

seventy-one were recaptured. The pursuit of the remainder was continued, and on January 11, about twelve miles from the post, they were overtaken in a strongly intrenched position, where skirmishing was kept up all day, the Indians appearing to have plenty of ammunition. On January 13, Lieutenant Simpson, of the Third Cavalry, attacked them and had one corporal killed; later in the day he struck them again near the Hat Creek road, where he had another enlisted man wounded. On January 14 the Indians were again attacked by the troops in a strongly intrenched place, about twenty miles from Fort Robinson. Shells were fired into their position, but no damage appeared to be done, and during the night they again succeeded in making their escape. Of the fugitives only forty-five now remained unaccounted for by death or capture; of these nineteen were warriors, and all were evidently bent upon joining "Little Wolf's" band, from which they had become separated whilst escaping from the Indian Territory.

On January 18, a lot of horses were taken from a ranch on the Sidney road, believed to be stolen by some of "Little Wolf's" band, and troops from Fort D. A. Russell were sent in pursuit.

On January 20, Major Evans, with Troops B and D, Third Cavalry, intercepted the Cheyennes who had left Fort Robinson, strongly posted upon some cliffs; they escaped, however, during the night, toward the Red Cloud Agency, but Captain Wessells, with Troops A, E, F, and H, Third Cavalry, overtook them again on January 22, near the telegraph line from Fort Robinson to Hat Creek, where they were intrenched in a gully. They refused all terms of surrender, so Captain Wessells's force charged them and killed or captured the entire party. Captain Wessells and two men were wounded and three enlisted men were killed; twenty-three Cheyennes were killed and nine were captured, three of whom

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