

Chronology of the 1862 Uprising

“The Dakota War of 1862” by Kenneth Carley

August 17, 1862	Murder of five settlers at Acton in Meeker County
August 18, 1862	Attacks on Upper and Lower Sioux agencies, other settlements, and the ambush at Redwood Ferry; beginning of Chippewa disturbance at Gull Lake.
August 19, 1862	First attack on New Ulm; Sibley appointed to command volunteer troops.
August 20, 1862	First attack on Fort Ridgely; attacks on the Lake Shetek and West Lake settlements.
August 22, 1862	Main attack on Fort Ridgely
August 23, 1862	Second attack on New Ulm
September 2, 1862	Battle of Birch Coulee
September 3, 1862	Skirmish at Acton and attack on Fort Abercrombie
September 4, 1862	Attacks on Forest City and Hutchinson
September 6, 1862	Second attack on Fort Abercrombie
September 23, 1862	Battle of Wood Lake
September 26, 1862	Surrender of captives at Camp Release
September 28, 1862	Military commission appointed to try Indians who participated in the uprising.
December 26, 1862	Thirty-eight Sioux executed at Mankato.