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By examining the Department map issued by your headquarters, you will find that the distance from Ogallala to the forks of Snake river is less than the distance from the Sanke Creek ranche to the forks of Snake River.

When we struck the Snake River, at the Kearney crossing, all hopes of intercepting the Indians, if they crossed below the forks, had been given up; But it was the intention to push on eastward and if their trail was found, to follow it into spotted Tails Camp, and endeavor to make him deliver up the Cheyennes to us. The arrival however of the Lieut. General's telegram, as to the uprising of the Sioux of course caused the abandonment of this project. His second telegram, revoking the first, was received after reaching the Niobrara, too late to carry out the plan. The necessity for taking rations in the hands of men for the supplying of Major Thornburgh's command rendered us barely able to reach camp Sheridan.

Lieut Brown had been left at Camp Robinson with wagons to follow us with supplies, but it was so long before he received them that we met him at camp Sheridan. The supplies he brought were included with those at that post in my estimate in telegram of October 13th. All supplies, except sufficient to last Major Thornburgh and myself, to this post, were turned in at Camp Sheridan for the use of that garrison and of commands reported as soon to arrive.

Very respectfully
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