

which section the road will undoubtedly reap a rich reward. To General Terry, for his good management, and to the troops who so faithfully served in the field during the bitter weather of last winter in collecting and bringing in bands of hostile Sioux who had surrendered, I return my sincere thanks. In this connection, the services of Jam. Guido Ilges, Fifth Infantry, and his command, are especially deserving of commendation.

In the Department of the Platte no event of military importance has occurred. The posts of Sheridan and Hartsuff have been abandoned, having fulfilled the purposes for which they were established. The post of Fort Niobrara has been completed and a new post has been located upon the new Ute Reservation, at the junction of the Duchesne and Green Rivers, in Utah. Although they have had plenty of time, the Uncompahgre Utes, who were to move to this vicinity from the Department of the Missouri, have not yet arrived at the new agency appointed for them, on the east side of Green River, not far distant from the new post above mentioned; nor have the White River Utes yet reached the Uintah Reservation, the place the commissioners have selected for them as their future home. Hopes are, however, entertained that, before the first of the new year, both the Uncompahgre and the White River Utes will reach their respective destinations without serious trouble. Still, some fears are entertained that they may not go there, and this impression has so firmly settled itself in the mind of the commission, that, at the request of Commissioner Russell, the General of the Army has directed that the White River Utes be driven to the Uintah agency. I am afraid, however, that but little can be done towards carrying out this order before spring, and will hope that