

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI,

IN THE FIELD, FORT HAYS, KANSAS, October 1, 1868.

GENERAL FIELD ORDERS, }

No. 2.

The Major General Commanding, calls the attention of the officers and soldiers of his command, to the following record of some of the engagements and pursuits during the present Indian campaign, and desires to express his thanks and high appreciation of the gallantry, energy and bravery, displayed by those engaged therein :

I. . . . The affair on Arrickeree Fork of the Republican river, September 17, 1868, where a party of forty-seven (47) scouts under the command of Brevet Colonel George A. Forsyth, Major 9th Cavalry, Acting Assistant Inspector General of the Department, and 1st Lieutenant Frederick H. Beecher, 3d Infantry, defended themselves against about six hundred (600) Indians, for eight days, successfully repulsing several charges and inflicting a loss upon the savages of over seventy-five (75) killed and wounded; in which Lieut. BEECHER, Doctor MOORE and three others were killed and fifteen (15) wounded; all their stock killed and the party obliged to live on horse flesh during this time.

II. . . . The affair on Big Sandy Creek, C. T., in which Co. I, 10th Cavalry, under the command of Captain G. W. GRAHAM and Lieut AMICK, defended themselves against the attack of about one hundred (100) Indians, losing a large number of horses killed and wounded, and afterwards pursuing the Indians, killing eleven (11) and capturing a number of their ponies.

III. . . . The rapid preparation, pursuit and attack made by Brevet Brig. Gen. W. H. PENROSE, Captain 3d Infantry, Commanding Fort Lyon, C. T., and 1st Lieut. HENRY H. ABELL, 7th Cavalry, with a detachment of Troop L, 7th Cavalry, on September 8, 1868, in which they pursued a party of Indians who had driven off stock, killing four (4) of their number, and recapturing the stock; having traveled on their return to their camp, one hundred and twenty (120) miles in twenty-six (26) hours.

IV. . . . The defence made, after three of their number had been severely wounded, by Corporal JAMES GOODWIN, Troop B, 7th Cavalry, Privates JOHN O'DONNELL, Co. A, CHARLES HARTMAN, Co. H, and C. TOLAN, Co. F, 3d Infantry, against fifty (50) Indians on Little Coon Creek, Kansas, on September 2, 1868, and the voluntary assistance given by Corporals PATRICK BOYLE, Troop B, 7th Cavalry, and LEANDER HERBON, Co. A, 3d Infantry, mail carriers, who happened to be passing.

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