

this juncture Schmalsle volunteered to break through the hostile line, and ride to Camp Supply - 78 miles distant - for relief. He left shortly after dark on the 10th, was soon discovered and in the ensuing chase his horse stumbled in a prairie dog hole nearly throwing Schmalsle, who lost his hat and carbine and would have been caught had he not run into a buffalo herd. Bending low he ran alongside a huge buffalo bull eluding his pursuers who then abandoned the chase. He had lost all sense of direction, clouds hid the stars, but finding himself on a down grade he followed until reaching a river which he knew must be the Canadian which was in flood and dangerous on account of quicksands. He followed down intending to cross after daybreak but, as the barking of dogs warned him of the proximity of an Indian village, he concluded to risk the crossing which was safely made near Antelope hills. After daylight he crawled to a nearby spur from which he saw a large Indian village not two miles away. Crawling back into the thicket he lay there without food or drink until dark when he started, again reaching the government hay camp on Wolf creek 20 miles from Camp Supply. Here he was fed, given a fresh horse and was soon at the post. Lieut. Kingsbury with K, 6th cavalry, left Supply on the morning of the 12th reaching Lyman's corral at 2:30 a. m. September 14. Captain Lyman then moved to the north bank of the Washita, met Gen. Miles there and the latter camped at or near there for several months.)

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