

Company "E" to support the howitzer battery. This service was admirably performed, bravely advancing and pouring in a fire with their rifles when opportunity offered, till the close of the battle.

The friendly Nez Percés were employed chiefly as spies and guides, as well as guards to pack train. As usual they behaved well.

Again I have the pleasure of presenting to the Department the gentlemen of my staff:

1st Lieutenant P. A. Owen, Adj. 9th Infantry, &c.,

1st Lieutenant J. Mullan, Acting Engineer, &c.,

Captain R. Kirkham, A. Q. M.,

Assistant Surgeon J. F. Hammond, U. S. A.,

Assistant Surgeon J. F. Randolph, U. S. A.

These gentlemen were all on the field, cool, energetic and brave, whether conveying orders to distant points of the line, or attending to their professional duties.

A memoir and topographical sketch of the battle by Lieutenant Mullan, Engineer officer, is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully, &c.,

G. WRIGHT, Col. 9th Inf'y, Com'g.