

By exertions almost incredible, Gen. Atkinson succeeded in less than three weeks in calling out a new militia mounted force, for it was already found that the war could not be successfully prosecuted against a well-mounted enemy by infantry alone, and in organizing it anew, and in procuring provisions for a new movement.

In the meantime, however, two companies of regular troops and a company of militia had been dispatched to Kellogg's Grove, for the purpose of occupying the country between Rock and Fevre rivers, and dispersing a party of the enemy known to be lurking therein. While there, the militia in returning to the camp were attacked by a party of Indians in ambush, and driven off, with a loss of three of their number killed. The Indians lost four. After remaining at Kellogg's Grove ten days, this party were ordered to return, and their places were supplied by a battalion of militia two hundred and fifty strong, commanded by Major John Dement who the day after their arrival at the position, were attacked and defeated by one hundred and thirty Indians, who drove them into their stockade, and besieged them until relieved by Gen. Posey with the residue of the brigade, when the Indians leisurely withdrew.

About this time also, Col. Dodge, now colonel of the U. S. Dragoons, with a party of twenty-eight mounted men, learned that several murders had been committed in the neighborhood of Fort Hamilton, and pursued the murderers. Dodge and his party overtook the enemy, who they found to be a party of fifteen in number, and after a sharp conflict, killed every one of them, with the loss of three whites killed.

On the 28th of June, the army again advanced on the enemy. Our force consisted of upwards of four hundred regular infantry, and Henry's brigade of one thousand mounted militia. Brig.-Gen. Brady, U. S. A., who had in the meantime joined the army, and by advice of Gen. Atkinson, assumed the immediate command of the division of regulars and militia, was left to guard the depot at Dixon's Ferry, and Posey's and Alexander's brigades detached and disposed so as to protect the settlements.