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in a course nearly South South West across the Sand hills into the open prairie. The trail was at times quite plain showing that the party had travelled together, and at others was spread over the prairie for a long distance showing an evident intention to hide the trail. This trail I followed with very slight variation in the general direction until dark when I struck what is called the "Pierceville trail" and followed the same in a more westerly direction for about an hour. When the course was changed to a little east of South towards Crooked Creek with the intention of joining Lieut. King. Reached the Creek about 2 miles from "Walker's Timer" at 10.05 P. M. and went into camp having marched 42 miles. Broke camp at daylight on the 14th inst. crossed to the east side of the Creek and struck Lieut. King's trail made the previous evening. Marched $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles in a direction a little South of east and halted to breakfast and graze. At 9.30 A. M. moved out in the same direction to "Walker's Timer" where we arrived at 10.30 A. M. about 10 miles from the night camp and found Lieut. King had moved towards Dodge City. Moved out about 2 miles on his trail halted until about 2 P. M. when Lieut. King came into camp with rations for the entire party. At this point viz. about 2 miles from "Walker's Timber" on the east side of Crooked Creek I reported to him with my command for duty and he assumed command of the scout and his report will describe the scout from that time until our arrival at Fort Dodge on the 23rd inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Warren R. Dunton
1st Lieut. 19th Infantry

Fort Dodge, Kansas
October 1, 1874

Post Adjutant
Fort Dodge, Kansas

Sir:

I have the honor to report that in compliance with S. O. No. 4, c.s. from General Headquarters, Fort Dodge, Kas. I left Medicine Lodge