

beyond the Missouri. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway was extended as far west as Fort Dodge, Kansas, in its progress up the valley of the Arkansas, while surveying parties for the Southern Pacific Railway were engaged in locating the line of that road in both directions from the vicinity of El Paso. For the protection of the surveyors and the construction parties upon all these lines, a considerable force of troops was necessary as escorts, and minor engagements between Indians and these small detachments were of repeated occurrence. The guarding of the Rio Grande Frontier against the incursions of border thieves consisting of Mexicans, half-breeds and Indians, also furnished occasion for considerable activity on the part of the Division, involving constant watchfulness and much patient endurance."

1873

"During the year 1873, the depredations of raiding parties of Mexican thieves, Indians and half-breeds in the vicinity of the Rio Grande continued, as did also the attacks by Indians upon the military posts and field escort detachments guarding the surveying and construction parties engaged upon the lines of railway."

"June 15th and 17th, Sioux Indians again made two separate attacks upon the post of Fort A. Lincoln, Dakota. The garrison, constituted as before described under Lieutenant Colonel Carlin, 17th Infantry, repulsed the attack, one Ree scout being wounded, three Sioux killed and eight wounded."

"So bold and frequent had been the Indian attacks upon the military posts and the escorts to working parties on the railroads, in the Department of Dakota, that an additional regiment of cavalry, the 7th, was transferred to that Department from the Military Division of the South, for the purpose of following and punishing these Indians if they continued their attacks.

An expedition was organized under Colonel D. S. Stanley, 22nd Infantry, and a supply depot established near Glendive Creek where it empties into the Yellowstone, the point at which it was expected the surveying parties of the Northern Pacific Railway would run their line across the river.