

Fort Dodge Kansas
June 10th 1874

To the
Post Adjutant
Fort Dodge Ka.

Sir:

In have the honor to report that in compliance with special orders No. 76, c.s. from Ft. Dodge Ks. I left this post on fifteen days scout in command of twenty four (24) enlisted ~~man~~ of Co. "G" 6 Cav. one Actg. Asst. Surg. four 6 mule teams and one ambulance. I proceeded south as far as the old Bear Creek Redoubt on the Camp Supply road, then in an easterly course to the mouth of Kiowa Creek and from there due East until I reached Indian Creek which I followed down to the Nescutonga bottom was followed to the mouth of Mule Creek. From the mouth of Mule Creek a clue easterly course was taken accros the country to Medicine Lodge Creek is quite rough and especially in the vicinity of Sand Cr. and a smaller stream, the name of which is not given four or five miles to the east of Sand Creek nearly all the Stream crossed in this section of country have bad banks, though ever so small. The soil isayed and loamy; the water cuts deep gulches in the ground to the depth of from four to fifteen feet; leaving the banks of the streams in many instances perpendicular and continues; There being no high water at the time of crossing, the banks were in a number of instances cut down. During high water the streams could be dridged, as there is plenty of timber on all streams in that section of the country.

After striking Medicine Lodge Creek that stream was followed up as far as Sun City, this is doubtless one of the finest streams in Ks. and during the past year has become quite thickly settled. The stream has fine bottom lands and is unusually heavily wooded. Quite a portion of its land is fenced and under cultivation schools are running, and a steam saw mill is and has been doing a thriving business the past year between Medicine Lodge City and Sun City. This stream is sufficiently settled so that its settlers should be self protective. The difficulty seemed to be that they were unable to protect themselves from each other. All up and down the stream County affairs seemed