

B. F. SHAW, 1856.

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Governor Stevens organized, equipped and sent out a strong force under Lieutenant Colonel B. F. Shaw in June, 1856. The men were mounted, and they crossed the Cascade Mountains by the Nachess Pass. They went on to Walla Walla without event of especial character. There they met a considerable number of Nez Perces, who had taken no part in the war.

July 11th the Indians had a talk with Cot. Shaw, and three days later he had another with Indians of the same tribe at Lapwai. These talks by nearly a score of different Indians head men or Chiefs were generally of friendly and pacific character and gave assurance that as far as they were concerned there would be no war.

Some Indians had been troublesome in eastern Oregon. Learning that they were at Grand Ronde, Col. Shaw with one hundred and ninety men went there, and had a fight with them on the 17th of July. Five of his men were killed and five wounded. He reported forty Indians killed; also, as captured two hundred horses and a large quantity of provisions, most of which were destroyed.

This expedition concluded the military operations of Washington Territory. The inhabited portions of the Territory were then free from war dangers, and the uninhabited part the eastern portion was left to the regular army to care for.