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Dear Major Benson:

Thanks very much for your kind letter of February 10  
answering mine to General Brown.

Can you refer me to any publications in which engagements  
with hostile Indians during the early sixties are enumerated and described.  
I am, of course, familiar with the compilation "Engagements with Hostile  
Indians, 1868-81" but this does not go back far enough.

I am interested in getting a report of a fight near  
Pumpkin Buttes in 1865, not far from Fort Reno (Camp Connor). My Indian  
informant tells me that some fifty Indians waylaid a party of seven men in  
uniform driving a few spare horses. The men in uniform were heading south and  
when attacked turned back toward the fort. The Indians killed three of the  
men and captured eight horses. The Indians found their victims had short hair  
but appeared to be Indian Scouts, not white men. If you can give me the date  
and the details of this little affair I shall be very grateful. So far as I  
know the Indians only killed three men in this fight. I shall be very grateful  
for any aid you can give me.

One other matter. I have recently obtained the story of the Wagonbox  
fight from Indians who took part in it on August 2, 1867 near Fort Phil Kearny.  
If you can supply a map of this engagement and refer me to the official report it  
will be of great assistance.

Yours very truly,

E. S. Campbell.