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the second growth of grass has sprung up since the late rains is too small and spare to offer sufficient grazing although it is eagerly sought for by the animals. The only good grazing found on the scout was in the valley of Crooked Creek where I first struck it.

No fresh trails or signs of Indians were found during the march, although the country scouted over was closely examined. I am of opinion no Indians have been north of the Beaver Since the attack on Pierceville.

Only few Buffalo were seen east of Crooked Creek, but the plains between the mouth of Sand Creek and the head of Crooked Creek were covered with large herds, numbering thousands, as far as the eye could reach.

The weather during the entire scout with the exception of two or three misty days was fair and agreeable; only two light rain showers occurred. During the bright moonlight nights mostly heavy dews fell.

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Company "B" 8th Cav. Camp  
near Granada I.T.  
Oct. 29, 1874

Colonel James Oakes 6th Cavalry  
Comdg. Fort Dodge, Kan.

Colonel

I have the honor to report that pursuant to special orders No. 9 dated General Head Quarters Fort Dodge Kansas October 13 1874. I left this Camp on the 16th inst with four 6 mule wagons and one ambulance as transportation with rations to Oct 31st and grain and forage to the 27th. The Command was accompanied by acting asst. Surgeon, L.A.LaGarde U.S. Army and A. McGinty as Guide.

On starting the road led south to the west branch of the Two Butte Creek (called by citizens plum creek) where we found large ponds of pure water and plenty of cottonwood for fuel. The wood is fast disappearing being fast cut down by citizens---grass scarce.