

lasting for several hours, when the Indians were driven several miles in confusion, a great many being killed and wounded in the retreat, though the extent of their losses could not be ascertained. Eleven dead Indians were found upon the field. The casualties to the troops were nine men killed, and fifteen wounded of the 3rd Cavalry, two men wounded of the 2nd Cavalry, and three men of the 4th Infantry wounded, besides Captain G. V. Henry, 3rd Cavalry, severely wounded. The scene of the attack was at the mouth of a deep and rocky canon with steep, timbered sides, so at nightfall, encumbered with wounded and the troops without anything but what each man carried for himself, General Crooks deemed it best to return to his supply camp, to await reinforcements and supplies, not considering it advisable to make another forward movement until additional troops reached him. From the strength of the hostiles who boldly attacked this large column, it now became apparent that not only Crazy Horse and his small band had to be fought, but that the hostiles had been reinforced by large numbers of warriors from the agencies along the Missouri and from the Red Cloud and Spotted Tail Agencies, located near the boundary line between Dakota and Nebraska; the Indian Agents, if aware of them, having failed to inform the military of these wholesale departures. Such a movement from these agencies had been feared and in May authority had been asked allowing the military to exercise supervising control over these agencies, so as to keep in all who were present and keep out those who were then away and hostile, but this was not granted.

Simultaneously with these operations in the Department of the Plate, General Terry had concentrated at Fort A. Lincoln the entire 7th Cavalry, three Gatling guns, and six companies of infantry. On May 17th, he marched from that post with his column, numbering about nine hundred men, for the mouth of Powder River, where he established his supply camp on the 7th of June. From this point Major Reno, with six troops of the 7th Cavalry, scouted up the Powder River to its forks, across the country to the Rosebud