Lieutenant James Connor

Biographical Information:

- rank: **lieutenant**
  unit: **1st Regiment, Colorado Cavalry**
  superior: **Colonel Chivington**
  posting: **Denver City, Colorado Terr.**

Historical Deposition:

- Following is a partial transcript of testimony given by Lt. Connor at hearings held by the U.S. Senate:

> "In going over the battleground the next day I did not see a body of man, woman or child that was not scalped, and in many instances their bodies were mutilated in the most horrible manner . . . I heard a man say that he had cut the fingers off an Indian to get the rings on the hand; according to the best of my knowledge and belief these atrocities that were committed were with the knowledge of J. M. Chivington, and I do not know of his taking any measures to prevent them; I heard of one instance of a child a few months old being thrown into the feed box of a wagon, and after being carried some distance left on the ground to perish . . ."

Testimony Summary:

- All the dead that you saw in the Indian camp had been scalped.
- Many of the Indian bodies had been mutilated.
- You believe that Colonel Chivington was aware of all the atrocities.
- As far as you could tell, the Colonel made no attempt to stop the atrocities.