

5th Mo 1874

Kicking Bird, stating that several of their young men had been killed in Texas the past winter, & they the Comanches intended to revenge their death by killing people in Texas, & stealing their horses, he & the young man who was with him rode horses with shoes on & were branded, one with RIV on the ^{left} hip the other with some mark under it on the ^{left} shoulder & an L on the thigh, after they were gone I rode out to see the young men exercising the horses.

6th day Clear Started early to the Agency. The whole encampment moving in to the East branch of Rainy Pat Creek about 2.5 miles from the Agency. I travelled most of the day alone, toward evening while attempting to cross a creek after getting down into it the Mules balked & broke the cross piece at the ^{back} end of the tongue. But was favored to get in a little after dark found all well & a good letter from my family (No 31) also one from my Brother in law Roberts.

7th 5th days Clear Many Indians in for rations, which can be but partially supplied. The Agent has his bakery in running order & issues some bread to every chief for the first time. I took my ambulance to the shops for repairs, early this morning, & wrote home No 31. This evening the Agent & his wife gave me an account of the remarkable circumstances occurring last summer while I was sick in which it appears that the Agent & myself were preserved by a secret hand from ^{a cruel} captivity & probably death at the hands of the Kiowas. The circumstances were these, after leaving