

Copy telegram.

Chicago, January 23rd 1879.
Received 8:30 P.M.

To
General Townsend.
Washington, D. C.

The following telegram forwarded by General Crook just received here.

(signed) P. H. Sheridan
Lieutenant General

"Camp eight miles north-east of Bluff Station, January 23rd, via
Fort Robinson.

General Crook

Omaha Nebraska.

Affair with Cheyenne took place yesterday about two thirty P.M.
at point eight miles east of telegraph line from Robinson to Hat Creek,
and five miles north of stage-road. Cheyennes fought with extraordinary
courage and fierceness and refused all terms but death. Officers and
troops behaved with great spirit. Those engaged were Captains Wessells
and Lawson, and Lieuts. Chase, Hardie, and G. W. Baxter, third Cavalry,
and Lieut. J. Baxter, Ninth Infantry, and Doctor Pettis. Among the
wounded are Sergeant Read, and privates Dubois, Co. "H" 3rd Cavalry.

Troops return to stations at once. Indians killed, seventeen
warriors, four women and two children; and nine captured three of whom
are wounded. One man of wounded will probably die.

(signed) Evans.

Commanding.

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Washington, D. C.

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