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Vista of the Battle of Badger Creek.

The Battle of Badger Creek was fought near the town of Jake Lake, Dakota Territory, on June 15, 1861, during the American Civil War. It was the first major battle of the war fought west of the Mississippi River, and it had a significant impact on the course of the conflict.

The battle was fought between Union forces under the command of General George A. Custer and Confederate forces under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas C. Hindman. The Union forces were largely made up of volunteers from the Dakota Territory, and they were led by Colonel Richard S. Grant, who later went on to become a general in the Union Army.

The Union and Confederate forces clashed near the town of Jake Lake, and the battle lasted for several hours. The Union forces were initially successful, but they were eventually driven back by the Confederate forces. The battle resulted in the death of several Union soldiers, and it had a significant impact on the morale of the Union forces.

The battle of Badger Creek is remembered as a major turning point in the history of the Dakota Territory, and it played a key role in the eventual victory of the Union forces in the American Civil War.