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The events at Baouk-Vedi and Aralikh in the east and Kaghisman in the west soon aroused the tribesmen of Shamil Bek Airumlinskii. In early August they attacked the single company of the 1st Battalion at Abas-Geul and forced it to retreat to Molla-Kamar.

Fighting off the Kurds on August 15, the wagon convoy of soldiers and villagers crossed the Karakala bridge to safety in the county of Etchmiadzin. By that time the Kurds were raiding the plain itself, and hundreds of Armenian and Yezidi peasants streamed back into Igdir.⁶³