

Chapter 1 : Sully's Expedition and the Battle of Killdeer Mountain – Discerning History

*The Warriors of Killdeer Mountain [James Willer] on calendrierdelascience.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. In , there was a battle between the U.S. Government and the Native People who lived in the Midwest.*

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Chapter 2 : Killdeer Mountain

Killdeer Mountain broke the back of the Sioux resistance. Sully did meet the remnants of the Sioux warriors that had escaped Killdeer Mountain in August and defeated them, but they had none of the spirit formally exhibited.

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Chapter 3 : Battle Detail - The Civil War (U.S. National Park Service)

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Chapter 4 : Battle Summary: Killdeer Mountain, ND

Killdeer Mountain Battlefield State Historic Site overlooks the site of a battle fought on July 28, 1862, between troops commanded by General Sully and a gathering of Sioux Indians.

This attack on an Indian trading village in the Killdeer Mountains was one of a series of military reprisals against the Sioux that followed the US-Dakota War of 1862 in Minnesota. The region of Killdeer Mountain was long recognized as a good hunting spot and a gathering and trading point for groups of Sioux people. Many Yanktonai people and a small number of Dakotas, some led by Inkpaduta, had also gathered. View State Historic Sites of ND in a larger map On July 28 scouts raced back to the column and told Sully that they had found an Indian camp of about 1,000 lodges a few miles ahead. Sully immediately rearranged the marching order of the command into a huge, hollow square. Inside the square were his artillery, transport wagons, ambulances, and the command staff. Much of the cavalry dismounted to fight on foot. Every fourth man took the reins of his mount and three other horses and waited inside the square until needed. After advancing four or five miles, the army confronted the Indians. Stories differ about who fired the first shot. John Pattee of the Seventh Iowa Cavalry described a similar event: At another point, an Indian scouting party, returning to the village, threatened the supply wagons at the rear until cannon were rushed back. Foot by foot, the soldiers advanced, and inch by inch, the Indians yielded. As the day wore on General Sully ordered a cavalry charge to break the Indian line and drive it into forested breaks in front of and beside the village. The troops surrounded the village on three sides and advanced toward the center. More cannon began shelling the Indians out of the forested gullies behind the village and onto the exposed hillsides. Seeing that they no longer had any chance of repelling the troops, the Indians fled over the steep, rugged terrain to the rear. As their families climbed to safety, the warriors valiantly defended them until darkness silenced the guns. Oral traditions say some of the people escaped by climbing to the top of Killdeer Mountain and then down through a cave known today as the Medicine Hole. The following morning, Sully left some of his troops at the village site to collect and destroy all abandoned materials. Robert McLaren of the 2nd Minnesota Cavalry made a record of the destruction. He estimated that the soldiers burned about 1,000 lodges. No prisoners were taken. David Kingsbury of the 8th Minnesota Infantry would later recount that at least one infant was found alive in the abandoned village and subsequently shot. That night warriors attacked the picket line, killing two soldiers. Survivors of the Battle of Killdeer Mountain still had some time before the onset of winter to replace some of their belongings. However, the battle solidified the antagonism of those Native Americans, especially the Lakotas, who had not participated in the US-Dakota War of 1862, toward the encroaching whites. The modern-day site bears considerable resemblance to the historic battlefield, despite modern intrusions of roads, fences, farms and ranches, and oil wells and collection facilities. Set against the scenic backdrop of the Killdeer Mountains, a sandstone slab monument and flagpole mark part of the July 28, 1862, battlefield. Two headstones honor soldiers who were killed in the cavalry charge. An unpaved parking lot is separated from the site by a log barrier. The on-acre site is surrounded by private land, so please be respectful. State Publishing Company, Kurt D. Minnesota Historical Society Press, South Dakota Historical Society, Minnesota Historical Society,

Chapter 5 : James Willer (Author of The Warriors of Killdeer Mountain)

