

a brother, and Mr. Reed, a nephew of General Custer, were with him and were killed. Captain Benteen and Lieutenant Varnum of the cavalry and fifty-one men were wounded.

Following up the movements of Gibbon's column from the Yellowstone, starting from Tullock's Creek soon after five o'clock on the morning of June 25th, the infantry of Gibbon's command made a march of twenty-miles over a most difficult country. In order that scouts might be sent into the valley of the Little Big Horn, Gibbon's cavalry, with the battery, was then pushed on thirteen or fourteen miles further, not camping until midnight. Scouts were sent out at half-past four in the morning of June 26th; they soon discovered three Indians who were at first supposed to be Sioux, but when overtaken they proved to be Crows who had been with General Custer. They brought to General Terry the first intelligence of the Battle. Their story was not credited; it was supposed that some fighting, perhaps severe fighting, had taken place, but it was not believed that disaster could have overtaken so large a force as twelve companies of cavalry. The infantry which had broken camp very early, soon came up and the whole column entered and moved up the valley of the Little Big Horn.

During the afternoon efforts were made to send scouts through to what was supposed to be Custer's position, to obtain information of the condition of affairs, but those who were sent out were driven back by parties of Indians who, in increasing numbers, were seen hovering in front of Gibbon's column. At twenty minutes before nine o'clock in the evening, the infantry had marched between twenty-nine and thirty miles, the men were very weary and daylight was fading. The column was therefore halted for the night at a point about eleven miles in a straight line above the mouth of the stream.

On the morning of June 27th the advance was resumed and, after a march of nine miles, the intrenched position was reached, the withdrawal of the Indians from around Reno's command and the valley of the Little Big Horn being undoubtedly caused by the approach of Gibbon's troops.