



CHRISTMAS 1863. Taken at  
Indians. ARMY OF THE POTOMAC  
Culpeper C. H., Va.

A detachment of forty-seven men of G Company 1st U.S. Cavalry, left permanent quarters at Camp Wallen, Arizona Territory, near the present great Fort Huachuca early one morning about June 20, 1867. We crossed the San Pedro River and Valley passing through the Dragoon Mountains; thence via the Sulphur Spring Valley Desert bordering the Chiricahera Mountains and striking a fresh trail near the Dos Cabezas - twin peaks. Then through a narrow canyon ending in a view of the most beautiful scenery - rocks, trees, meadow land, a sparkling stream; an ideal location for comfort. We completely surprised an Apache Indian village of Wikieups. The squaws scurried away to hiding places among the rocks. The bucks scattered and took cover in the almost impenetrable forest. Our Command was divided in two sections, leaving me with fourteen men to destroy the village and gather the stock of ponies, two burros and a colt. I found two papooses which we carefully fastened up on the limbs of trees. It was then I picked up these playing cards. They are said to have been made from the skin of horses' necks, carefully tanned and then hand-painted by the Indians. During the affray old Cochise the famous Apache Chief could be plainly seen riding along the ridge of the mountain. The entire fire of the Apaches seemed to be directed at my squad. It became too hot for my men so we quietly retired. Thus endeth the chapter.

SERG. HARRY I. YOHN.



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S. Co. 1st U.S. Cavalry, June  
21, 1867

