

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO,  
*Santa Fé, N. Mex., October 3, 1881.*

SIR: In compliance with telegram of the general commanding, dated September 27, 1881, I have the honor to report as follows:

During July our troops and Indian scouts were active, scouting the Mexican line. Lieutenant Guilfoyle, with a company of Indian scouts and detachments of L troop, Ninth Cavalry, when scouting country east of Fort Bliss, came upon a small band of hostiles, following them over the Rio Grande. These hostiles were probably Mescaleros from Mexico. This band, with others under Nana, made their way to the San Mateo Mountains, defeating a citizen company of 36 men, capturing all their horses and equipage, on August 1. D troop, of the Ninth Cavalry, had been ordered to the San Mateo Mountains on the 28th July, and passing through these mountains, in advance of the hostiles, turned to the southwest without finding the hostiles in the mountains, as was expected. The hostiles, on leaving the San Mateo, moved in a northwest direction, closely followed by Lieutenant Guilfoyle, who came up with them at Monica Springs, capturing some of their stock and killing some of them. In anticipation of this movement of the hostiles, I had, on the 1st, ordered K troop, Ninth Cavalry, to Rito Quemado to head them off, which resulted in a sharp fight, with loss to us of two killed and four wounded in the company. Lieutenant Guilfoyle, with his scouts, having one more running fight, finally was thrown off the trail of the hostiles, who were killing people, and followed some of the bands of renegade Navajoes and others, who had taken advantage

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of the raiding party under Nana to run off stock. A company, of the Ninth Cavalry, was brought up from Selden, pushed out west of Craig; I troop, Ninth Cavalry, stationed near Cañada Alamosa for the purpose of striking the Indians on their way south.

Taylor, with detachments of B and H troops, Ninth Cavalry, and A company, Indian scouts, was brought up to Craig during the 15th, by rail, and put on the trail the same morning twenty miles west of Craig; A company, of the Ninth Cavalry, had passed this locality, going west, before the hostiles passed south. Lieut. C. W. Taylor, Ninth Cavalry, came up with the hostiles at daylight in the morning of the 16th, in the San Mateo Mountains, soon routing them and driving them out of the mountains during the day.

On the 16th the hostiles were heading south, when Lieutenant Valois, with I troop, Ninth Cavalry, came on them, having a sharp fight, in which three men were badly wounded and a number of horses lost. The hostiles continued moving rapidly south, being joined by small parties, closely followed by Captain Cooney with A troop, Ninth Cavalry, Lieutenant Valois with I troop, and Taylor with his company of Indian scouts. To check the hostiles, I had ordered Lieutenant Smith with 46 mounted men from Cummings to neighborhood of Lake Valley. Lieutenant Smith attacked the hostiles in Garilan Cañon on the morning of the 19th, having with him only 17 men, and joined by a party of citizens commanded by a miner named Daly. Lieutenant Smith and 3 men were killed, a number wounded. Why Smith did not take all his men with him has never been explained. Daly, with most of the citizens, broke at the first fire. Sergeant Wood, of B troop, Ninth Cavalry, left in command, held his ground until Sergeant Anderson, of the same company, came up with the balance of the command.

There being no officer with the men, Anderson moved forward on the trail, taking his dead and wounded with him, as the trail led towards the Rio Miembres. On reaching that point the sergeant sent his dead and wounded into Fort Bayard. On the evening of the 20th all the troops in that vicinity were in full pursuit of the hostiles into Sonora, marching very rapidly night and day. The only result was forcing the hostiles to abandon much property stolen during the raid. During the time of the raid it rained continuously, causing much difficulty in keeping the trail. The troops made every effort to come up with the hostiles, and attacked with vigor when they did.

Captain Parker, Lieutenants Guilfoyle, Taylor, Valois, Burnett, and Wright displayed energy and courage, and are entitled to honorable mention.

The subreports called for have not been received, except those inclosed from Lieutenant Guilfoyle and Captain Parker. Supposing the telegraphic communication of September 27, referred to above, calls for immediate report, I forward without delaying for the arrival of the others.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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