

In those frontier wars the United States had enough soldiers and artillery to blow the hostiles off the face of the earth — the trouble was to find them. The Pawnee Scouts were wise to the ways of the enemy, knew the hiding places for their villages, their habits and art of fighting. They could track the enemy where white men could not follow; and back of all their skill, they had the memories of centuries of bitter experience at the hands of the Sioux and Cheyenne. In every victory over the hostile Indians the Pawnees had the important part of trailing and locating the enemy. The element of surprise was essential, and the Pawnee Scouts were the chief agencies in securing the surprise attack.\*

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\*The Fighting Norths and Pawnee Scouts, by Robert Bruce. Nebr. State Historical Society, Lincoln, Nebr., 1932. p. 67.

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