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# THE CAMP GRANT MASSACRE

## **Lieut. Whitman's Report—A Fearful Tale—Women and Children Butchered.**

WASHINGTON, July 19.—The following is an extract from the official report of the massacre at Camp Grant, Arizona, by Lieut. ROYAL E. WHITMAN, just received here by the Board of Indian Commissioners. It is dated Camp Grant, May 17, and addressed to Col. J. G. C. LEE, Tucson. Lieut. WHITMAN, after describing the settlement of the Indians near the camp, and praising them for their peaceableness and good behavior, proceeds as follows:

On the morning of April 30th, I was at breakfast at 7½ A. M., when a dispatch was brought to me by a Sergeant of Company D, Twenty-first Infantry, from Capt. PLUM, commanding Camp Lowell, informing me that a large party had left Tucson on the 28th, with the avowed purpose of killing all the Indians at this post. I immediately sent the two interpreters, mounted, to the Indian camp with orders to tell the chiefs the exact state of things, and for them to bring their entire party inside the post. As I had no cavalry and but about fifty infantry, nearly all recruits, and no other officer, I could not leave the post to go to their defense. My messengers returned in about an hour with intelligence that they could find no living Indian—their camp was burning, and the ground strewn with their mutilated women and children.

I immediately mounted a party of about twenty soldiers and citizens, and sent them with the Post Surgeon, with a wagon, to bring in the wounded, if any could be found. The party returned late in the evening, having found no wounded, and without having been able to communicate with any of the survivors. Early the next morning I took a similar party, with spades and shovels, and went out and buried all the dead in and immediately around the camp. I had the day before offered the interpreters or any one, who could do so, \$100 to go to the mountains and communicate with them and convince them that no officer or soldier of the United



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