

EUREKA, CAL., *April 11, 1863—8 p. m.*

Lieut. Col. R. C. DRUM,

*Asst. Adjt. Gen., Department of the Pacific, San Francisco :*

COLONEL: I am directed to supply the following omission in the district commander's report of Captain Flynn's engagement with hostile Indians: "Our loss was 1 killed, Private Lynch, of Company A, Second Infantry California Volunteers."

I am, colonel, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CHAS. H. BARTH,

*First Lieut. and Adjt. Second Inftry. Cal. Vols., Actg. Asst. Adjt. Gen.*

HEADQUARTERS HUMBOLDT MILITARY DISTRICT,

*Fort Humboldt, Cal., May 11, 1863.*

COLONEL: On the 30th of April a Government pack train, in charge of four men belonging to companies at Fort Gaston, was attacked by a band of Indians in ambush, numbering about twenty, some thirteen miles this side of Fort Gaston. Private Smith, of Company K, Second Infantry California Volunteers, was killed, and Corporal Smith [Agan], of the same company, was wounded. The Indians captured everything, including five Government mules, and all the effects of Lieutenants Stewart and Winchill. On the report coming in, detachments from Fort Gaston and Camp Curtis were sent out in pursuit of the Indians, but returned without finding them. In pursuance of department orders, dated April 7, 1863, received last evening by the steamer Panama, Company E, Second Infantry, Captain Gibbs, and Company H of the same regiment, commanded by Captain Hanna, have embarked on the steamer to proceed to Benicia. Private D. Squibb, of Company E, goes with his company. Company I, Captain Theller, Second Infantry California Volunteers, is ordered here from Fort Gaston to replace Company H, at Fort Humboldt.

I am, colonel, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

FRANCIS J. LIPPITT,

*Colonel Second Infantry Cal. Vols., Comdg. Humboldt Mil. Dist.*

Lieut. Col. R. C. DRUM,

*Asst. Adjt. Gen., Dept. of the Pacific, San Francisco, Cal.*

HEADQUARTERS HUMBOLDT MILITARY DISTRICT,

*Fort Humboldt, May 29, 1863.*

COLONEL: I have the honor to report that Captain Hull, with twenty men of Company D, Second Infantry California Volunteers, proceeded on the 3d instant from Fort Bragg in pursuit of a band of hostile Indians who had been committing depredations on the coast; that on the 9th instant, with a detachment of eight men, he came up with them near Shelter Cove, and out of some thirty-five or forty killed 4 and wounded 3 too severely to be carried away, bringing in 1 boy and 5 squaws as prisoners, who were delivered over to the supervisor on the Mendocino Reservation. In consequence of the representations of some of the inhabitants of the outskirts of Arcata, instead of bringing Company I to this post I have halted it at Camp Curtis, near that place, where it is now stationed. To embark that company and the one at Fort Humboldt twenty-four hours' notice would suffice, but to embark

captured 83. As I said before, a much larger number was killed; that would make the number in killed and captured over 100, but as I did not see them I will not include them in the killed.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. FLYNN,

*Captain, Second Infantry California Volunteers, Commanding.*

Lieut. CHARLES H. BARTH,

*Adjutant Second Infantry California Volunteers,*

*Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen., Humboldt Military District.*

No. 4.

*Report of Capt. William E. Hull, Second California Infantry.*

HEADQUARTERS,

*Fort Bragg, Cal., May 21, 1863.*

SIR: I do myself the honor to report that I proceeded on the 3d instant from this post to Shelter Cove on scout with twenty men of my company to chastise a band of hostile Indians who have killed several head of cattle and two valuable horses belonging to Mr. Beall, in that neighborhood. Early on the morning of the 9th instant, with eight men of the party, surprised about thirty-five or forty of them, killing 4 and wounding 3, the latter so badly that I found it useless to bring them along. Of the former, one has been recognized as concerned in the murder of two citizens (Oliver and Lewis) some time back. After this affair I proceeded to the vicinity of Eel River, but, notwithstanding the utmost caution was taken, those wary Indians discovered us and got out of range of our rifles. Their camp and several hundredweight of fish I caused to be destroyed. The detachment returned to this post this morning; 1 boy and 5 squaws, brought in as prisoners, have been handed over to the superintendent of the Mendocino Reservation. The country through which the scout was made is almost impassable for underbrush and rocky ravines. The men did their duty with good will and cheerfulness. I beg to recommend that another scouting party be sent to Eel River, for which I trust the colonel commanding will grant his approval.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. E. HULL,

*Captain, Second California Volunteer Infantry, Commanding Post.*

First Lieut. CHARLES H. BARTH,

*Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen., Humboldt Mil. Dist., Fort Humboldt, Cal.*

No. 5.

*Report of Lieut. Col. Stephen G. Whipple, First Battalion California Mountaineers.*

EUREKA, July 10, 1863.

COLONEL: Previous to my arrival from San Francisco Camp Curtis (near Arcata) had been abandoned. Unmistakable indications caused the people of that vicinity to fear hostilities from Indians and applied to me for protection. Deeming it important that a small force should