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 evening of May 11, 1865: an expedition consisting of
 250 men - ^{and} 250 mounted Cavalry
 from Brazos Santiago to ^{Palmar} Matamoros - attacked
 rebels at Palmetto Ranch, enemy driven from
 position, stores falling into hands - ^{after} dinner,
 few prisoners - Lt. Col. Bramson returned to White's
 Ranch for night; next morning ^{May 13} 200 more men
 joined expedition, 2nd attack on Palmetto Ranch,
 Rebels driven out the second time
 Stores left destroyed, barracks burned, sharp
 skirmish - enemy driven several miles - ^{Federals}
 returned to near Palmetto Ranch. At 4 p. m.
 enemy reinforced returned - too many for federals.
 fell back fighting - fighting lasted 3 hrs. "The last
 volley of the war, it is believed, was fired by the
 62nd U.S. Colored Infantry about sunset of the
 13th of May 1865 between White's Ranch and the
 Boca Clara Tex. - - In several instances our men
 were fired upon from the Mexican side of the Rio
 Grande. Upon our occupation of Brownsville a few
 days later it was reported, upon what appeared to
 be good authority that during the engagement
 a body of Imperial Cavalry crossed the Rio Grande
 from Matamoros to Brownsville doubtless with
 a view of aiding the rebels."

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