

with his family in Sioux City. The Yankton company and Vermillion company were left at their respective places. Four companies of the Sixth Cavalry under Maj. House came to Sioux City. Company I of the Seventh Cavalry returned and spent the winter on the frontier.

Perhaps it would be well for me here to state that I did not accompany the expedition and what I know of their actions I gleaned from the men of my own company who took an active part, and the officers of Maj. House's Sixth Cavalry, who bore the burden of the battle at White Stone Hill, hearing them discuss matters after their return at headquarters where they frequently visited.

Col. Wilson spent the winter at his home in Dubuque and in the spring of 1864 resigned. Lieut. Col. Pollock was promoted to colonel and Maj. Tenbrook to lieutenant colonel. Gen. Sully's headquarters were across the hall from Chief Quartermaster Bagge's office where I was on duty, and in position to hear them discuss and lay plans for the coming expedition of 1864, and to take part in the execution of orders, giving me some insight into what was being done in that discussion. Neither seemed to hesitate to discuss their plans in my presence. In this way I got to know the general better and more fully acquainted with the members of his staff, and particularly with Capt. King, his adjutant, who afterwards greatly befriended me.

Early in the spring of 1864 active preparations for the expedition of that year were begun. A large quantity of forage and commissary supplies had accumulated at Sioux City and were sent up the river to the troops stationed there, who needed