

the hostiles had now moved eastward from the Big Horn Mountains, marched with his column, on the 5th of August, down the Tongue River in pursuit. He followed the trail across Powder River and some distance east, when it separated and became indistinct, part of it going towards the Black Hills and the agencies. He then marched his command southward, in the direction of the Black Hills, and on

September 9th, a battalion consisting of one hundred and fifty men of the 3rd Cavalry, under Captain Anson Mills, after a very trying night-march, succeeded at day-break in surprising the village of "American Horse", at Slim Buttes, Dakota, capturing the entire village of about thirty-seven lodges, with quantities of supplies, arms and ammunition, and about one hundred and seventy-five ponies. Among the articles taken from this village, were a guidon of the 7th Cavalry, a pair of gloves marked with the name of Colonel Keogh, 7th Cavalry, who was killed with Custer, and many other things which were recognized as belonging to that command. The battalion of Captain Mills suffered a loss of one enlisted man killed, six wounded, and Lieutenant A. H. Von Luetwitz, 3rd Cavalry, so seriously wounded in the leg as to require amputation. The loss of the Indians was "American Horse", mortally wounded, four Indians killed and about a dozen captured. The village of Crazy Horse was only a short distance away, and after the first flight from camp, the Indians returned in increased numbers and attacked Mills' command, but the main column of General Crook having arrived, the Indians were worsted in several encounters which took place, a force under Lieutenant Colonel W. B. Royall, 3rd Cavalry, consisting of battalions of the 2nd and 3rd Cavalry, having one man wounded. The Indians continued hovering around the command, taking positions in ravines from which they had to be dislodged, with much patience and exposure to the troops. In several fights which occurred, the 5th Cavalry, under General Carr, lost one enlisted man and one white scout killed, and five enlisted men wounded, the loss inflicted by his force upon the Indians being estimated at seven