

We were gone nearly a month and when we returned to Miles' command he was still camped on the Washita in his winter headquarters. When we reported to him at his tent, he was surprised to see us and said, "Wilson, we thought you and Dunlap were dead, I am very glad to see you and to know you are alive." We learned afterwards that those two scalps were from two soldiers of the 8th Cavalry, Maj. Price in command. This was in November, 1874.

From this time till the Spring of 1875 Gen. Miles kept the Indians continually on the move, and of course also kept the scouts on the go, carrying dispatches to or from his various commands. I was with Gen. Miles in the Spring of 1875 when he established headquarters at Cantonment on the Sweet Water. We scouted all over the country along Red River and finally landed at Fort Sill. There we rested a few days then started back towards Cantonment through Wichita Mountains following a general course, between the Washita and South Canadian rivers. He divided his command, sending one division one way and one the other. I was sent with Lieut. Kingsbury of the 6th Cavalry. We met Gen. Miles again when we arrived at Cantonment.

When Miles was relieved, he turned the command over to Col. Biddle. There were 18 scouts, 12 went with Gen. Miles, six, I among them, were transferred to the command of Col. Biddle and remained at Cantonment. I was sent with Col. Forsyth when he was sent, with surveyors to locate a site for a permanent post. They located it at the head of the Sweetwater, and built the post known as Fort Elliott. G.A.

When Col. Biddle was relieved, I was transferred to Gen. H. C. Bankhead of the 4th Cavalry and continued in service until October, 1876, when by order of the Department, the scout force was cut down, I was discharged.

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