to the village. Made a grand charge, and it was a complete victory. Captured the whole village of 85 lodges, killed about 60 Indians, took 17 prisoners, about 300 ponies, robes, etc., innumerable. Rained hard tonight.

"Monday, July 12.—Invoiced property today and burned what we did not want. Started at 12 M. on the march for the Platte River; arrived in camp at 4 P.M., finding good grass and plenty of wood, such as telegraph poles. We are 65 miles from Julesburg. George (Lehman) and 10 men went to Julesburg with dispatches.

"Tuesday, July 13.—Marched at 6 A.M. this morning, came 21 miles down the Platte and camped at Riverside, Fred Mathews' old stage station. Good feed, plenty of wood. The officers of the 5th Cavalry selected and kept all the best ponies. I have in charge 180 ponies -- don't know what will be done with them.

"Wednesday, July 14.—Marched at 6 A.M., and came down to Antelope station on the Platte, 20 miles. Nothing of importance transpired today. Roads good. Gus