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The location of the battleground is in modern Dunn County, North Dakota. Background In the aftermath of the Dakota War of , the U. Large military expeditions into Dakota Territory in pushed most of the Sioux to the western side of the Missouri River at least temporarily and made safer, although not entirely safe, the frontier of white settlement in Minnesota and the Dakotas. Four whites were killed by Sioux raiders in the spring of An important impetus to another military campaign against the Sioux was the desire to protect lines of communication with recently discovered goldfields in Montana and Idaho. The lifeline for the American gold miners was steamboats plying the Missouri River through the heart of Sioux territory. On the march up the Missouri, the Sioux killed one soldier and wounded another. The three Sioux perpetrators were caught, killed, and decapitated. Additional soldiers and civilians with 15 steamboats chugged up the Missouri River to support the army on the ground. His scouts, Winnebago and friendly Sioux and mixed-bloods, informed him of a large encampment of Sioux miles northwest near the Little Missouri River. On July 19, he and his men departed Fort Rice to search for the Sioux encampment. Sully was encumbered by a wagon train of miners and their families headed for the goldfields who he reluctantly agreed to protect and escort. Sully believed he would be faced by 5, to 6, warriors. The Sioux later claimed they had 1, warriors in the battle " likely closer to the truth with a calculation of one to two adult males per tipi. The Sioux were mostly armed only with bows and arrows and a few short-range muskets and shotguns. Many of the Sioux, especially the Tetons, had not been hostile to the U. Sully, after leaving men at Fort Rice and to guard the emigrants, had 2, men for the attack. He also had two artillery batteries with eight howitzers. With the Sioux now aware of his presence, Sully advanced rapidly but carefully. On the morning of July 28, scout Frank LaFramboise, a mixed blood Santee, informed Sully of the location of the large Sioux encampment 10 miles ahead. His horses and artillery were sheltered inside the square. Order of Battle Battle The two sides, soldiers drawn up in a hollow square and Indians scattered around the hills, exchanged insults at long distance. One warrior, a Hunkpapa named Lone Dog rode within rifle range of the soldiers, taunting them. Sully ordered him shot by sharpshooters. Accounts differ as to whether Lone Dog was killed or unscathed. With the first shots fired at Lone Dog, the soldiers advanced with a skirmish line and the Sioux darted at the flanks of the army, seeking weak spots. Artillery fire discouraged the Sioux from congregating in large numbers. The Sioux quickly realized that they could not hope to turn the soldiers back and they shifted their focus to packing up their tipis and equipment and protecting the flight of their women and children. Brackett and his Minnesota Battalion on the right mounted their horses and launched a counter-charge, supported by artillery. He scattered the Indians after close quarters fighting with sabers and pistols. A renowned hero of the frontier and the Civil War, Lt. George Northrup, was killed in the charge. It was getting dark as Sully neared the Sioux village. He halted his men for the night, but continued his artillery bombardment of the Sioux and their village. The Sioux fled or fought delaying actions, abandoning most of their tipis and property. He estimated Sioux casualties of to dead, nearly all of them warriors. The Sioux claimed they suffered 31 dead. Aftermath The day after the battle, the Sioux having abandoned their encampment, Sully detailed men to destroy all they had left behind. This included tipis, large supplies of dried buffalo meat jerky , and up to 3, dogs which were shot. A few Sioux, including children, left behind in the camp were killed by the Winnebago scouts. Most of the Sioux scattered through the Dakota Badlands to the west of Killdeer Mountain, but some remained near Sully. Several Sioux on a hilltop waved a white flag requesting talks but they were fired on by soldiers and fled. Another soldier was killed by guards when he was mistaken for an Indian. Although running short of rations, Sully decided to continue his pursuit of the Sioux. After two days rest, Sully and his men plunged into the unknown terrain ahead. The Sioux would harass their passage in the Battle of the Badlands. The site is located 8.

Chapter 6 : Killdeer Mountain – Civil War Times

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Killdeer Mountain Battlefield State Historic Site marks part of the battlefield site and is protected by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. This features a sandstone slab monument, flagpole, and two headstones that honor soldiers killed in the conflict, Sergeant George Northrup, Company C, and Private Horace Austin, Company D.

In July, Sully [3] set out for the Killdeer Mountains [4] where Yanktonai, [5] Sicasu, [6] Hunkpapa, [7] and other Dakota were in a large hunting camp. Again, all Indian property was destroyed. This is known as the Battle of Killdeer Mountains. Sully chased down some of the stragglers from the battle along the Yellowstone River in the Badlands, and in August, soldiers attacked some of the survivors of the Killdeer Mountains. This attack on an Indian trading village in the Killdeer Mountains was one of a series of military reprisals against the Sioux that followed the US-Dakota War of 1862 in Minnesota. Many Yanktonai people and a small number of Dakotas, some led by Inkpaduta, had also gathered. Sully immediately rearranged the marching order of the command into a huge, hollow square. Inside the square were his artillery, transport wagons, ambulances, and the command staff. Much of the cavalry dismounted to fight on foot. Every fourth man took the reins of his mount and three other horses and waited inside the square until needed. Stories differ about who fired the first shot. John Pattee of the Seventh Iowa Cavalry described a similar event: The troops surrounded the village on three sides and advanced toward the center. More cannon began shelling the Indians out of the forested gullies behind the village and onto the exposed hillsides. Seeing that they no longer had any chance of repelling the troops, the Indians fled over the steep, rugged terrain to the rear. As their families climbed to safety, the warriors valiantly defended them until darkness silenced the guns. Oral traditions say some of the people escaped by climbing to the top of Killdeer Mountain and then down through a cave known today as the Medicine Hole. Robert McLaren of the 2nd Minnesota Cavalry made a record of the destruction. He estimated that the soldiers burned about 10 lodges. No prisoners were taken. David Kingsbury of the 8th Minnesota Infantry would later recount that at least one infant was found alive in the abandoned village and subsequently shot. That night warriors attacked the picket line, killing two soldiers. However, the battle solidified the antagonism of those Native Americans, especially the Lakotas, who had not participated in the US-Dakota War of 1862, toward the encroaching whites. It also could be that whomever is referred to in the Clodfelter work underestimated the deaths, or only included warriors. In truth, no one knows for a certainty. The United States Army versus the Sioux, Sully was commissioned a colonel of the 1st Minnesota Volunteer Infantry in February of 1862, and promoted to Brigadier General in September. Lakota, Dakota, Nakota Nation web site. State Publishing Company, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1997, p. South Dakota Historical Society, Minnesota Historical Society,

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The Killdeer Mountain conflict occurred on July 28, Sully was under orders to punish the Sioux in another campaign following the September, massacre of Dak Ț Țta and Lak Ț Țta peoples at Pa ȚpuzA NapȚ WakȚina (Dry Bone Hill Creek), also known as Whitestone Hill.

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