

about 2 or 3 P.M. the 27th. There the Indians attacked us. It was in this engagement Col. Lewis got wounded (died from the effect of wound afterwards). Captain Mauck 4th Cavalry then assumed command. The Cavalry were immediately thrown out on the bluffs on the North side of the stream and deployed dismounted as skirmishers; the Infantry being sent across the stream, South to keep the Indians from turning our flanks. We kept up the fight until after dark, when the troops were withdrawn to a canon about three quarters of a mile from the one in which the Indians were. There we remained all night, the men holding their horses. In the morning the 28th. finding the Indians had left their stronghold, we looked up the trail following North across the Smoky Hill River, at or near Russell Springs, then North east and across the K.P.R.R. at Carlyle Station the 29th, where we received forage, rations, telegrams and etc. Broke Camp at 6:30 A.M. the 30th, followed the trail to North Fork of Solomon River, then North West across the Sappa's and Beaver Creeks. The settlement on these Creeks were completely raided, (except burning the ranches). Killing the men but not injuring the children. Then crossed the Republican below the Forks. After this time we did not get sight of the Indians, until our arrival at Frenchmans Creek, (about 3 P.M Oct. 3rd.) where we could see them through our glasses at a distance of about 10 miles. We halted at this point for about an hour, as we had had nothing to eat since the morning of the previous day, nor water for our horses. Left Frenchmans Creek at 4 P.M. marched 8 miles and made a dry camp, as it was impossible to follow the trail, in consequence of the darkness. Dooked up the trail at daybreak (October 4th) and on our way we found a worn out Indian, still continued on the trail crossing the U.P.R.R. at Oqallaha, Nebraska, which place we reached after night, where we were informed that Major Thomburgh had taken the trail at noon the day previous with 3 companies of mounted troops. We were ordered to follow Major Thomburgh which we did October 5th and 6th and camped on the "Blue" a branch of the South Platt, October 7th. Then I believe, Captain Mauck, received a dispatch from the Lieut General Commanding the Division of the Missouri; informing him of the unsettled state of affairs at "Red Cloud and "Spotted Tail Agencies" and