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Headquarters Fort Dodge Kansas
November 5, 1874

Special Orders
No. 204

Pursuant to instructions received from Colonel James Oakes 6th Cavalry Commanding Forts Dodge, Hays and etc. 1st Lieut A. D. King 3rd Cavalry with Post Guide McGinty two (2) noncommissioned Officers and nine (9) privates of "I" Company 3rd Cavalry will start from this Post on a scout at 9:00 oclock A.M. tomorrow.

The Detachment will be fully armed and equipped for field service and will be provided with nine (9) days rations.

The quartermasters Department will furnish the necessary transportation.

Lieut King will report in person to Colonel Oakes for detailed instructions.

By order of

Captain J.H. Bradford
Thos. M. Werin
2nd Lieut 19th Infantry
Adg. Post adjutant

139 My command consisted of two (2) noncommissioned Officers and nine (9) privates of Co. "I" 3rd Cavalry mounted and three privates of the same company dismounted as guard for wagon. The Command was accompanied by Post Guide McGinty. My transportation consisted of four (4) pack mules and one six mule wagon which carried forage for the first day. I marched from Fort Dodge to the south fork of Pawnee Creek. Following the road to within three miles of the crossing and then marched northeast along the creek, keeping south of it from two to three miles and encamped on the bank of the creek. The next morning the wagon was sent back to Fort Dodge with the dismounted men, and I marched down the creek to where it empties into the middle, on Buckners fork of Pawnee creek and then along this creek to near its junction with the north fork where I encamped. From here after crossing the creek I marched along the North Fork to Duncans ranche and three miles beyond it and then crossed over to Buckners fork marching southwest. From here I went to the head of the South fork and from there returned to Fort Dodge Kansas. Where I arrived November 10, 1874 after a march of 98 miles.

No trail of the party of horse thieves was seen. From the 1st Camp on