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## HOW I KILLED CHIEF YELLOW HAND BY BUFFALO BILL

FROM TRUE TALES OF THE PLAINS  
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**G**ENERAL PHIL SHERIDAN arranged this campaign so that detachments of the army would leave several points and with various objects to be accomplished, while the eventual objective was to concentrate and corral with a certain strength enough to crush forever the power of the northern Sioux and Cheyennes and their allies. Expeditions under Major General George A. Crook, General Wesley Merritt and Major General Eugene A. Carr started from different points, but with active relations, in cutting off the southern Indians, especially the Ogallala and Brule Sioux and the Cheyennes, from

joining en masse with Sitting Bull or to obstruct and prevent any junction of the northern Sioux with them, as such junction would have given them a strength almost equal to the army and many times larger than the forces in that section of the country. These three commanders will always stand in the front rank of our most experienced soldiers in the civil war and especially in Indian warfare, had graduated at both camps and had on their rosters of officers men destined to become equally famous and successful. Merritt's command worked successfully and had many skirmishes, finally cutting the main body of the Indians off and driving them back to their agency southward, while driving back the northern Indians coming south. On July 15, while I was scouting for information, General Merritt ascertained through Paymaster (afterwards General) Stanton that 800 hostile Cheyennes, fully equipped for the war, had started to join Sitting Bull. These savage horsemen, probably the best in the world, would have a start of sixty miles if Merritt pushed to the agency to make certain of their intention and then pursued them. He did nothing of the kind. As we had been retreating our steps they felt perfectly secure—so much so that the white chief, they thought, could not double on his tracks and cut them off before they reached the timber fringe of the Cheyenne. This they could not imagine for one minute, and Merritt had to plan a ride that would test to the utmost the possibilities of man and horse to overcome the advantage they had of him. To discomfit these scientific fighters he had to ride clear around them in the arc of a circle, while they went in a bee line, and bring it off without being discovered, must every horse and man to the battle front in good condition, as with seven companies of cavalry that were available he outnumbered him two to one, and by leaving the wagon trains and impedimenta behind men and horses would have short rations. It was an adventurous ride, worthy of extended comment, and the old Indian trail was found. The Indians had not

died, and my horse stumbled in a prairie dog hole, but I landed on my feet. Kneeling quickly, I put a bullet through the head of his horse, coming on at speed. Thus we were both afoot and in close proximity. The story is better told in the press dispatches of that day and by Lieutenant (now General) Charles King in his book, "Campaigning With Crook." The dates and arrival of these dispatches will show how isolated was the country and the length of time it took to communicate with the east: The Indian War—Details of Colonel Merritt's Charge on the Cheyennes—A Short Struggle.

The Indians, Utterly Surprised, Rush Back in Disorder—The Latest From General Crook's Army.

"Fort Laramie, July 22, 1876.

"At noon on Saturday, the 15th inst., the Fifth cavalry, under General Merritt, were bivouacked on Rawhide creek, eighteen miles from Fort Laramie, to which point they were ordered in from the Cheyenne river, 100 miles north, en route to join Crook. A courier suddenly appeared from the agency with dispatches stating that 800 Cheyennes were making preparation to leave for the northwest to join Sitting Bull, that he was to throw himself across their line of march in time to intercept them, and Merritt had to make thirty miles before they could reach the advanced post. Finding him at the advanced post, General Merritt found the report correct. The command noiselessly mounted and was massed under the bluffs a quarter of a mile to the rear and out of sight of the Indians.

"At daybreak Monday morning Lieutenant King, commanding the outpost to the southeast, sent word that the war parties were coming over the ridge from the reservation. Telling him at the advanced post, General Merritt found the report correct. The command noiselessly mounted and was massed under the bluffs a quarter of a mile to the rear and out of sight of the Indians.

"At the same time the wagon train, under Lieutenant W. T. Hall, now Brigadier General Hall, was some six miles off to the southwest, slowly approaching, and the Indians were closely watching, but keeping concealed from the view of its guard. The two companies of infantry with him were riding in the wagons. At 6 o'clock the Indians were swarming all along the ridge to the southeast, some three miles away. Suddenly a party of eight or ten warriors came dashing down a ravine that led directly under the bill where Lieutenant King and his six men were watching.

"The object was as suddenly apparent. Two horsemen, unconscious of the proximity of the foe, had ventured out ahead of the train and were making rapidly for the creek. They were couriers with dispatches for the command. The Indians, utterly ignorant of the rapid move of the Fifth, were simply bent on 'jumping' the couriers and getting their scalps.

"Buffalo Bill, chief of the scouts, lay on the hill with King and instantly sprang to his horse down off the hill. 'All keep out of sight,' said the general, 'mount now, and when the word is given open fire!' Then, turning to the officer of the picket, he said: 'Watch them, King. Give the word when you are ready.'

"Crouching behind the little butte, Bill and his party of two scouts and six soldiers were breathlessly waiting. Halfway up were the general and his staff. The lieutenant lay at the crest, watching the rapidly advancing foe. Down they came, nearer and nearer, the sun flashing from their brilliantly painted bodies and their polished ornaments. Then, just as they were dashing by the front of the hill, King shouts, 'Now, lads, in with you!'

"General Merritt sprang up to see the attack just as a tall Indian reeled in his saddle, shot by Corporal Wilkinson of K company. An answering bullet whistled by the general's head just when King, still on watch, sung out, 'Here they come by dozens.' The reserve Indians came swarming down the ridge to the rescue. Company K was instantly ordered to the front, but before it appeared from behind the bluff the Indians, emboldened by the rush of their friends to the rescue, turned savagely on 'Buffalo Bill' and the little party at the outpost.

