



## Battle of Red Buttes

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### Abstract

What started out to be a normal day, ended in a horrific massacre; on July 26th 1865, soldiers of the 11<sup>th</sup> Kansas Cavalry were killed and their bodies mutilated by an estimated 1500-2500 Indians from the Sioux, Cheyenne, and Arapahoe tribes. Even though highly outnumbered, they were said to have fought valiantly for four hours before succumbing to their fate and passing on into history. This heroic fight would soon be known as the Battle of Red Buttes. To this day the bodies of the soldiers and the largest unknown mass grave in which they rest have never been found.