

is in better condition to-day for a long hard trip than when I left the post.

I desire in conclusion to express my sincere thanks to Lieuts. Kingsbury, Commanding Co. "I" 2nd Cavy., Lt. Tillson, Commanding the detachment of twenty men and artillery squad and Act'g. Asst. Surg. Sabin for the prompt hearty and efficient manner in which they have carried out all orders, performed all duties while on the campaign, the cheerful and uncomplaining way they have endured all its hardships. I cannot speak too strongly in praise of the prompt and willing way in which the men of the command have performed every duty and the earnest, sincere and efficient manner in which the Indian scouts and Interpreters both Sioux and Cheyenne have aided and assisted the campaign to a successful termination, for without their aid and hearty co-operation as I have before reported I could have done nothing.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed.)

W. P. Clark

1st Lieut. 2nd Cavy.

Endorsements.

Headqrs. Dept. of Dakota

St. Paul, Minn. April 17/79.

Respectfully forwarded to Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri.

I invite the attention of the Lieutenant General and of superior authority to the energy, skill, perserverance and excellent judgment displayed by Lieutenant Clark in the movements resulting in the capture