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To the
Post Adjutant: Sir:

I have the honor to report, that in compliance with Special Orders. No. 156 dated Fort Dodge, Kas. Dec. 11, 1878. I with one Sergeant and six privates of Co. "G" 19 Inf. mounted, and one four mule team, left this Post at 8 oclock. PM. the 11 instant, in search of eight Government mules which were stolen at Bluff Creek, from a detachment enroute to Camp Supply I.T. I marched with the detachment down the Arkansas river, and went into camp eighteen miles from this place at 11:30 oclock P.M. On the 12 instant continued down the river and went into camp south of the river near Kinsley, at 3 oclock P.M. a distance from my previous camp, of about fourty miles. Soon after going into camp a severe snow and wind storm commenced, and as I had no shelter for the animals, when they were moved into Kinsley and them put in a stable.

The storm continued until the morning of the 14 instant, when I continued the march south from Kinsley, to the Head of Kiowa Creek, a distance of forty five miles, when I camped for the night.

On the morning of the 15 instant: I started on my return to the Post leaving one man and a citizen teamster to continue the search for the missing animals.

I reached this Post at 9:30 oclock A.M. the 16 instant; Total distance marched 150 miles. No trace of the missing stock was discovered. One horse was left in charge of a livery stable keeper at Kinsley, being unable to travel on account of a joint splint.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
G. K. Spencer
1 Lieut 19 Inf.

Fort Dodge, Kansas
Dec. 24, 1878

To the
Post Adjutant: Sir:

In compliance with Special Orders No. 156 dated Fort Dodge, Ks