

abstracts from D.F. Baldwin's diary, courtesy of copying from WCBrown.

Dec 6, '76.

Johnny Brughiere mentioned as being at Ft. Peck as already employed by Miles.

Nov. 17. Brughiere mentioned as halfbreed, just returned from the warpath with other Indians..his father lives in Sioux City, a Frenchman, has been SB's "interpreter for some time. he left the States and joined SB to avoid arrest by civil authorities on an indictment of murder. He is willing to try to get SB to come in to Tongue River if Gen. Miles will do what he can to help him out of his trouble." Brughiere reports that about 119 lodges have joined SB since the council and fight of Oct 21st.

Dec 6.. '76. Baldwin starts fr Peck at ~~summmxm~~ 8 pm from Peck for SB camp, said to have moved fr Porcupine to Mo bottoms. marched, lv Milk River 4.30 AM (Dec 7) On reaching the timber along the Mo Riv an Ind (Jumping Bull) was seen within 20 yds of the rear guard, but as troops had orders not to fire at Inds (friendlies) on that side the Mo, he was not injured, and rode off to report to SB (Yanktonais) Inds seen front & right..deployed.. G & I cos in line..H co in rear..march to where Ind trail crossed river ice. breakfast 9 am. 10:30 am sent Culberston & 2 mt'd men after Inds. driven back soon. brisk fire. H co sent to drive Inds to foothills from brush and timber. did so. flankers appeared. impregnable position. supposed 600 Inds. 200 lodges.

Shield, one of the Inds who had been scout at Fort A Lincoln reported having been in SB camp that morn, when JB brot news in. SB reported to have ~~just~~ moved his lodges at once to Bark Creek, across Mo. lving yg men in hills and timber to await Baldwin and "draw him on to disadvantage, and make another Custer affair" That if B did not ff SB, he wd attack B and it was a small party and he could get away with it. that he might as well die fighting such parties, as he wd be hunted down this winter and next summer anyway. He told the Yanktonais that he wd consider them as bad as t e whites and wd fight them the same" B states he met many Y fleeing to Peck, and "very much frightened." as B withdrew, the SB sets ff him in plain sight.

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Dec 18..fd large Indian village on Red Water..attacked.."the Indians from their camp; so hurriedly did they retreat that they abandoned everything- all riding off on ponies. Victory complete and effective. Men very tired and mules played out (had already marched 14 miles, and went 6 beyond the camp)"camped after dark. Timber plenty but no water. Good grass at the Ind camp. Inds have been in camp abt one wk."