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The horses of the Company are much in need of rest. The Company has been constantly in the field since the 11th of July last and has marched in this time very nearly a thousand miles.

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Commanding Company "I"

Company "I" 3rd U. S. Cavalry
Fort Dodge, Kansas
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Commanding Officer
Fort Dodge, Kansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that in compliance with verbal orders from Colonel James Oakes, 6th Cavalry, I left Fort Dodge, Kansas, on the 15th of September, 1874, with 26 men of Company "I", 3rd U. S. Cavalry. The men were provided with three days rations which they carried in their saddle bags. I proceeded by rail from Dodge City to Pierceville, a Station on the A. T. and S. F. Railroad ^{BLANK}_{ON} miles west of Dodge City which had been attacked by Indians. I arrived at Pierceville at 6 o'clock, P. M. and found that one house had been burned. The Indians had left and gone into the bluffs South of the Arkansas. After unloading my horses I at once took the trail and followed it. It was leading South for about eleven miles and then turned round and led back to the river in a north east direction. I followed it until it got too dark to see it and encamped on the trail three miles from the Arkansas River. From here I sent a courier to Cimarron Station on the morning of the 16th inst. to send a telegram to Fort Dodge from that Station asking that Rations and reinforcements be sent to meet me at Walker's Timer on Crooked Creek.

On the morning of the 16th I again took the trail and followed it south to the head of Crooked Creek and along it to a point ten miles west of Walker's Timer, this place is two miles above the point where Crooked Creek