

Indian Fighter Sees Action

Narrow Escapes In Battles With Indians In 1874 Are Related By Scout.

(Editor's note: This is the second of a series of daily articles on Indian fighting in this area in 1874.)

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On the morning of August 22 or 23, we left with Miles' command and were with him in the battle of August 30 (on Byrnes Creek in the northeast corner of Briscoe county.) At one time, during this battle, when Miles had his command deployed in a skirmish line, a small band of Indian sharpshooters had gained a point where the troops could not get action on them. He sent word to Lieut. Baldwin to send a couple of scouts over a small flat, to dislodge them. He sent W. F. Schmalsle and myself. We had to crawl about 200 yards in plain sight of the entire skirmish line, to keep out of sight of the Indians. On the left the soldiers did not understand the orders, thought we were Indians crawling away, and commenced firing on us. Lieut. Baldwin saw our plight and tried to stop the firing, but couldn't make them understand. We were between two fires, the troops and the Indians.

I said: "Let's get up and run for it," so we made a dash across the plateau and gained the point. When we got started it did not take us long to put the Indians on the run. After we