Hercules H. Price to Ferdinand Erhardt

This is a letter from Hercules Price of Napa County, California, to Ferdinand Eberhardt of Lincoln, Kansas. Price writes of his participation at the "Battle of Summit Springs" in northeast Colorado on July 11, 1869, against the Cheyenne Indians.

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Veterans' Home,
Napa County, California, June 26. 1910.

Mr. Ferdinand Erhardt,
Lincoln, Lincoln Co. Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I lately wrote to General Eugene A. Carr, retired army officer U.S. Army, for information as to whether he had a spare Map of the battle-field of Summit Springs in North-east Colorado, and in reply to my letter he writes me quite a lengthy letter dated June 21st stating that "no map "was made of the battle-field, and that the U.S. Topographical map used "by him on the occasion of that battle - the place of the Springs was not located "on the map. but he has given a general description of the trailing up of the "hostile Indians and locates the place - He says we were camped on the South "fork of the Republican, inside of Fremont's Peak - The Indians had got "out of the valley of the Republican into Frenchman's Fork which points "to the West, nearly to the South fork of the Platte".

"We got over these with the whole command and took up the trail again -
"I crossed the ridge, South east of the South fork of the Platte into the "Platte valley, hiding as much as I could while crossing the ridge and then "turned up the valley - The Indian village was below the ridge -
"The springs is back in the hills from the valley of the Platte 6 or 7 miles from "the river - it is about South of American Ranch, a stage station in the valley "of the Platte on the road to Denver - It was less than 2 days journey West "of Sedgwick Barracks on South side of Platte, opposite Julesburg -

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"The Railroad only came up to Julesburg then, and then headed West,
"for Cheyenne- Summit Springs may be now located on some of
"the Railroad maps of the country if you could find one-
"Give my Kind regards to Mr. Erhardt-
"I would like to hear something of Mrs Weichell- she married
"an Infantry soldier, a Hospital attendant at Fort Sedgwick"-
I recently had a visit from Mr. Roenigk- he is in poor health and has gone into the State of Oregon - he informed me that he was going to live with his sister, there - He had a friend who resided in Eugene, Oregon- but I have not heard from him since he left here - and do not know of his present address- I recently received a postal card from Mr. John C. Baird of Desper, Kansas, addressed to Mr. Roenigk, in my care, which I have at the present time awaiting news where to forward same from Mr. Roenigk.

With Kindest regards, Very sincerely yours,

Hercules H. Price

I am endeavoring to make a map of the Battle-field and its vicinity, from memory, for Mr. Roenigk, who will place the same in the Archives of the Historical society of Kansas- as a moments of that Battle, of which I was a participant-