

again to join Sitting Bull's camp to do deeds of depredation and murder upon the country, but be kept with the people with whom he has lived since his childhood, and certainly most of the time from choice. He is ^anoted desperate character, and a fit subject for Leavenworth prison; so is the Yankton warrior, Black Horn, whom I sent to Fort Buford in irons, and who was released by Major Brotherton, Seventh Infantry, commanding Fort Buford, upon the ground that this Indian is not a hostile Sioux. I inclose herewith three affidavits, marked respectively A, B, and C, relating to this Indian, fully showing the necessity of securing his permanent absence from this agency, and I earnestly request that he be kept at Fort Buford, under close guard, until he can be removed to some safe place where he must stay. He will be taken by me to Buford and turned over to commanding officer of that post for his action.

On the 7th instant, I received your telegram directing me to return with my battalion, Fifth Infantry, to Fort Keogh, as soon as work on hand was finished.

On the 8th instant, I commenced the arrest of the hostile Sioux Indians who were hiding in the camps of the Yanktonnais. Owing to the warm weather the tributaries of the Missouri, above, had broken up in ice and the water began running down the Missouri, which threatened the crossing. This assisted me in a great measure, as nearly the whole Yankton camp, together with these hostiles, crossed over to the agency where they are now encamped.

The result of the search of the 8th, 9th, and 10th instant, resulted in the capture of 185 hostiles, 42 of whom are full grown warriors, of 15 horses, and about 7 worthless guns. These Indians, except 35, I have under guard, and they started this morning/(p.105) for Fort Buford with my column. I have to use wagons for their transportation, and issue rations to them. We will probably arrive at Buford on the 15th instant.

The Yanktonnais were at first disposed to object to my visit with military force to their camp, but they have since submitted with grace

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