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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 strung 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 easy about his horses & went to look at them - he saw somebody coming to attack us from up the River he called out "The Utes are coming to attack us" every body rose out & began to fight. many wintaut moccasins & leggins - the women & children ran off on foot, down the river - we got our horses and had a big fight driving each other back & forth until finally the Ute's & white soldiers drove us off - we abandoned our lodges & they burned them up - with all our property they made us

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poor - we saved half the lodges that were down below and all the horses we went down the Red River & over to the Forks 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 took in our lodges with us also and we bought some lodges from the Comanche with 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; on the other side one Ute & two white soldiers were killed -

Note! & Attack was made by California Volunteers & Utah Scouts commanded by Col Kit Carson