"The latter sprang from their horses and met the daring charge with a volley. Yellow Hand, a young Cheyenne brave, came foremost, singling Bill as a foe more worthy of his steel. Cody, kneeling and taking deliberate aim, sent a bullet through the chief's leg and into his horse. Down went the two, and before his friends could reach him a second shot from Bill's rifle laid the redskin low.

"On came the others, bent on annihilating the little band that opposed them, when, to their amazement, a long blue line popped up in their way, and K company, with Colonel Mason at its head, dashed at them. Leaving their dead, the Cheyennes scattered back better skelter for the ridge, but their fire was wild and their stand a short one. Company after company debouched from behind the bluff, and, utterly disheartened, the Indians rushed

for the reservation, leaving behind all their provisions. General Merritt pursued them until night, when the whole command went into camp at the agency. "The Indians left their dead and admit having more wounded. They lost six ponies. Their friends at Red Cloud say they never dreamed that the Fifth cavalry could get there in time to head them off.

"The regiment sustained no loss. It arrived at Laramie yesterday and leaves for Crook's command tomorrow."

The above is from the New York Herald, Sunday, July 23, 1876. From Captain Charles King's "Campaigning With Crook," published in 1890.

"By Jove, general," says 'Buffalo Bill,' sliding backward down the hill 'now's our chance. Let the part mount here out of sight and we'll cut these fellows off. Come down here, every man of you.'

"Glancing behind me, I saw Cody, Tait and 'Chips,' with five cavalymen, eagerly bending forward in their saddles, grasping carbine and rifle, every eye bent upon me, watching for the signal. Not a man but myself knows how near they are. That's right, close in, you beggars! Ten seconds more and you are on them! A hundred and twenty-five yards—a hundred—ninety. 'Now, lads, in with you!'

"There's a rush, a wild, ringing cheer, then bang, bang, bang, and



It is now close quarters, knife and knife.

In a cloud of dust Cody and his men tumble in among them. 'Buffalo Bill' closing on a superbly accounted warrior. It is the work of a minute; the Indian has fired and missed. Cody's bullet tears through the rider's leg into the pony's heart, and they tumble in a confused heap on the prairie. The Cheyenne struggles to his feet for another shot, but Cody's second bullet hits the mark. It is now close quarters, knife and knife. After a hand to hand struggle Cody wins, and the young chief, Yellow Hand, drops lifeless in his tracks after a hot fight. Baffled and astounded, for once in a lifetime beaten at their own game, their project of joining Sitting Bull nipped in the bud, they take hurried flight. But our chief is satisfied. 'Buffalo Bill' is radiant. His are the honors of the day!

General Cook, commanding the department, who had started early in spring, was up in the north and had fought the same Indians who afterwards destroyed General Custer's command.

He fought them in the battle of the Rosebud on the 17th of May. This was a very indecisive contest—practically a severe check to him—compelling him to take up permanent camp on the Big Goose creek (where Sheridan, Wyo., now stands) and there await re-enforcements.

General Sheridan ordered Generals Merritt and Carr, with the Fifth cavalry, to make forced marches to join Crook at Goose creek.

I was with this command as chief of scouts and guide, and we had been operating in northwestern Nebraska and the southern part of Dakota to keep the Indians from the Red Cloud and Spotted Tail agencies from going north to join the hostiles under Sitting Bull.

Not Wholly Careless. Thomas Chett was a meek but careless clerk who, through no greater fault than carelessness, was continually blundering in his work. His most usual mistake was to misdirect letters, either by substituting a wrong street number or by writing, say, "Cal." for "Col." One day his employer laid on his desk a letter which had been over a month in the mails without reaching its destination, and all because of Thomas's error.

"Now, this has got to stop," said his employer. "Such delays waste time and money. If you had used an envelope which hadn't had our address in the corner, we might never have known where this letter went to."

"That's true," assented the bumble clerk. "But I am always careful to use that kind of envelope just for that reason."

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## An Unpleasant Duty.

Fremont Tribune: Gov. Schallerberger's action in signing the 8 o'clock closing bill for saloons is to be commended. There was put upon him an unpleasant task. After having been the political beneficiary of the liquor interests of the state it was more difficult for him to approve a measure which had incurred the violent opposition of the liquor men. It looked like base ingratitude on his part—like smiting the hand that had fed him. On the other hand it is evidently patent to the governor that temperance sentiment is very strong in Nebraska and that it is rapidly growing. Therefore he chose to align himself, at least in some degree, with this element. He will also defend his course by arguing that the responsibility lay, primarily, with the legislature.

That it should come to a democratic governor and a democratic legislature enacting such restrictive liquor legislation in Nebraska is a most radical change.

P. S. Paulson was up from Moe Saturday on business.

Henry P. Getters writes from Artesian that he is there on a brief visit to his uncle and on his way to Lemmon.

Andrew Fossum of Highland was a visitor and a new subscriber Saturday.

Han Brynjulson is still nursing the automobile fever. He says he is going to take lessons from Dr. Noid before buying.

Fred Cole arrived in Canton Friday from Perkins county where he has a fine homestead. He came down for a brief visit with Canton relatives. He left Lemmon at 8 o'clock Thursday evening and arrived at Canton Friday at 2. A quick trip.

## The Cash Shoe Store.



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