the conditions and for this purpose he made several trips into Dakota. These trips were usually made in an ambulance drawn by four steady mules, with an escort. The general seemed to think his staff was not complete without the corporal, who enjoyed all the privileges and concessions secured for the chief of staff. His second light trip was made to the Yankton Sioux agency, then presided over by Dr. Burley. The general held a parley with the chief men of the tribe and smoked the pipe of peace with them.

Earlier in the fall Capt. Bagge came here as chief quartermaster. The captain's home was at Waterloo, Iowa. He was a lawyer by profession, and after the close of the Civil War served for many years on the bench in Black Hawk County. The captain, who was rather corpulent, was a jolly good fellow and very considerate of his employees and subordinates. He established his headquarters in the second building standing on the southwest corner of Sixth Street. Upon his arrival active preparations had been made for this proposed expedition. A large warehouse was built on the southwest corner of Douglas and Fourth Streets, being 50 by 150 feet. Large stables were built on the grounds where the Sioux City Brewery formerly stood, east of the entrance to the Combination Bridge. Ambulances, army wagons and harness were being received and stored during the winter. In the spring of 1863 additional forces were added; among them Becket's Mounted Battalion which had been organized at Ft. Snelling, Minn., came.

These troops marched overland from Ft. Snelling to a point