

braves. In a short time the chief returned with a large party. He seemed determined to fight, and anxious for a battle. When he came near enough, I raised a yell, and firing commenced from both sides. The chief (who seemed to be a small man) addressed his warriors in a loud voice; but they soon retreated, leaving him and a few braves on the battle-field. A great number of my warriors pursued the retreating party, and killed a number of their horses as they ran. The chief and his few braves were unwilling to leave the field. I ordered my braves to rush upon them, and had the mortification of seeing two of my chiefs killed before the enemy retreated. This young chief deserves great praise for his courage and bravery; but fortunately for us, his army was not all composed of such brave men. During this attack we killed several men and about forty horses, and lost two young chiefs and seven warriors."

On the 29th of June, three men were attacked in a field near Sinsinawa Mound, two of whom, John Thompson and James Boxley, were killed, while the Indians, though pursued by Captain Stephenson, made their escape by crossing the Mississippi in a canoe. These Indians were probably a straggling party of Sauks, as the principal body had already returned with Black Hawk to Rock River.

During the months of May and June the number of settlers who fell victims to the merciless warfare of Black Hawk and his followers, was probably not less than fifty. But by the early part of July, such was the organization and vigorous pursuit by the whites of all straggling bands of marauders, that the great mass of the Indians were concentrated upon Rock River, above Lake Koshkonnong, at the outlet of which Gen. Atkinson was now encamped, and where he had been joined by Gen. Alexander's brigade.

While Major Dement was engaged with Black Hawk at Kellogg's Grove, he sent an express to General Posey at Dixon for relief, who marched with his whole brigade for that purpose; but did not arrive until after the retreat of the Indians. Gen. Posey awaited the arrival of his baggage wagons, and then proceeded with his brigade to Fort Hamilton, where he was met by Colonel Dodge with his entire command of mounted volunteers. In pursuance of the plan of the campaign, as formed at headquarters at Ottawa, on the 17th June, these two commands composed the left wing of the army. General Alexander's command formed the cen-