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To-day Col. Geo. W. Viala told me that when he was camped at Newtonia, in the Civil War, he was approached by some rebels - cavalry. They did not come very close. He said to Jim Hicks, a private in Co. A of his regiment and an "Moundot Indian" "Can you do anything for that fellow leading those rebels, Jim?" Hicks got off his horse, laid his gun across his saddle and took careful aim. At the crack of his gun the leader tumbled headlong from his horse, and the others fled.

Kial stepped the distance and found it eight hundred yards. The shot had a hole through him just below the breast-bone - a center shot. Kial says the Indians were fine soldiers and excellent scouts. They were usually good shots. They loved their guns and cared for them well.

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