

able them all; for a second round from the Sauks wounded Thomas Jenkins, since major, though not mortally. Poor wretches! their efforts were worse than useless; five minutes consigned them to their mother earth, one alone excepted, who, desperately wounded, had hid himself among the high weeds and brush. He lived to reach the Sauk camp, but died shortly after.

I cannot refrain from noting the following occurrence, although it was my intention to avoid using names, as I heard the commander say after the fight was over, that all had "acted well their part." In the heat of the engagement, a man by the name of Levin Leach had advanced so close to an Indian—probably a chief—that the Indian made a desperate thrust at him with a war spear. Leach instantly dropped his gun and seized the blade of the spear, something like two feet long, the Indian still holding to the other end. As the blade was rather sharp than otherwise, the man was in no small danger of being run through at every plunge. Col. Dodge, discovering this, lost no time in drawing a pistol, and with the rapidity of thought, shot a ball through the center of the Indian's head.

Thus terminated the first engagement of the miners of Wisconsin with the Sauks and their allies in the War of 1832.

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