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again if they would come out of the hole before there were any more of them shot, telling them they would be safe if they would surrender. They told me they would come out if we would not kill them, and upon receiving this promise they came out. There were three bucks and five squaws. One of the Indians had been shot through the bowels and was holdin' his entrails in his hands as he came out. Two of the squaws were also wounded. Eleven were killed in the hole. As this wounded Indian came out I recognized him as American Horse, but you would not have thought he was shot from his appearance and his looks, except for the paleness of his face. He came marching out of that death trap as straight as an arrow.* Holding out one of his blood-stained hands he shook hands with me. I took him and his people over to the General who ordered them taken up to the pack train. One of our doctors attended the wounded. There was no chance for American Horse to live; he was wounded so badly. It was just a matter of a short time when he would die. I asked him why he didn't come out of the hole when I first spoke to them. His answer was that they were afraid they would be killed, and they thought it better to die than be captured. X

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The fight kept up all that day and night--until after the time the command pulled out of there. Gen. Carr of the Fifth Cavalry was in command of the rear guard as we pulled out the next morning. Our killed were Privates John Wenzel (Third Cavalry), Edward Kennedy (Fifth Cavalry) and the scout Charlie White. Over a score were wounded. We secured only seven captives--two bucks four squaws, and one little girl. American Horse died that night, and we left him on the field for the Indians to bury or dispose of as they thought best. We got the village, securing everything that was worth taking, meat, etc., and burned the rest of the village up. We took the horses along. They amounted to three or four hundred head. The country was so muddy that we only made a short march of about twelve miles that day, but the soldiers were glad to find rest on the damp ground after passing through the terrible scenes of the past day and night.