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I have the honor to report the arrival at this Agency on the 29th ult from the Red Cloud Agency, three (3) Cheyennes - young men - "Dry Hide, Red Cloud & Howling Eagle. They were first required to report to Col. Mizner, Commanding Fort Reno, where they were disarmed and dismounted and afterwards turned over to me with Sand Hill & White Antelope's parties. They report having been on the way only fourteen (14) days. They say they ran on to a large party of Indians (believed to be Utes) on the head waters of the Republican who gave them a close chase, capturing all their ~~horses~~ ponies but one and very nearly capturing their party. Afterwards they were obliged to walk most of the time as only one could ride and it was with some difficulty that they could obtain necessary food. Their moccasins soon gave way and they were left barefoot. They report that Dull Knife and Hawk, Northern Cheyennes are still at the Agency and talk of coming south. They say that numerous messengers (2) had arrived from the Hostile Camps at the Red Cloud Agency and report that in the Crook fight some time ago 8 Sioux & 3 Cheyennes were killed among the latter was "Little Shield" formerly from this Agency and one of the O. F. Short and German/sic/ murderers. Yellow Horse, son of Sand Hill was in the engagement but escaped unharmed.

Messengers arriving from the Custer fight brought in with them