Kit Carson's fight with the Kiowa

A great many years ago (1864) the Kiowa were camped on Red River (South Canadian) at the Red Hills (1864). There are two Red Hills one low down near Cheyenne Agency we call 'Cheyenne Red Hills' this one is above Adobe Walls - it was the middle of winter. Some of the lodges were about a long a little creek the main body were at a distance and pitched under the Red Bluffs. One night a Kiowa man did not feel lazy about his horses I went to look at them - he saw some Indians coming to attack us from up the River he called out "The Kiowa are coming to attack us" every body ran out many without trousers or leggings - the women & children ran off on foot down the river - we got our horses and had a big fight driving each other back until finally the Kiowa white solders drove us off - we abandoned our lodges with our property & they burned them up - they made us
poor— we saved half the lodges that were down below and all the horses we went down the Red River & over to the Falls of Wolf & Beaver where we spent the rest of the winter— we helped each other with lodges— to some of our relatives we gave little tipis & some we loan in our lodges with us and we bought some lodges from the Comanche right horses.

After the fight was over we found two old Kiowa people an old man & an old woman were burned up in the lodges. One good Comanche chief one good Kiowa and two Apache were killed; in the other side one Kiwa & two white soldiers were killed.

Note—
An attack was made by California Volunteers & Utah scouts— commanded by Col Kit Carson