

been killed by bullets. The rest had been slain by arrows, hatchets or spears. >They had evidently been tortured. Brown and Fetterman were found laying side by side, each with a bullet wound in the right temple. Their heads were scorched and filled with gun powder around the wound. Evidently seeing that all was lost they had stood / ³⁶⁹ face to face and had shot each other dead with their revolvers. They had both sworn to die rather than to be taken alive by the Indians, and in the last extremity they had carried out their vows. Lieutenant Grummond, who had so narrowly escaped on the 6th of December, was not yet accounted for, but there was little hope that he had escaped again.

"The night was one of wild anxiety; nearly one-fourth of the entire force of the fort had been wiped out. Mirror signals flashed from the hills during the day and fires here and there during the night indicated that the savages had not left the vicinity of the fort. Guards were doubled and every man slept with his clothing on, his weapons close at hand. In every barrack a non-commissioned officer and two men kept watch throughout the night. Carrington and the remaining officers did not sleep at all. They fully expected the fort to be attacked. The next day was bitterly cold, the sky was overcast and lowering, with indications of a tremendous storm. The Indians did not usually conduct active operations under such conditions, and there were no signs of them about. Carrington determined to go out to ascertain the fate of the missing men. He rightly judged that the moral effect of the battle would be greatly enhanced in the eyes of the Indians, if the bodies were not recovered. Besides to set at rest all doubts it was necessary to determine the fate of the balance of his command. In the afternoon, with a heavily armed force of eighty men, Carrington went to the scene of the battle. The following order was left with the officer of the day: 'Fire the usual sunset gun, running a white light to masthead. If the Indians appear, fire three guns from the twelve-pounder at minute intervals, and later substitute a red lantern for the white.' Pickets were left on two commanding ridges as signal observers as

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