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UNION AND CONFEDERATE ARMIES.

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## JUNE 6, 1862.—Skirmish at Grand River, Ind. T.

*Report of Col. Charles Doubleday, Second Ohio Cavalry.*

HEADQUARTERS U. S. TROOPS,  
*On Spring River, June 8, 1862—6 p. m.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that on the morning of the 6th instant I left this place with 1,000 men for the purpose of breaking up the rebel encampment on Cowskin Prairie, which has so long infested this neighborhood.

I arrived at Grand River on the same day about sundown, and learned that the enemy were encamped 3 miles distant to the number of 1,500, commanded by Stand Watie, Coffee, and others. I ordered the First Battalion, Second Ohio Cavalry, across the river, to take position south of the rebel encampment, advancing at the same time with my artillery, supported by infantry, in skirmishing order, through the woods to the crossing, which was effected by the entire force by 9 p. m., the enemy's pickets merely firing a few scattering shots as they fell back. Not having daylight I could not accurately ascertain their precise positions, except in the camp of Stand Watie, which was in a grove. I ordered the artillery to the front, and from the distance of about 500 yards threw a few shot and shell into their camp, causing thereby considerable commotion, audible to us.

About 1 a. m. I ordered my troops to lay on their arms, having previously thrown out a strong chain of cavalry pickets; but during the night the enemy escaped along the brush-wood and made a rapid march toward Fort Smith. I did not follow them, under your orders not to proceed farther south, but employed the next day collecting the horses and cattle which they left in their flight, and which are now, to the number of 500 or 600 head, under convoy of my command to this place, where I arrived one hour since.

I have the honor to remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CHAS. DOUBLEDAY,

*Colonel, Commanding Troops on Spring River.*

*Colonel WEBB, Commanding Indian Expedition.*

HEADQUARTERS INDIAN EXPEDITION,  
*Camp on Hickory Creek, Osage Nation, June 23, 1862.*

Capt. THOMAS MOONLIGHT,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General :*

There was handed me to-day for the first time the Leavenworth Conservative of 13th instant, in which there is an editorial and communication imputing to me the blame of the failure of Colonel Doubleday's late expedition from Spring River to Cowskin Prairie against Staud Watie and others. As I feel myself guiltless of any error and aggrieved at the charges therein contained, I would respectfully ask the appointment of a court to inquire into the truth of the imputations referred to.

Respectfully, &c.,

WM. WEER,  
*Colonel, Commanding.*

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