

We employed the cord, as usual, the greater part of the day. The current was strong, though regular, and the banks afforded us good towing. The river bluffs still continue to get lower and the plains leveler and more extensive. The timber on the river increases in quantity.

*Lewis, June 2, 1805*

The bear was very near catching Drouillard. It also pursued Charbonneau, who fired his gun in the air as he ran. He fortunately eluded the vigilance of the bear by secreting himself very securely in the bushes until Drouillard finally killed it by a shot in the head, the only shot indeed that will conquer the ferocity of those tremendous animals.

*Lewis, June 2, 1805*

By this time, grizzly bears had earned a great deal of respect from the expedition. When they were first told of the grizzlies by the Indians, the men of the expedition assumed their superior weapons would be no match for the bears. Now they avoided confrontations as often as not.

June 2, 1805, mile 2503

